

Introduction to Revelation Chapter 16

Revelation chapter 16 describes the outpouring of the seven bowl judgments, the final and most severe expressions of God's wrath during the end times. These judgments come after a long series of warnings, including the seal and trumpet judgments, and they represent the completion of God's righteous judgment upon a rebellious world that has continually rejected His truth. In this chapter, the patience of God reaches its appointed limit, and His justice is carried out fully.

John sees seven angels who are commanded to pour out seven bowls filled with the wrath of God upon the earth. Each bowl unleashes a devastating judgment that affects different parts of the world. Painful sores afflict those who have taken the mark of the beast, the seas and rivers turn to blood, the sun scorches people with intense heat, and darkness falls upon the kingdom of the beast. These judgments expose the consequences of humanity's persistent rebellion against God.

One of the striking themes in this chapter is the hardness of human hearts. Even as these judgments fall upon the earth, many people refuse to repent or turn to God. Instead, they curse His name and continue to resist His authority. This demonstrates the depth of human sinfulness and the tragic reality that many will reject God even in the face of overwhelming evidence of His power.

The chapter also includes the gathering of the nations for the final conflict known as Armageddon. Evil spirits go out to deceive the rulers of the world and draw them into a great battle against God's purposes. This moment sets the stage for the final confrontation between the forces of evil and the sovereign rule of God.

Revelation 16 ends with a dramatic display of divine power as a great earthquake shakes the earth, cities collapse, islands disappear, and massive hailstones fall from heaven. These events signal the approaching climax of God's judgment and the impending downfall of the corrupt world system.

Although the chapter is filled with scenes of judgment, its deeper message is that God is perfectly just and faithful to His word. Evil will not reign forever. God will ultimately judge wickedness, defend His holiness, and bring about the final victory of His kingdom. For believers, this chapter is both a warning and a reminder that God's justice will one day be fully revealed.

Heavenly Father,

As we come to Revelation chapter 16, we approach Your Word with reverence and humility. You are a holy and righteous God, and all Your judgments are true and just. Help us to understand the seriousness of sin and the reality of Your justice.

Open our hearts and minds as we study this chapter. Give us spiritual wisdom so that we may clearly see Your truth and respond with repentance, faith, and obedience. Guard us from hardening our hearts and help us remain faithful to Jesus Christ in every circumstance.

Lord, remind us that even in the midst of judgment, You are sovereign over all things. Strengthen our trust in Your perfect plan and help us live each day in a way that honors You.

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we read and reflect on Your Word.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

Revelation 16:1–2

“(1) Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, ‘Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.’ (2) The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.”

The Context:

The "Temple" is closed, and the "Smoke of Glory" has filled the room. Now, the silence is shattered by a **"loud voice"**—this is the voice of God Himself. He gives the final command. There is no more debate, no more delay.

The first bowl is poured out, and it strikes at the very thing the people chose over God: their **bodies** and their **loyalty to the Beast**. ---

The Meaning of the "Loud Voice" and the "Ugly Sores":

In simple American English, we might say, "God gave the order to start the final cleanup, and the first consequence hit the people who had signed their souls over to the devil's system—they were struck with a painful physical reminder of their choice." John highlights these details:

- **"Go, pour out the seven bowls":** This signifies **The Execution of the Sentence**. The angels don't act on their own; they act on the "Loud Voice" of the King. The "pouring" suggests a sudden, overwhelming flood of consequences.
- **"Ugly, painful sores":** This signifies **Internal Corruption Turning Outward**. In the Bible, sores (like the boils in the Egyptian plagues) represent a state of being "unclean." Those who "marked" themselves for the Beast now have a "mark" they cannot hide—a physical manifestation of the spiritual rot inside them.
- **"On the people who had the mark of the beast":** This signifies **Targeted Justice**. Notice that the plague doesn't hit everyone; it specifically targets those who chose to align themselves with the Beast. It shows that God's judgment is precise. He knows who belongs to Him and who doesn't.

