

Revelation 15: Prelude to Conclude

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 14 Review: Last Call

- Lamb and the First Fruits on Mount Zion
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Revelation 15

I. Prelude to the Bowl Judgments: Tribulation Saints in Heaven

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.**

- **Third Sign in Heaven:** [gr. *semeion*] Lit. "wonder" or "miracle"
- **3 fold sign*** used throughout scripture to "*seal a revelation*"

1. **Woman:** Israel
2. **Dragon:** Satan

Revelation 12:1 Now a great **sign** appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars...**3** And **another sign** appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red **dragon** having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

- **Third Sign in Heaven**

1. **Seven Angels** having
2. **Seven LAST plagues**

} *In Them*
The Wrath of God is Complete

- **Great and Marvelous:** v 3

- **Seven Angels:** Chapter 1. No longer needed to minister to the church in heaven!

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The **seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Revelation 8:2 ...I saw the **seven angels who stand before God**, and to them were given **seven trumpets**.

- **Seven Angels:** Seen later; note these are seven individual angels:

Revelation 17:1 Then **one of the seven angels** who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "**Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot** who sits on many waters

Revelation 21:9 Then **one of the seven angels** who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "**Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

- **Plagues:**

1. **Judicially inflicted pain;** i.e. not sickness
2. Frequently translated "**stripes**"; e.g. Luke 12:47

Luke 12:47 ...that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

3. Also translated "**wound**"

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.**

- **Third Sign in Heaven Continues**

1. Sea of Glass + Fire
2. Tribulation Saints in Heaven
3. Song of Moses
4. Song of the lamb

} You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies... Psalm 23:5

- **"Standing on the Sea":** Overcomers have **access** to the throne

Revelation 4:6 Before the throne there was a **sea of glass, like crystal**. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

- **Tribulation Saints *Standing* after... Victory?**

Revelation 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.

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

- **Redeemed on the Sea of Glass have overcome:**

1. "Wicked one" v 2
2. Wickedness of their enemies
3. Wickedness our their hearts

1 John 5:4 ...whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ **Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

- **Saints** [martyrs] having Harps
- **Music:** Godly or Ungodly?

Godly

Psalms 150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! 2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! 3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with **the lute and harp!** 4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! 5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with **clashing cymbals!** 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

Revelation 5:8 ...then He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, **each having a harp**, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 14:2 ...I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of **harpists playing their harps**.

Ungodly Substitute

Amos 5:23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the **melody of your stringed instruments**.

Revelation 18:22 The sound of **harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters** shall not be heard in you anymore.

- **Motive:** Right lyrics can have a *wrong spirit*:

Acts 16:16 ...a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "**These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.**" 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned

and **said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."** And **he** came out that very hour.

- **Gathered on the Sea of Glass now mingled with Fire**
- **Judgment** Past and Future

2 Peter 3:5 ... [scoffers] willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being **flooded with water**. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word are **reserved for fire** until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

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! 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.**"

II. Song of Moses/ Song of the Lamb: Law, Grace and Judgment of Sin

1. **Song of Moses** [Exodus 15:1-21, Deut. 32:1-43, or and/or Psalm 90]
2. **Song of the Lamb**

➤ **Sin judged at the Red Sea of Egypt:**

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!**

➤ **Sin judged at red sea of Armageddon:**

Revelation 14:20 ...the winepress was trampled outside the city, and **blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles**, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

➤ **Sin was judged at the red sea at the foot of the Cross:**

John 3:14 ...as Moses **lifted up the serpent** in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For **God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He **made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- The "law" can *only show us* we are **guilty**; as a mirror shows us we are dirty:

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for **by the law is the knowledge of sin. [Cult-buster]**

Galatians 2:16 ...a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for **by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**

Galatians 3:24 ...**the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, **we are no longer under a tutor.**

- Jesus does not simply cover our sin, **He takes it away:**

John 1:29 ...John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who **takes away the sin of the world!**

For believers, He took sin [past, present and future] away by being the perfect sacrifice; i.e. keeping the law for us he died in our place...the righteous for the unrighteous or
The Great Exchange...

