



Fifth Vial: Darkness and Pain
Revelation 16: 10-11

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 16

¹⁰ And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, ¹¹ and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

COMMENTARY

The fifth vial is poured out on the throne of the beast, and it brings dense darkness upon the kingdom. The suffering moves quickly from one intense issue to another. The pain of the earlier vials continues in the darkness, as does the continued rejection of God. Even though the pain is so intense that people gnaw their tongues, they continue to blaspheme God, and refuse to repent.