The Core Lesson:

What you worship eventually marks you. The people thought the "Mark of the Beast" would give them safety, food, and status. Instead, it became the "target" for the first bowl of wrath. This teaches us that **the things we choose to protect us *outside* of God will eventually be the very things that cause us the most pain.** True safety isn't found in a system; it's found in the Savior.

The Illustration: The Counterfeit Insurance

Imagine a group of people who buy a "special insurance policy" from a local gang leader. The policy promises that they will never be hungry and that they will be "protected" from the law. To prove they are part of the gang, they all get a specific tattoo on their hands.

But then, a new law is passed that makes that specific tattoo a "trigger" for an automatic, painful medical quarantine. The very thing they thought would "protect" them is now the reason they are being singled out for the consequences of their choices. The "Mark of the Beast" was their "insurance," but God's bowl turned it into their "quarantine."

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Mark" Check:** Am I "marking" my life with the things of God (love, truth, kindness) or with the "marks" of the world's system (greed, deception, power)?
- **The "Consequence" Check:** Do I realize that the choices I make today are "seeds" that will eventually "bloom" into either a harvest of peace or a harvest of "sores"?
- **The "Precise" Check:** Does it give me peace to know that God knows exactly who is His? He doesn't miss a single person.

The first bowl has landed. The second bowl is about to hit the very thing the earth needs to survive: the sea.

Revelation 16:3

“The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.”

The Context:

If the first bowl was a personal, physical warning, the second bowl is a **global environmental disaster**. In the ancient world (and today), the sea was the lifeblood of commerce, food, and travel.

When the second angel pours his bowl, the ocean doesn't just turn "red"—it becomes like the **"blood of a dead person."** This describes blood that is no longer flowing, but is thick, dark, and clotting. It's a picture of total stagnation and death.

The Meaning of the "Dead Blood" and the "Sea":

In simple American English, we might say, "The second messenger struck the world's oceans, turning the water into a thick, rotting mess that killed every single creature in it, cutting off the world's ability to trade or feed itself from the deep." John uses this to show:

- **"Blood like that of a dead person":** This signifies **The End of Life-Sustaining Systems**. Water is supposed to bring life. When it becomes "dead blood," it becomes a graveyard. It shows that the "natural world" can no longer support a humanity that has completely rejected the Creator of nature.
- **"Every living thing in the sea died":** This signifies **Total Ecological Collapse**. This is a massive escalation from the earlier "Trumpet" judgments (where only one-third of the sea died). Now, the judgment is 100%. There is no "safe zone" left in the ocean for the Beast's kingdom.

The Core Lesson:

You cannot survive without the Source of Life. The world thinks it can manage the earth's resources (the sea) while ignoring the God who made them. But when God pulls His hand back, the very things we depend on for survival turn into a source of death. This teaches us that **our environment is a gift from God, and when we treat the Giver with contempt, the gift eventually stops working.**

The Illustration: The Poisoned Well

Imagine a huge city built around a beautiful, crystal-clear lake. The people use the lake for everything—fishing, swimming, and bringing in trade ships. But the people in the city decide they don't need the King who owns the lake. They start dumping their waste into it, mocking the King's laws.

Eventually, the King says, "Fine. If you don't want my laws, you don't get my lake." He drops a single chemical into the water that turns the whole thing into a thick, black sludge. The ships get stuck, the fish die, and the smell becomes unbearable. The city that thought it was so "independent" is now trapped by the very thing they thought they owned.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Dependence" Check:** Do I realize how much I depend on God's "common grace" (the air, the water, the food) every single day?
- **The "Resource" Check:** Am I using the resources God gave me to honor Him, or am I acting like I'm the "owner" of my world?
- **The "Life" Check:** Does the "dead blood" in the sea remind me that Jesus is the only "Living Water" that never stagnates?

