

REVELATION

Seven Angels with
Seven Plagues

(Revelation 15:1~8)

*Genesis 15:13-14: Then the LORD said to Abram,
“Know for certain that your offspring will be
sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be
servants there, and they will be afflicted for four
hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the
nation that they serve, and afterward they shall
come out with great possessions.”*

Exodus 15:1-2, 11: Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him"

*. . . Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?*

Revelation 15:1: 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.

Judgment is coming, and heaven responds in praise to God.

The revealing of God's righteous acts should lead us to give Him the worship He deserves.

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- ❖ The final Tribulation judgments of God's wrath will be poured out in Revelation 16.
- ❖ Like the seal judgments and the trumpet judgments, a scene in heaven sets the stage for the coming judgments on earth.

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❖ Revelation 15:5-6: After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.

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1. The seven bowl judgments come from the seventh trumpet judgment.

- ❖ Revelation 12-14 stepped outside of the play-by-play narrative.
- ❖ What is the last thing that happened in the main narrative (Revelation 11:19)?

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2. The angels have seven plagues that will be sent on the earth.

❖ Several of the Tribulation judgments are reminiscent of the plagues of Egypt, which showed the Lord's supremacy over the false gods of Egypt.

❖ Who do the people of the Tribulation worship?

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B. This is the final pouring out of God's wrath against sin in the Tribulation.

❖ Revelation 15:7: 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.

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- ❖ The seven bowls *finish* the wrath of God, but that is not *all* of the wrath of God against sin in the Tribulation.
- ❖ Revelation 6 specifically speaks of the wrath of God in the earthquake of the sixth seal.

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C. God is the final Judge.

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❖ Revelation 15:8: 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.**

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❖ Exodus 40: God's glory filled the tabernacle, and even Moses could not go in.

❖ Revelation 16:1: Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

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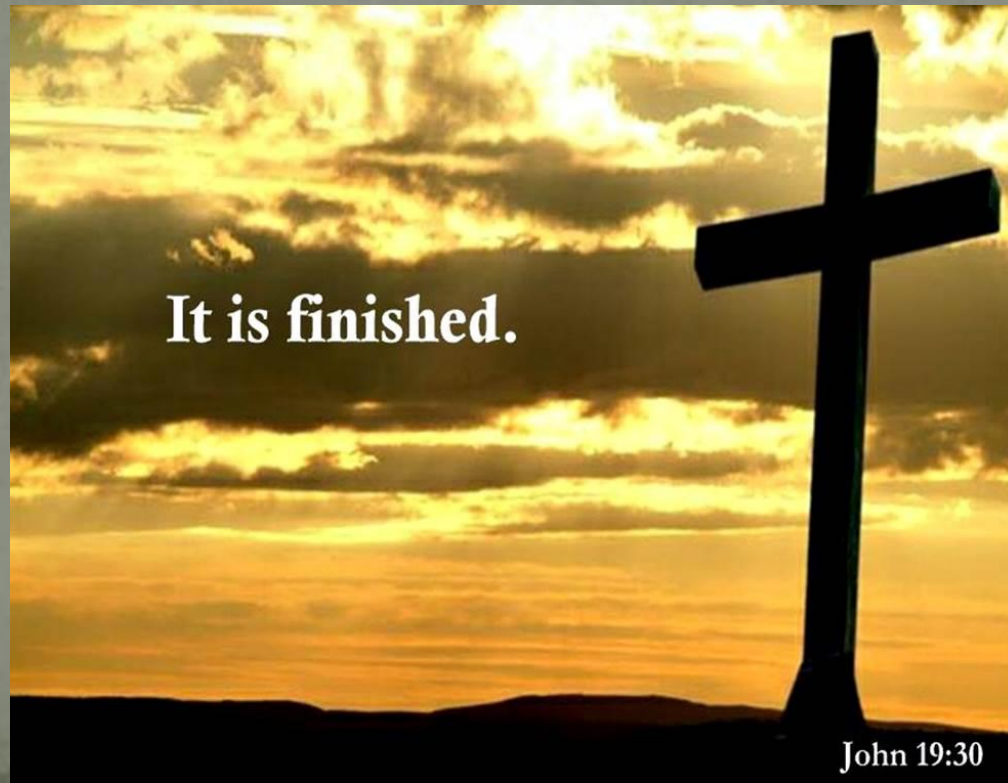
2. God Himself also announced the conclusion of the judgment.

❖ Revelation 16:17: The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

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2. God rightly receives praise for His judgment.

A. John saw a great multitude in heaven praising God.

❖ Revelation 15:2: 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.

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B. This multitude sings two songs of praise to God.

- ❖ Revelation 15:3a: And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb . . .
- ❖ The Song of Moses: Could refer to Exodus 15 or Deuteronomy 32
- ❖ The Song of the Lamb: Could refer to the song here or Revelation 5

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C. The songs praise God for His character seen in His judgment.

❖ Revelation 15:3b-4: . . . Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! 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.

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1. God revealed Himself to be a righteous Judge.

- ❖ Revelation 15:1: In describing the scene of judgment, John called the scene He saw as “great” and “amazing.”
- ❖ The multitude give God the same praise for His deeds, including His judgment.

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2. God is praised for His justice and truth.

❖ Revelation 15:3b: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

❖ Deuteronomy 32:4: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

3. The use of music in church

A. The music of the church should teach and challenge believers in Biblical truth.

- ❖ Colossians 3:16: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- ❖ Music should teach and challenge us by giving us the *Word of Christ*.

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B. The music of the church should primarily worship and glorify God.

- ❖ Examples of Biblical music are typically *worship* of God in response to the *revelation* of God (Exodus 15; Judges 5; Revelation 5; Revelation 15).
- ❖ Scripture reveals the character and the work of God, so we sing in response to the truth He has revealed or the things He has done.

Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

- Revelation reveals many terrible judgments of God, and unbelievers face greater judgment in eternity.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10: For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
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NEXT TIME:

REVELATION 16:1-11

- The First
Five Bowls