Colossians 2:13 ...you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us.** And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 1:19 ... it pleased the Father that in Him [Jesus] all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, **yet now He has reconciled**

- **Having made peace?** Between **us** and a Holy Righteous God
- **Both songs [Moses/Lamb]** sung from the Crystal Sea **exalt Jesus Christ**

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the **law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ** [John 1:16]

- **"but"** is not found in the original:

For the law was given through Moses...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Lyrics:

1. Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty

- a) Lord **God Almighty:** Almighty[gr. *pantokrator*] synonym: **omnipotent;** i.e. All Powerful

2. Just and true are Your ways O King of the saints

a) **Judgment** still in view: The Just and True King

Psalm 29:10 The LORD sat **enthroned** at the **Flood**, And the LORD sits as King forever.

3. Who shall not fear you O Lord and glorify Your Name?

Psalm 22:23 You who **fear the LORD**, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, **glorify Him, And fear Him**, all you offspring of Israel!

Isaiah 25:3 Therefore the strong people will glorify You; The city of the terrible nations will fear You.

4. You alone are holy

a) **Holy**: [gr. *Hosios*] stresses absolute **rightness**

5. All Nations shall come and worship before You

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me **every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath**²⁴ **He shall say, ` Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.** To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. ²⁵ In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.”

Philippians 2:10 ...at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,** ¹¹ **and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

6. Your judgments have been manifested

III. Temple Opened in Heaven: Seven Angels with Seven Bowls of Wrath

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

▪ **After these things:**

1. 7 Angels with 7 Plagues seen **in the Temple in Heaven**
2. Tribulation Saints in Heaven standing on the Sea of Glass/Fire
3. Song of Moses/Song of the Lamb

On Earth as it is in Heaven

- The Temple in Heaven **OPENS**
- Temple of the **“Tabernacle of Testimony”**:
- **Tabernacle**: [gr. *skenes*] lit. the Holy of Holies and is where:

1. God met with the High Priest

Exodus 25:22 ...there **I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat**, from between the two cherubim which *are* on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

2. **Arc of the Covenant was kept** inside of which was...
3. **The Testimony:** Ten Commandments written by the Finger of God

Psalms 78:5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And **appointed a law in Israel**, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children...

- Moses was given "**blueprints**" to assemble the earthly Arc and Tables of Stone

Exodus 25:40 And see to it that you make them **according to the pattern** which was shown you on the mountain.

- **The Ark and the tablets were mere shadows** [copies] of their reality in Heaven:

Hebrews 9:23 ...it was necessary that the **copies of the things in the heavens** should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Revelation 11:19 ...the temple of God was **opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant** was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done ***On earth as it is in heaven.***
[Matthew 6:10]

- Preceding and subsequent judgment is based on violation of God's **law**:

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.

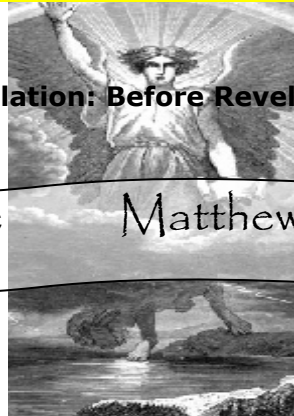
- **7 Angels:** Clothed in bright linen and gold bands around their chests and departing from God's Mercy Seat [Tabernacle]
- **Golden Bands:** Dressed in priestly attire but leaving merciful priestly duties for plagues of judgment
- **7th Trumpet:** Unleashes the Seven Bowl Judgments

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: " We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should

reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ **Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**

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.