The sea is gone. Now, the third bowl is about to hit the "fresh" water—the rivers and the springs.

Revelation 16:4–7

“(4) The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. (5) Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: ‘You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you

who are and who were; (6) for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.' (7) And I heard the altar respond: 'Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.'"

The Context:

The second bowl hit the saltwater (the oceans); now the third bowl hits the **freshwater** (the rivers and drinking springs). This is a total crisis. Human beings can survive without the ocean for a while, but we cannot survive without fresh water for more than a few days.

But notice the "Interruption" in verses 5–7. An angel and even the **Altar itself** speak up. They aren't mourning the loss of the water; they are **cheering for the justice of God**. ---

The Meaning of "Blood to Drink" and the "Angel of the Waters":

In simple American English, we might say, "The third messenger turned the world's drinking water into blood, and the angel over the earth's environment said, 'This is perfectly fair, Lord. They loved killing your people so much that now you've given them exactly what they wanted—nothing but blood.'" John highlights these points of justice:

- **"Rivers and springs... became blood":** This signifies **The Removal of Life**. Fresh water is the ultimate symbol of God's blessing. Turning it to blood shows that the world has reached a point where it can no longer receive God's physical blessings because it has rejected His spiritual ones.
- **"You have given them blood to drink as they deserve":** This signifies **Poetic Justice**. The "Beast" and his followers have spent years "bleeding" the church and the prophets. God says, "You liked blood so much? Here is a whole world of it." It is the ultimate "natural consequence."
- **"The altar responded":** This signifies **The Answer to the Martyrs**. Back in Revelation 6:10, the souls under the altar were crying out, *"How long, Sovereign Lord... until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"* Now, the Altar finally says, "Yes! It is finished. You are doing exactly what is right."

The Core Lesson:

God's judgment is always a mirror of our choices. The world is not being "punished" by a mean God; it is being handed the results of its own behavior. If you live by the "sword" (blood), you will eventually have nothing but "blood" to sustain you. This teaches us that **we should be very careful about what we "thirst" for in this life, because God might eventually give us exactly what we asked for.**

The Illustration: The Thirsty Hunter

Imagine a hunter who is obsessed with the kill. He spends his whole life tracking animals, spilling blood, and ignoring the beauty of the forest. He carries a canteen of water, but he often pours it out just to see the blood of his prey more clearly.

One day, he gets lost in a deep canyon. He is dying of thirst. He finds a spring, but because he has spent his life polluting the land with his violence, the spring has become metallic and undrinkable. He is surrounded by the very "blood" he sought, but it cannot save his life. The "Angel of the Waters" stands over him and says, "You chose this path. Now you must walk it to the end."

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Justice" Check:** Do I trust that God's timing for justice is perfect? Do I believe He sees every "drop of blood" shed by the innocent?
- **The "Deserve" Check:** Does this passage make me more grateful for the "Living Water" (Jesus) that cleanses us, rather than the "blood" that judges us?
- **The "Altar" Check:** When I feel like evil is winning, do I remember that the Altar in heaven is waiting for the moment when everything is set right?

The water is gone. Now, the fourth bowl is about to hit the very source of light and heat: the Sun.

Revelation 16:8–9

“(8) The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. (9) They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.”

The Context:

We've moved from the earth (sores), to the sea (dead blood), to the fresh water (blood to drink). Now, the judgment reaches into the **heavens**.

The sun, which God created to give life, warmth, and light, is suddenly "cranked up." It becomes a weapon of judgment. But the most shocking part of this verse isn't the heat—it's the **reaction of the people**. Even while they are being burned, they recognize that God is the one in control, yet they choose to **curse** Him rather than turn to Him.

