

**MAPLE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT  
BIBLE STUDY - The Revelation - Sunday October 24, 2021**

**“The Bowl Judgments, Part 1” – Revelation 16:1-11**

***Review:***

During the Tribulation many will decisively reject God’s love. By this time people will have rejected Christ as preached by the church, and ignored the messages of the 144,000 Jews, the two witnesses in Jerusalem, and several angels flying in the sky. With forgiveness repeatedly and stubbornly refused, and warning after warning ignored, it is now time for judgment.

***Introduction:***

We have not relied on symbolism unless the Bible told us to do so, using words like “as” or “was like” – these verses have no such language. Thus, we understand this Chapter to describe literal plagues, which we learned last week comes from the Greek (“plege”) which literally means “a blow” or “wound.”

***First Bowl: Foul Sores (vv. 1-2)***

- Sore = *helkos*, as in Exodus 9:9-11

***Second Bowl: The Sea Becomes Blood (v. 3)***

- At the Second Trumpet one third of the Sea turned to blood (Rev. 8:8). Now all of it becomes blood.

***Third Bowl: Rivers and Springs Become Blood (vv. 4-7)***

- The emphasis in the angel's response is on God's perfect justice.

***Fourth Bowl: Scorching Heat of the Sun (vv. 8-9)***

- See Malachi 4:1.
- How does the Christ-rejecting world respond? See v.11 & v.21.
- They are taking on the character of the god they have chosen to serve

***Fifth Bowl: Darkness (vv. 10-11)***

- Darkness only makes the pain of the sunburns and sores seem all the more intense. They gnaw their tongues because of the pain.
  - "Gnawed" is literally "kept on chewing."
- See also Amos 5:18, Zephaniah 1:15.

***Take Away Point: Light vs. Darkness***

**We keep coming back to the point Jesus made to Nicodemus in John 3:19-21**