

Revelation 15 The Song of Moses & The Lamb

Here in heaven we see more worship taking place before God pours out His final wrath on an unbelieving world.

Topics- Worship

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“Then I saw another sign in heaven”

“Another” (allo) ties this sign to prior “signs”
Rev 12:1 (woman) & Rev 12:3 (dragon)

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“the seven last plagues”

“Last” = eschatos (ἔσχατος); final, ultimate, concluding; the end point beyond which nothing follows

-Where we get the word “eschatology,” the study of the end times.

“Plagues” = plēgē (πληγή); a blow, strike, wound; a judicial stroke inflicted by authority
-15 of 21x found in the Book of Revelation

Two Key Takeaways:

- 1) These are the last in a series, not additional details of the same plagues we've already seen.
- 2) Everything in the series have been “plagues” of a divine origin. Not, some of man and some of God.

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“For in them the wrath of God is complete”

“complete” = teleō (τελέω); was completed, brought to its designed end, paid in full

Luke 12:50 — “But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

John 19:30 — So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

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God is angry. And He has every right to be...

What is your response when someone hurts your kids?

Do you know what it feels like to do something nice for another person only to have them reject it?

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“something like a sea of glass”

Revelation 4:6 — Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal...

Exodus 30:18 — “You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it,

1 Kings 7:23 — And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round...

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“glass mingled with fire”

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“those who have the victory”

“victory” = *nikaō* (νικάω); to conquer, overcome, prevail.

“But they died!?!?!”

Revelation 7:14 — ...“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Revelation 12:11 — “And they overcame him [the Dragon] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

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Victory may not always look like what we think it should

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"They sing the song of Moses..."

Exodus 15:1-19

Deuteronomy 32:1-47

Exodus 15:1 — "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea."

Exodus 15:2 — "The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation..."

Exodus 15:13 — "You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation."

Exodus 15:17 — "You will bring them in and plant them..."

Deuteronomy 32:4 — He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

Deuteronomy 32:10-12 — "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings, So the LORD alone led him..."

"...and the song of the Lamb"

Revelation 5:9-10 — And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:12 — saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:13 — And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

"There but for the grace of God go I"

Song of Moses = Mercy & Redemption of God

Song of the Lamb = Grace & Blessings of God

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“Great and marvelous are Your works”

“works” = ergon (ἔργον); deeds, actions that reveal character.

We read the Bible to learn of God's works.

-As we learn about His works, it reveals to us more about who He is.

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“Just and true are Your ways”

Psalm 103:7 — He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

Exodus 33:13 — Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.

Exodus 33:14-15 — And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

-Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.”

Psalm 25:8-9 — Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

Psalms 25:4–5 — Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

Isaiah 55:8 — “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

*Spurgeon - “God's ways are not our ways, but they are always right ways.”

John 14:6 — Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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“For You alone are holy”

“holy” = hosios (ὅσιος); holy in the sense of moral purity, covenant faithfulness, righteousness
-uses hosios, not hagios(separateness)

‘God's not fair!’

-No, He isn't. He is Holy.

“out of the temple came the seven angels”

“temple” = naos (ναός); the inner sanctuary, the dwelling place of God

“clothed in pure bright linen”

“seven golden bowls”

“bowls” = phialē (φιάλη); a shallow bowl, often used for pouring

-12x in the NT, all in Revelation

-33x in the OT(LXX), nearly always refers to the bowls used at the temple.

INSTANCES WHERE GOD'S PRESENCE FILLED A LOCATION WITH SMOKE & GLORY

-Exodus 19:18 — Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire...

-Exodus 40:34–35 — Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

-1 Kings 8:10–11 — And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Why did the heavenly temple fill with smoke?

2 Peter 3:9 — The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2:4 — [God our Savior] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Ezekiel 18:29 — “Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’

-Ezekiel 18:30-32 — ...“Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get

yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

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"Great and marvelous are Your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are Your ways,
O King of the saints!"