

REVELATION CHAPTER 15

WE ARE IN CHAPTER 15 OF REVELATION. THE APOSTLE JOHN IS IMPRISONED ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS. HE HAS BEEN BOILED IN OIL AND IS STILL ALIVE. PATMOS WAS AN ISLAND OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. JOHN IS PROBABLY HURTING PRETTY BAD PHYSICALLY. HE'S PROBABLY SKINNY AND STARVING, ISOLATED AND LONELY. YET, HIS FAITH, HIS MISSION, AND HIS PURPOSE ARE STILL SOLEY FIXED ON JESUS CHRIST. HE IS THE LAST LIVING APOSTLE WHEN HE GETS THIS MAGNIFICANT VISION FROM GOD. JOHN IS TRANSPORTED INTO THE HEAVENLIES WHERE HE IS TOLD TO "WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU SEE AND SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES". SEVEN IS THE NUMBER OF COMPLETION. EVEN THOUGH THESE WERE SEVEN SPECIFIC CHURCHES, EVERY CHURCH FROM THEN UNTIL THE RETURN OF CHRIST CAN FIND THEMSELVES IN THE LETTERS AND MUST TAKE HEED TO THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. THIS IS THE INFALIBLE, INERRANT, INSPIRED, AND ETERNAL WORD OF GOD. SO FAR, WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE 7 SEAL JUDGEMENTS (THE LORD TAKES BACK HIS UNIVERSE), THE SEVENTH SEAL BROUGHT FORTH THE SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS (THE INITIAL JUDGEMENTS UPON FALLEN HUMANITY), AND THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IS BLOWN AND BROUGHT FORTH THE SEVEN BOWL JUDGEMENTS (THE LAST AND MOST HARSH JUDGEMENTS). THIS IS THE COMPLETE WRATH OF GOD THAT HE PROMISED WOULD BE COMING FOR THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO BLASPHEME AND REJECT CHRIST. THOSE WHO ARE BELIEVERS DURING THE TRIBULATION ARE MARTYRED FOR THEIR FAITH. THEY REFUSE TO TAKE THE

MARK OF THE BEAST OR BOW DOWN TO HIS IMAGE. GOD HAS CONTINUOUSLY GIVEN OPPORTUNITY FOR MAN TO REPENT, THROUGH THE CHURCH AGE (AGE OF GRACE) AND THROUGH THE 7 YEARS OF TRIBULATION. CHAPTER 15 IS HAPPENING TOWARDS THE END OF THE TRIBULATION. THE TRIBULATION STARTS IN CHAPTER 6 AND ENDS IN CHAPTER 18 THESE PLAGUES WE WILL SEE ARE THE LAST OF THE JUDGEMENTS ON THE EARTH BEFORE THE RETURN OF CHRIST IN HIS SECOND COMING

Revelation 15 ESV

The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

15 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

⁵After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. ⁷And 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, ⁸and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

PLAGUE/PLEGE(PLEHGAY)/ BEATING, FLOGGING, WOUNDING

Revelation 15:1 ESV

15 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

ANOTHER SIGN/SEMEION/MIRACULOUS DISTINGUISHING SIGN, SIGNAL, OR MARK

WRATH/ THYMOS / RAGE, FURIOUS ANGER

THERE ARE 3 SIGNS JOHN SEES IN HIS VISION, HERE ARE THE OTHER TWO

Revelation 12:1-3 ESV

12 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ²She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

THIS IS A PROPHETIC SCENE JOHN IS SEEING 3 GREAT SIGNS

THE FIRST SIGN--ISRAEL IS THE WOMAN

THE SECOND SIGN--THE DRAGON IS THE WORLD SYSTEM
UNDER SATAN'S CONTROL

THE THIRD SIGN--THE SEVEN ANGELS HAVING THE SEVEN LAST
PLAGUES/DIVINE JUDGEMENT UPON THE SATANIC SYSTEM
AND POLITICAL POWER OF THE BEAST

THE WRATH OF GOD AGAINST SIN HAS BEEN BUILDING SINCE
THE FALL AND THE FLOOD, YET THE PARADOX IS THAT HE HAS
EXTENDED MERCY, GRACE, AND A CHANCE FOR ALL TO REPENT
THE WHOLE TIME