The Meaning of the "Scorching Sun" and "Cursing God":

In simple American English, we might say, "The fourth messenger caused the sun to become a furnace that burned the people on earth, but instead of seeing their need for God's mercy, they doubled down on

their hatred and screamed insults at the only One who could actually save them." John highlights this tragic irony:

- **"The sun was allowed to scorch":** This signifies **The Loss of Divine Protection**. In the Bible, God is often described as a "shade" or a "shield" from the sun (Psalm 121:5). By allowing the sun to scorch them, God is showing what life is like when His protective grace is fully removed. The very thing that should be a blessing becomes a burden.
- **"They cursed the name of God":** This signifies **The Hardness of the Heart**. This is the "Pharaoh Effect." When some people face trouble, they break and turn to God; when others face trouble, they harden and hate God. These people are so "loyal" to the Beast that they would rather burn than bow.
- **"They refused to repent":** This signifies **The End of Change**. By this point in Revelation, the "character" of these people is set in stone. They aren't just "making a mistake"—they have become the embodiment of rebellion. They know God is real (they curse His name!), but they hate His authority more than they fear His judgment.

The Core Lesson:

Pain doesn't always lead to prayer. We often think that if things get bad enough, everyone will finally turn to God. But Revelation shows us that **pain can also lead to pride**. If a heart is committed to being its own "god," it will view God's justice as "unfair" and "cruel" rather than a call to come home. This teaches us that **the time to soften your heart is *before* the heat gets turned up.**

The Illustration: The Two Substances

Imagine two things sitting out in the blazing afternoon sun: a block of **wax** and a brick of **clay**.

- The **wax** feels the heat and begins to soften, melt, and eventually flow into a new shape.
- The **clay** feels the exact same heat, but instead of melting, it gets harder, drier, and eventually cracks.

The "heat" is the same, but the "result" depends on the substance. The followers of the Lamb are the wax; the followers of the Beast are the clay. The judgment doesn't "make" them rebels; it just "reveals" that they have already hardened their hearts.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Reaction" Check:** When I face "heat" (stress, pain, or failure), do I turn *toward* God for help, or do I start "cursing" my circumstances and blaming Him?
- **The "Repentance" Check:** Is there any area of my life where I am being "stubborn" like the people in this verse? Can I ask God to soften my heart today?

- **The "Sun" Check:** Am I grateful for the "shade" of God's grace in my life today? Do I realize that every "normal" day of sunshine is a gift from Him?

The sun is scorching the earth. Now, the fifth bowl is about to hit the "headquarters" of the rebellion: the very throne of the Beast.

Revelation 16:10–11

“(10) The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony (11) and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.”

The Context:

The fourth bowl hit the "Heavens" (the sun); now the fifth bowl hits the **heart of the government**. The target is the "throne of the beast"—the center of his power, his media, his economy, and his command.

Instead of a bright, glorious empire, the Beast's kingdom is suddenly plunged into **total darkness**. This is a direct callback to the ninth plague of Egypt. It's not just a lack of light; it's a "thick" darkness that carries a physical and psychological weight.

The Meaning of the "Throne" and the "Darkness":

In simple American English, we might say, "The fifth messenger struck the very headquarters of the devil's world-system, and suddenly the 'glamour' of his kingdom vanished, leaving everyone in a terrifying, painful blackness that made them literally bite their tongues in frustration and hate." John uses these symbols:

- **"The throne of the beast":** This signifies **The Collapse of Leadership**. The Beast promised he was a god who could provide light, order, and safety. By striking the throne, God proves that the Beast is powerless. He can't even turn the lights back on in his own house.
- **"Plunged into darkness":** This signifies **The Reality of Life Without God**. God *is* light. When His grace is fully withdrawn from the Beast's headquarters, all that is left is the natural result of sin: darkness. It represents the confusion, fear, and blindness of a world that has rejected the Truth.
- **"Gnawed their tongues in agony":** This signifies **The Frustration of the Proud**. This isn't just physical pain; it's the intense, biting misery of being trapped in a disaster you cannot fix and a reality you refuse to accept.

