



Third Vial: Rivers and Springs Turn to Blood  
Revelation 16:4-7

## SCRIPTURE

### Chapter 16

<sup>4</sup> And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. <sup>5</sup> And I heard the angel of the waters say,

“Thou art righteous, O Lord,  
which art, and wast, and shalt be,  
because Thou hast judged thus.

<sup>6</sup> For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them

blood to drink; for they are worthy.

<sup>7</sup> And I heard another out of the altar say, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments.”

## COMMENTARY

The third vial is poured out on the rivers and springs. This will contaminate all of the fresh water, so there will be nothing to quench their thirst except blood.

The angel of the waters declares the justification for this judgment. They have shed the innocent blood of the saints and so they deserve to have blood to drink because of their sin.