**The Book of Revelation 16: 1-11**

**Basic Facts**

* When the first angel poured out his bowl upon the earth, a grievous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fell on the men who had the mark of the Beast.
* When the second angel poured his bowl on the sea, every creature in the sea \_\_\_\_\_.
* The responsibility of the fourth angel was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Phrases**

* *First.. bowl .. a foul and loathsome sore*: The Septuagint uses the same Greek word to describe the boils that plagued the Egyptians and afflicted Job. In the New Testament, it describes the open sores that covered the beggar Lazarus. All over the world, people will be afflicted with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, open, oozing sores.
* *Second.. bowl.. every living creature in the sea died*: This is reminiscent of the second trumpet and of the first plague against Egypt. This plague, however, will be far more widespread. The water in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will become thick, dark, and coagulated, like the blood of a corpse.
* *Third.. bowl.. rivers and springs of water:* In addition to suffering from thirst, the worshipers of Antichrist will have no clean water with which to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Who is and was and who is to be*: This phrase expresses God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Given them blood to drink*: The thick, blood-like substance which the fresh waters have become is all that is available to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *For it is their just due*: God’s judgement is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Altar*: The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ altar echoes the words of the angel, reinforcing the truth that God is just in all judgement.
* *Fourth.. bowl.. scorch.. with fire*: The sun that normally provides light, warmth, and energy will become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. With no fresh water to drink, earth’s inhabitants will face extreme heat.
* *They did not repent*: Incredibly, sinners will still refuse to repent and instead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God – the One they know has caused their affliction.
* *Full of darkness*: Worldwide darkness is elsewhere associated with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
* *Gnawed their tongues***:** A futile attempt to alleviate the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their sores, the drought, and the fierce heat.
* *Blasphemed the God of heaven:*A sign of their continued loyalty to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and their anger at God for the cumulative miseries brought about by the first five bowls.
* *Their sores:*The lingering effects of the first bowl are the chief cause of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Discussion Questions**

1. What do we learn about God’s character from these bowl judgments?
2. Is there a difference between these judgments and natural disasters? If so, what is it and why is the differentiation important?
3. What are some examples of how world events of the past have led people to believe that we might be living in the tribulation period? Why is this illogical for certain eschatological viewpoints?
4. How do the angel’s words in verse Revelation 16:6 line up with Romans 6:23, and how should that impact us as believers?
5. How does the voice in verse 7 speak to us as we walk through difficult seasons in life, living in a fallen world?
6. How does the fourth bowl foreshadow God’s final outpouring of eternal wrath?
7. Which of the 5 bowl judgments do you think is worst? Why?