

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – PRELUDE TO BOWL JUDGMENTS -- 15:1-8

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THE THIRD WOE — MIDDLE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION – THE SEVENTH BLOWS DURING THE LAST 3.5 YEARS!

THE SIGN IN HEAVEN – vs. 1-2

Rev 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous:

seven angels having the seven last plagues,

for in them the wrath of God is complete.

Rev 15:2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire,

and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name,

standing on the sea of glass,

having harps of God.

PRELUDE TO BOWL JUDGMENTS -*Revelation 15:1-8*
Signs of the Seventh Trumpet Message: 1. Sign of the woman - 12:12; 2. Sign of the dragon - 12:3; 3. Sign of the Seven Last Plagues - 15:1

Visions of the Seventh Trumpet Message:

1. Beast with seven heads - 13:1; 2. Beast with two horns - 13:11; 3. 144,000 - 14:1; 4. Gospel and judgments - 14:6; 5. Final Harvest - 14:14; 6. Heavenly temple and seven last plagues - 15:1-8

v. 1 “another” sign - like others before it “*great and marvelous*” - The **IMPORTANCE** of the sign-just as significant as all the other signs!

v. 1 Literally: “seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.” - The Plagues reveal the importance of the sign - **emphatic position in Greek** “*seven plagues, the last one*”!!- Cf. Rev. 10:7- the completion of the plan of God!

v. 1 “for in them the wrath (thumos- “blowing our stack”; really angry; a violent outburst of anger!) of God is complete.” - The Plan behind the plagues reveals the importance of this sign - “wrath” - thumos, not orge - cf. Psa. 103:9; Rev. 16:17

v. 2 “something like a sea of glass mingled with fire” - The Identity of those standing on the sea of glass - cf. 4:6; 7:9; Mt. 16:13-18 (“Gates of Hades) - The death of the believer shall not overcome the church!!!); Heb. 12:22-24 Them – tribulation martyrs – “a number no one can count” !...standing on the sea of glass! They came through the fire!

v. 2 “those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name” - cf. Rev. 13:15; 20

v. 2 “standing” - picture of victory and resurrection - Their position - Rev. 4:4 - v.3 “elders sitting” cf. Rev. 5:6 - “stood a Lamb”

v. 2 “having harps of God” - Their praise - cf. Psalms 144:9; 147:7; 149:3; 150:3; Eph. 5:18-19 God is really into music!

PRELUDE TO BOWL JUDGMENTS - “THE GREAT SIGN IN HEAVEN”

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There has never been or will there ever be a greater display of God’s anger and wrath on a Christ rejecting world!! It is complete! It’s done! It is finished!

Separation of the holiness of God from those in His midst! These are the tribulation martyrs, who probably have never heard the gospel! Are you going to be in the “true church”?

How thankful are your praises to the LORD? “singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”!!!

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THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB – vs. 3-4

Rev 15:3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

The CONNECTION to previous songs - Cf. Exodus 15:1-5, 11-13; Deut. 32:43 – The Song of Moses

v. 3 "Great and marvelous are Your works" - The Content of this song - They praise the Works of God! - emphasizes God's Power - Cf. Psalm 145:5-6, 10-13

v. 3 "Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! - They praise the Ways of God! - emphasizes God's Plan - " cf. Psalm 145:17; Romans 11:33

v. 4 "For You alone are holy" - They praise the holiness of God! - emphasizes God's Perfection - Cf. Psa. 29:2; 96:8

v. 4 "For all nations shall come and worship before You" - They praise the Worship of God! - Cf. Rev. 4:10-11 - emphasizes God's Purpose - Cf. Psalm 66:4; 72:11, 17; 86:9; Isa. 2:2; 66:23; Daniel 7:14; Zeph. 2:11; Zech. 14:16

We are singing to the LORD for the judgment He has done to His enemies!

Four stanzas of praises – something we should be doing every day!!

-Praising the works of God!

-Praising the ways of God!

-Praising the holiness of God!

-Praising the worship of God-His purpose!

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THE SCENE IN HEAVEN – vs. 5-8

Rev 15:5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

Rev 15:6 And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues,

clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

Rev 15:7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

Rev 15:8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power,

and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

v. 6 – “out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues” - The APPEARANCE of the seven angels - Their Coming Out of the temple reminds us of the faithfulness of God

v. 6 “clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.” - Their Clothing reminds us of the righteousness and majesty of God - Cf. 1:13 & 19:8

v. 7 “gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God” - The ASSIGNMENT they were given

v. 8 “The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power” - The ATMOSPHERE in the temple - The Intensity of God’s power – Cf. Isa. 6:4; Ex. 40:34

v. 8 “till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.” - The Importance of God’s plan - Cf. Rev. 6:17; 16:17

Here we note the appearance of the seven angels! Out of the temple with the seven bowls of wrath! How they are clothed!

Here we see their assignment of the bowls full of the wrath of God!

Here we the atmosphere in the temple – the intensity of God’s power and importance of God’s plan.

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	<p><i>Sing – Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord, To receive glory, glory and honor, Glory and honor and pow'r; For Thou has created, hast all things created, Thou hast created all things, And for Thy pleasure they are created: Thou art worthy, O Lord!</i></p>	<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. At this point in our study of the Book of Revelation, is the worst over or yet to come?2. How many chapters in Revelation that have been covered so far consist primarily of the heavenly scene? What are they? Who is pictured in heaven in chapter 15?3. How big do you think the “sea of glass” is?4. Is there any evidence in chapter 15 that the scene presented is reminiscent of Israel following the Exodus? If so, what?5. What is the purpose of the Great Tribulation?6. Does God save people that nobody wants saved? “real stinkers”!7. Would you agree that the purpose of chapter 15 is to make clear that the final seven judgment bowls of God’s wrath proceed from God and are not the result of man’s mistakes or of Satan’s hatred. That they are the direct action of God?
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