

PART 10: THE TRIBULATION, CONT'D

CHAPTER 16



Figure 1: The Seven Bowl Judgments of the Tribulation

MAIN IDEA

Chapter 16 describes the last seven judgments of God on the earth during the end of the Tribulation Period. John MacArthur points out that some commentators see these bowl judgments as repeating the seal and trumpet judgments. There are similarities, but many more differences, especially in the degree of devastation, and they are called the last judgments (15:1) showing they do not go back in time to repeat earlier plagues.¹

EXERCISE

Read Chapter 16 then fill in the table below:

Table 1: The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (16)

Bowl	Reference	Description
First Bowl 	16:1, 2	
Second Bowl 	16:3	

¹ (MacArthur, Because the Time is Near 248).

<p>Third Bowl</p> 	16:4-7	
<p>Fourth Bowl</p> 	16:8-9	
<p>Fifth Bowl</p> 	16:10-11	
<p>Sixth Bowl</p> 	16:12	
<p>Seventh Bowl</p> 	16:17-21	

Parenthesis: Gathering of World Armies (16:13-16).



As the Tribulation Period comes to an end, Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet prepare for one last final battle.

The evil spirits, which looked like frogs, are actually fallen angels (Matt. 12:43) who, apparently, respond to the unholy trinity. They are sent out to entice the kings of the world to join in this final battle.

The kings of the world then converge on the place called Armageddon (Valley of Megiddo). Napoleon Bonaparte is said to have stated with deep emotion after his first sight of this great valley *“This is the ideal battleground for all armies of the world.”*²

² (LaHaye 257).

