

# APOCALYPSE NOW XXXI

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**READ:** Revelation 16:1-2

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. *Wrath* is the critical word in this section of Revelation. Chapter 16 hinges upon this word. How is this wrath characterized in chapters 15 (vv. 1, 1, 7) & 16 (vv. 1, 19)?
2. Describe your reaction to the heavenly declaration of v. 1: “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.” (What is your emotional response? How does this affect your outlook about the future?)
3. Discuss what should be our internal response to the prospect of God’s coming wrath? (Are you, honestly, there yet?)
  - John 14:27
  - Philippians 4:7-9
4. A clearer understanding of the place & purpose of God’s wrath is necessary for the peace of God to flourish. What do the following passages contribute to this understanding?
  - John 3:36
  - Romans 1:18

- Romans 2:8
  
- Romans 5:9
  
- Ephesians 2:1-7
  
- Ephesians 5:6, 8
  
- 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9-10
  
- Exodus 8:23 (Note that these bowls of wrath are also characterized as *plagues*. We cannot navigate the action or imagery of chapter 16 without keeping the plagues of Egypt in mind.)
  
- Revelation 16:2 (Who is the specified target of this coming wrath?)

5. What is the place & purpose of God's wrath? Who is the target? Why? (Does this, or does this not, include you? How should this influence your attitude about the future? Does this leave you in a better place?)

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

This week, I will dwell on God's peace by . . .

This week, I will receive God's peace by . . .