The Core Lesson:

The "glory" of this world is an illusion. The Beast's kingdom probably looked high-tech, wealthy, and powerful right up until the bowl was poured. But without God, it was always empty. This teaches

us that **if we build our lives on the "throne" of money, power, or human systems, we will eventually be left in the dark when those systems fail.** Only the Kingdom of Light has a "throne" that can never be darkened.

The Illustration: The Fake City

Imagine a massive, glittering city in the middle of a desert. At night, it's filled with neon lights, music, and parties. People from all over the world come to live there because it looks so "alive."

But the city is powered by a single, stolen generator that doesn't belong to the people. One day, the Owner of the power grid simply flips the switch. Suddenly, the neon dies. The music stops. The air conditioning fails. The city that looked like "paradise" is now just a hot, dark, terrifying trap in the middle of nowhere. The "glamour" was just a thin layer of electricity. That is the Beast's kingdom.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Source" Check:** Where do I get my "light"? Do I get it from the "sun" of human approval and worldly success, or from the "Son" of God?
- **The "Darkness" Check:** When I feel "in the dark" or confused, do I turn to God to find the way out, or do I stay in the dark and "bite my tongue" in anger?
- **The "Repentance" Check:** Why is it so hard for the people to say "I was wrong"? Is there any pride in my own heart that is keeping me from admitting a mistake to God?

The headquarters is in darkness. Now, the sixth bowl is about to hit the "highway" of the world's armies: the Great River Euphrates.

Revelation 16:12–16

“(12) The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. (13) Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. (15) ‘Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.’ (16) Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”

The Context:

The sixth bowl is a "tactical" move. The Euphrates River was the ancient defensive border of the Roman Empire (the superpower of John's day). By drying it up, God is removing the "barrier" that kept the enemies apart. It's like clearing the stage for the final act.

But notice the strategy: the "Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet" use **deception** (the frog-like spirits) to trick the leaders of the world into gathering for war. They *think* they are leading a global coalition, but they are actually being lured into a trap set by God.

The Meaning of the "Euphrates," "Frogs," and "Armageddon":

In simple American English, we might say, "The sixth messenger cleared the way for the final global conflict, while demonic propaganda—sneaky, ugly lies—tricked the rulers of the earth into marching toward their own destruction at a place called Armageddon."

- **"Drying up the Euphrates":** This signifies **Removing Human Barriers**. God is clearing the "red tape" so that the gathering of human evil can happen exactly when and how He intends.
- **"Three impure spirits like frogs":** This signifies **Demonic Propaganda**. Frogs were considered unclean in the Bible. These spirits symbolize lies, corruption, and the "filthy" language used to manipulate people into war.
- **"Armageddon":** This signifies **The Place of the Final Gathering**. It is likely a symbolic reference to the valley of Megiddo, a place where many historical battles were fought. It represents the "Final Stand" of the world against the King of Kings.

The Core Lesson:

The world is often being led by deceptions it doesn't recognize. The leaders of the world don't realize they are being influenced by "demonic frogs"—they think their wars and policies are their own brilliant ideas. This teaches us that **when the world starts to gather against God, it is usually fueled by massive, calculated deception.** The only way to "stay awake" (v. 15) is to know the Truth of the Bible so well that we can spot the "frog spirits" when they start croaking.

The Illustration: The Baiting of the Trap

Imagine a massive game of chess. The world's leaders think they are the players, moving their pieces and maneuvering for power. They see the drying river and think, "This is our chance to attack!"

But they don't see the hand of the Grandmaster (God) who moved the river in the first place to lure them into a specific square. The demonic spirits are the "bait" that keeps them focused on the game, never realizing that the game is already over and the trap has been set.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Awake" Check:** Am I "staying awake"? Do I know what is happening in the world, and do I see it through the lens of God's Word?
- **The "Clothed" Check:** The verse says "stay awake and remain clothed." In the Bible, being "clothed" usually means being dressed in the righteousness of Christ. Is my life built on Jesus' perfection, or am I "naked" and exposed by my own sin?

