

**“The Seven Bowls of Wrath”
Discipleship For Today, Part 19**

Revelation 15-16
July 18, 2010

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... **show God’s strong & settled opposition to evil**

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... **are a consequence of violating God’s law**

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... **help interpret our broken world**

- seals: why Christians suffer

- trumpets: why God allows brokenness

- bowls: point to the “finish” of God’s wrath

... **confronts us with wrath’s severity**

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We are reminded of ...

... **the justness of judgment**

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... **God’s desire for repentance**

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... **another way God’s wrath is “finished”**

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