2 Peter 3:9 ESV

⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Revelation 15:2 ESV

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

SEA OF GLASS/GOD'S DIVINE HOLINESS/MIXED WITH FIRE/
JUDGEMENT...NOT WATER

BESIDE/EPI/ON OR OVER

THE MARTYRS FROM THE TRIBULATION STAND ON IT,
REPRESENTING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN UPHOLDING HIS OWN,
KEEPING WITH HIS DIVINE, HOLY, PERFECT CHARACTER
SOME SUGGEST THAT THE SEA OF GLASS IS THE WORD OF GOD
WITH ITS MANY PRECIOUS PROMISES TO THE SAINTS

BEAST/THERION/FIENDISH ANIMAL, SNAKE

IMAGE & NUMBER / Revelation 13:15-18 ESV

¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. ¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave,¹ to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

THEY OVERCAME THE BEAST, IT'S IMAGE, AND THE NUMBER
OF IT'S NAME

SOME OF THE MARTYRED SAINTS ARE WORSHIPPING GOD
WITH HARPS, THEY ARE WORSHIPPING

Revelation 15:3-4 ESV

³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the
song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

THE SONG OF MOSES IS FOUND IN EXODUS 15 AFTER
SPLITTING THE RED SEA, SWALLOWING THE EGYPTIAN ARMY
AFTER THEY HAD CROSSED SAFELY

PARALLELS BETWEEN THE TWO SONGS

SONG OF MOSES SUNG AT THE RED SEA, SONG OF THE LAMB
SUNG AT THE SEA OF GLASS, SONG OF MOSES SUNG ABOUT
TRIUMPH OVER EGYPT, SONG OF THE LAMB SUNG ABOUT

TRIUMPH OVER BEAST SYSTEM, IN THE SONG OF MOSES GOD BROUGHT HIS PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT UNTO HIMSELF, IN THE SONG OF THE LAMB HE BRINGS HIS PEOPLE OUT OF ETERNAL DEATH INTO HIS KINGDOM, SONG OF MOSES IS THE FIRST SONG OF SCRIPTURE, SONG OF THE LAMB IS THE LAST SONG OF SCRIPTURE

BOTH CELEBRATE THE EXECUTION OF THE ENEMY, BOTH SING ABOUT THE EXPECTATION OF THE GOD'S PEOPLE, AND BOTH EXALT THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Revelation 15:5-6 ESV

⁵After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.

SANCTUARY OF THE TENT OF WITNESS/TABERNACLE OF THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESS/HOLIEST OF HOLIES
OLD TESTAMENT/ IT IS WHERE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT WAS KEPT /THE TABLETS OF STONE WITH 10 COMMANDMENTS (THE LAW OF GOD)
ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST COULD ENTER ONCE A YEAR

THESE ANGELS ARE CLOTHED IN WHITE LINEN SYMBOLIZING PURITY, HOLINESS, THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

GOLD SASH / THE GLORY OF GOD

Revelation 15:7-8 ESV

⁷ And 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, ⁸ and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES

Revelation 4:6-8 ESV

⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

BOWLS FULL OF THE RAGE OF GOD WHO LIVES FOR EVER AND EVER....SO HIS WRATH WILL EXTEND FOR EVER AND EVER TO ALL THOSE WHO JOIN SATAN AND HIS DEMONS AT THE END OF THE AGE IN THE LAKE OF FIRE

THE SMOKE IS THE GLORY OF GOD FILLING THE SANCTUARY
PREVENTING ANY FROM ENTERING UNTIL THE FINAL
JUDGEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE FINAL PLAGUES ARE
FULFILLED

THIS IS ONLY SCARY FOR THOSE WHO PERSIST IN THE
BLASPHEMOUS DISREGARD OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND
HOLINESS OF GOD

THIS PUTS IN GREAT PERSPECTIVE THE MASSIVE MERCY AND
GRACE PROVIDED TO US BY THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST

IT PLEASED GOD TO POUR HIS RAGE/WRATH OUT ON HIS SON
THE PERFECT HUMAN WHO KNEW NO SIN, MADE SIN FOR US

SO THAT ALL WHO CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS
CHRIST SHALL BE SAVED FROM THIS HORRENDOUS ETERNAL
DEATH AND DAMNATION

PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AND HIS FINISHED WORK ON
THE CROSS. HIS BLOOD SPILLED FOR YOU AND FOR ME, SO
THAT WE MAY LIVE FOREVER WITH HIM

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