- **The "Deception" Check:** How do I react when I hear polarizing, hateful, or manipulative language in the world? Do I get swept up in the "croaking," or do I stay calm in the truth of the King?

The kings are gathering at Armageddon. Now, the final bowl is about to be poured out into the very air we breathe.

Revelation 16:17–21

“(17) The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came from the temple, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’ (18) Then there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on the earth, so tremendous was the quake. (19) The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. (20) Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. (21) From the sky, hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God for the plague of hail, because it was so terrible.”

The Context:

This is the **grand finale**. The first six bowls affected the land, sea, rivers, sun, and government. The seventh bowl is poured into the **air**—the very atmosphere—meaning this judgment affects the entire planet at once.

When the voice from the throne cries, **"It is done!"** (or "It is finished"), it marks the absolute end of the rebellion. The "Beast's" kingdom is not just defeated; it is physically leveled.

The Meaning of the "Earthquake," "Babylon," and "Hail":

In simple American English, we might say, "The seventh messenger struck the atmosphere itself, and God's voice signaled the end of history. A massive earthquake wiped out the world's power centers, and God finally judged the evil system of 'Babylon' with a rain of crushing hail." John uses these final symbols to signal:

- **"It is done!":** This signifies **Total Sovereignty**. God is the only One who can start history, and He is the only One who can end it. The work of judgment is now 100% complete.
- **"Babylon the Great":** This signifies **The Worldly System**. Babylon represents every empire, every economy, and every philosophy that put itself in the place of God. By "remembering" her, God is saying that no injustice has been forgotten.
- **"Hailstones... weighing a hundred pounds":** This signifies **The Powerlessness of Man**. Even in the final moments, the humans who followed the Beast are still cursing God, but they are completely powerless to stop the "hail." It is a final, humbling reminder that they are merely creatures, and God is the Almighty Creator.

The Core Lesson:

The world we see is temporary; the world to come is eternal. We often live as if our cities, our banks, and our governments are permanent features of the universe. This passage is a jarring reminder that God can (and will) rearrange the very geography of the earth to make room for His Kingdom. This teaches us that **the only thing worth investing in is the Kingdom of God, because everything else will one day be "shaken" away.**

The Illustration: The Last Reset

Imagine a complex, broken computer program that has been running for years. It's full of glitches, viruses, and errors. The developers have tried to patch it, but it's too far gone. Finally, they hit the "Factory Reset" button. The screen goes black, the system shuts down, and all the corrupted files are wiped clean. The "earthquake" and the "hail" are the final, loud, and dramatic steps of the "Reset." It's terrifying to those who were comfortable in the broken program, but it is necessary for the new system to begin.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Foundation" Check:** Is my life built on something that can survive an "earthquake"? Do I have a relationship with Jesus that is unshakable?
- **The "Finished" Check:** Does the phrase "It is done" bring me peace (knowing my salvation is secure) or fear (knowing I have not trusted God)?
- **The "Remembered" Check:** God "remembered" Babylon and judged her. It is a comfort to know that God also "remembers" His people. Do I trust that He remembers my suffering and my service?

Moving Forward

You have journeyed through the most intense parts of the judgment in Revelation. The rebellion is broken, the Beast's kingdom has fallen, and the stage is now set for the most beautiful part of the book: **The Return of the King.**

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the truth revealed in Revelation chapter 16. We are reminded that You are perfectly just and that Your judgments are righteous and true. Even when the world resists You, Your authority and holiness remain unshaken.

Lord, guard our hearts so that we never grow hardened like those who refused to repent. Instead, help us to live with humility, repentance, and faith in Jesus Christ. Strengthen us to remain faithful and watchful as we wait for the fulfillment of Your promises.

Teach us to trust in Your perfect justice and to live each day in obedience to Your Word. May our lives reflect Your truth, and may we always be ready for the day when Your kingdom is fully revealed.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.