

## REVELATION: Lesson 141

### Chapter 16:1-7, Beast Worshipers Receive a Noisome and Grievous Sore

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#### The First Vial:

- This judgment falls directly upon particular individuals.
- It only affects those who have taken the mark of the beast.
  - Some have taken the mark for carnal reasons, but they do not worship the beast.
    - They took the mark to make life easier for them and their family.
      - They still receive this judgment. There is no good excuse for taking the mark.
  - Others take the mark and worship the beast by choice for religious reasons.
  - God does not take into consideration any excuses. If He sees the mark, you will be judged.
    - The rules of salvation are similar. Many people have good excuses for not receiving Jesus Christ and avoiding eternal hell fire.
      - Salvation requires that a person receives Jesus Christ as their Savior. There is no gray area. There are no exceptions. Excuses will not pardon the Christ rejecter.
  - The punishment fits the crime. They are “**receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet**” (Rom 1:27).
    - Taking the mark eased their flesh or spared their lives.
      - God’s judgment will corrupt their flesh through disease.
  - The punishment is right (Rev 16:5). God is righteous in this judgment.
    - God’s Son suffered and died on the cross for men’s sins and they rejected Him to serve a false god and bow down to an image.
    - They shed the blood of saints and prophets (vs 6). They are worthy of judgment.
      - Read Foxe’s Book of Martyrs, By Their Blood, or “The Martyr’s Mirror.”
        - God would not be righteous if He did not avenge their deaths.

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#### The Noisome Sore in Biblical History

**Deut 28:27, 35** The botch of Egypt was a plague that could not be healed.

**Exodus 9:8-9** God was able to plague all the Egyptians without harming the Israelites. Similarly, God will be able to plague only those who have the mark of the beast during the Great Tribulation.

**Zeph 3:8** This speaks of the day that God will rise up to avenge His people because of the way the enemy has abused them.

**Psalms 69:7-9** God anger will also be poured out (vs 24) because of the way men reproached His Son.

**Jer 10:25** Tribulation beast worshippers reap corruption in their flesh because they devoured and consumed Jacob. This is the law of sowing and reaping (Gal 6:7-8). Their flesh will corrupt like a dead man’s flesh, except they’ll still be alive.

They will reap corruption because they did not call on God’s name (Rom 10:13).

They sowed cruelty and destruction. That is exactly what they will reap.

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**Job 2:7-10** Job was covered with boils from head to toe because he rejected Satan and loved God.

Men in the Tribulation are plagued because they reject God and worship the beast.

**Num 12:1-10** Miriam and Aaron rejected God's prophet, Moses. Miriam was plagued with leprosy as a result.

Men and women in the Tribulation reject God's Son and receive a noisome and grievous sore.

Jesus healed lepers in the New Testament (Mt 8:2-4, Lk 17:12-16) to show that He was the One who had power over diseases.

**Exod 32:7-8** The Israelites corrupted themselves with idolatry while God's true prophet, Moses was up on a high mountain, so God plagued them (vs 35).

During the Tribulation, while Jesus Christ is away on high, His people will turn to idolatry and God will plague them. Remember that Jesus is that prophet like unto Moses (Acts 3:22).

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