- **The Final Phase of the Great Tribulation: Before Revelation 14:1-5 and during Revelation 14:6-20**



Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24 & 25

5th Seal	6th Seal
Dragon Attack	Cosmic Disturbances
Revelation 6 & 12	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:8-28	Matthew 24:28-31
Daniel 7:21, 25 Daniel 12:11	

1st Seal	2nd Seal	3rd Seal	4th Seal
Anti-Christ	War	Famine	Death
Revelation 6 Revelation 13	Revelation 6	Revelation 6	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:4-5	Matthew 24:6-7	Matthew 24:7	Matthew 24:7-8
Dan. 7:8 and Dan.9			

~~Anti Christ Disguised 3 1/2 years~~

Embraced as "Messiah" claiming to bring peace

Abomination

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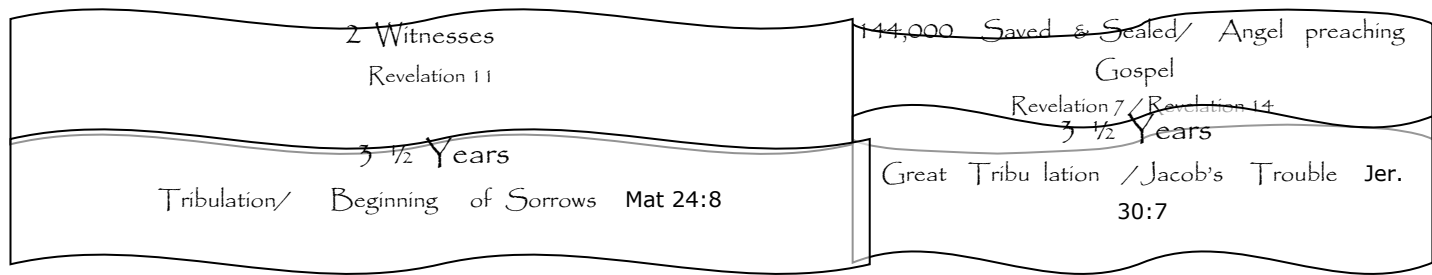
Desolation

**Dan. 11:31-36,
9:27, 12:1**

**Mat. 24:15
Rev. 12:7-9
13:5-6**

~~Anti Christ Revealed 3 1/2 years~~

Martyrdom/Conversion 3+ years



- **Four Living Creatures:** Ezekiel 1:5, 1:15, Revelation 4:6, 4:8, 5:6, 5:8, 5:14, 6:1, 6:6, 7:11, 14:3, 15:7, 19:4
- **Powerful Cherubim** give 7 Bowls of Wrath to the 7 Angels who leave the open Temple in Heaven [v 5]
- **Bowls:** Used in Temple Service; a bowl of blood was taken each year by the High Priest to the Holy of Holies speaking of redemption of sin
- God who lives forever and ever "pouring out wrath": **No Apologies**

Psalm 11:6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind *Shall be the portion of their cup.*

Isaiah 51:17 Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have **drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury**; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, *And drained it out.*

Jeremiah 25:15 For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: "Take this wine **cup of fury from My hand**, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

Ezekiel 23:33 You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, The **cup of horror** and desolation...

Habakkuk 2:16 You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also—drink! And be exposed as uncircumcised! The **cup of the LORD's right hand will be turned against you**, And utter shame will be on your glory.

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.

- **Filled with smoke from:**
 1. **Glory** of God
 2. **Power** of God

Exodus 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Kings 8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy *place*, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD...

Psalm 18:8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

Isaiah 6:4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

- **No one able to enter** UNTIL this Last Judgment is complete
- **Seven Plagues Completed:** [gr. "teleo"] translated "fulfilled" in v. 8 and "finished" in Rev. 10:7
- **Choice:** Me or Jesus? Who will receive God's judgment?

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. ²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. And again, "*The LORD will judge His people.*" ³¹ **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

*...when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"
And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.
[John 19:30]*

Aerial View: Revelation Chapters 1-15

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Chapter 15

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*** Three-Fold Signs:** For **Joseph:** Genesis 37:5-11, 40:8-22, 41:15-40 for **Moses:** Exodus 3:2, 4:2-5, 4:6,7 for **Joshua:** 4:22-24, 6:20, 10:10-14 for **Gideon:** Judges 6:36-40, 7:13-15 for **Saul:** 1 Samuel 10:1-7 for **Elijah:** 1 Kings 19:9-13 for **Elisha:** 2 Kings 2:14,22, 24 for **Hezekiah:** 2 Kings 19:20,29-35, 36:8-11 for **Ezekiel:** Ezekiel 1:1, 3:22,23, 8:4