



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION – PT 8

Revelation 15 & 16

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I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.” After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple - that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law - and it was opened. Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. (Revelation 15:1-8)

TWO POINTS ON THE WRATH OF GOD

1. The WRATH of God is REAL and it is JUST.

After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple - that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law - and it was opened. (Revelation 15:5)

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (Romans 1:18-20)

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3:17)

Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:18)

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)

2. The WRATH of God will eventually be FINISHED FOREVER.

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues – last, because with them God's wrath is completed. (Revelation 15:1)

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

Later, knowing that all was now finished, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. (John 19:29)

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:30)

CONCLUSION

One of the most difficult parts of being a pastor is to see so many people who still live out their Christian lives as though they are under the wrath of God – when the Bible is clear – that when you wake up in the morning – what's waiting for you is – **MERCY!**