



Chapter 16

The pouring out of the accumulated “Wrath of God”

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The Fifth Bowl Judgment

Darkness



Revelation 16:10-11 “Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.”

Since this plague immediately follows the “Scorching Heat” plague it would seem as though God is having some mercy on man. Man will find the great heat too much to bear on the boils that he has received. Because of the boils men will “gnaw their tongues in pain and for their sores.”

The rapid succession of the fifth Bowl judgment from the forth indicates that at least the last few plagues overlap one another by some time, or they follow in such rapid order that men did not have time to recover from one before the next one comes. This would suggest a time period of months or even weeks and not years. Also notice that their sufferings brought no repentance, but caused them to blaspheme God still further.

Prophecy: This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel,

Joel 2:1-2 “Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand: A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations.”

Matthew 24:29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

Amos 5:18 “Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.”

This is the same plague as the ninth plague in Egypt, and like the Egyptians, they also will not repent.

Egyptian Plague #9



Exodus 10:22 “So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.”