



Αποκάλυψη  
**REVELATION**

15:1-4

# OUTLINE

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# MAIN POINT

- 🗨️ We begin a section that is a prelude to the final set of judgments
  - 🗨️ Here we have a song of praise for God's deliverance, his justice, and what He is about to do
  - 🗨️ References back to past works and looks forward to future works
  - 🗨️ Understands the power of God and the true righteousness of what is about to happen
- 🗨️ The set of coming judgments are the worst so far
  - 🗨️ And yet, praise is given for them
  - 🗨️ God has been merciful and patient, but the time for judgment has come and God does not take half measures
- 🗨️ Are we thankful when God answers our prayers?
  - 🗨️ Sometimes yes, sometimes no
  - 🗨️ We are commanded to praise God, even when things are bad (**Psalm 42:5, 11; 43:5**)
  - 🗨️ The relationship between our praise to God independent of circumstances and our maturity

# THE VISION



# ANOTHER SIGN IN HEAVEN (V. 1)

👤 The scene has now shifted

- 👤 “and I saw...” is basically a way of doing section breaks in **Revelation**
- 👤 Done dealing with the 144,000 and proclamations to those on the Earth
- 👤 We ended with an announcement of judgment, now things are being prepared
- 👤 Essentially acts as an introduction to the mechanism of judgment moving forward

👤 Two previous signs in Heaven

- 👤 **Revelation 12:1, 3**
- 👤 The Woman and the Dragon

👤 Great and marvelous

- 👤 Often used to refer to the work of God (Thomas v2, p 230)
- 👤 Here it shows the greatness of the mission of these angels
- 👤 They are about to complete the judgments
- 👤 Will bring about fear for those to be judged and will spark singing for those in Heaven

👤 This will culminate the final woe spoken of in **Revelation 9:12**

👤 There is a finality to these judgments expressed in the language

- 👤 Logically means it does not correspond to 70 AD
- 👤 Cannot relate to previous judgments of God or to present events

👤 The bowls are totally filled up. God has had enough and will bring an exact judgment; no more and no less

# STANDING ON THE SEA OF GLASS (V. 2)

👤 We see here the group of martyrs from the Tribulation Period

👤 Will be the third song of praise to God for what He is about to accomplish (see also **Revelation 11:15-18; 14:1-5**)

👤 We see this is a specific set of people; those that followed God and not the Beast

👤 They lived out what they believed

👤 Did not “love their lives to death” (**Revelation 12:11**)

👤 The Sea of Glass

👤 Last seen in **Revelation 4:6**

👤 “the splendor and majesty of God on His throne that set Him apart from all His creation, a separation stemming from His purity and absolute holiness, which He shares with no one else” (Thomas v1, p. 170-1)

👤 Imagery of fire points to the judgment that is about to come

👤 Can see this passage as a fulfillment of the prayer in **Revelation 6:9-11**

👤 This is what the martyrs prayed for

👤 Now they are going to see that prayer answered

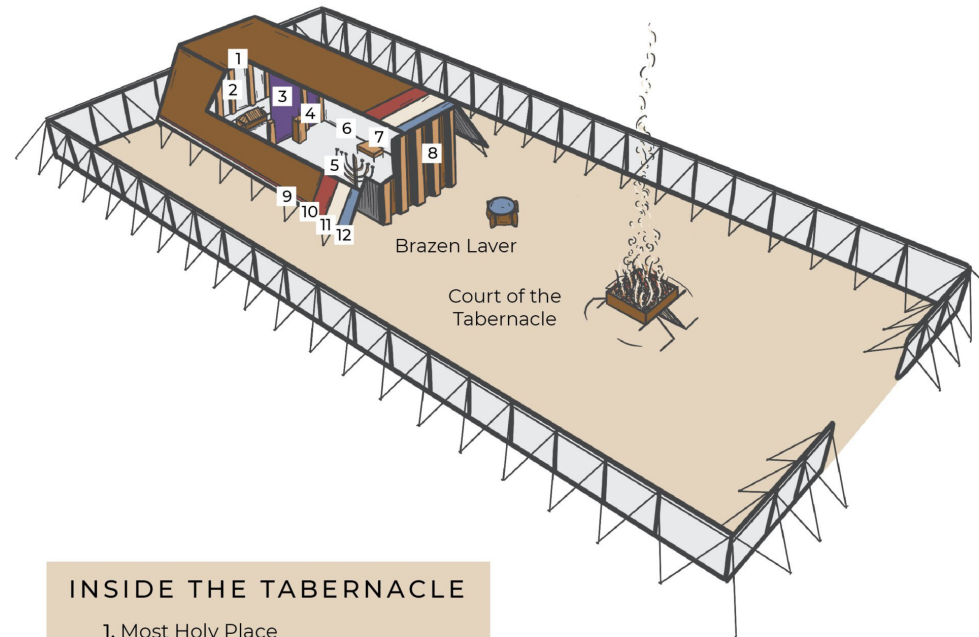
👤 They are standing on the sea?

👤 Similar to Peter in **Matthew 14:24-33?**

👤 Similar to **Exodus 15** with another song sung by the Red Sea

# THE TABERNACLE AND THE THINGS IN IT

## The Tabernacle



### INSIDE THE TABERNACLE

1. Most Holy Place
2. Ark
3. Curtain
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Showbread
8. Outer Curtain

### TABERNACLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen



# THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB (V. 3)

## Reference to:




### Exodus 15

-  Praise to God for delivery from the Egyptians





### Deuteronomy 31-33

-  The righteousness of God's justice and judgments (v. 3-4)
-  God ruling over the Israel/the nations (32:44-33:29)




## In **Revelation**, the parts of the song which deal with disobedience are omitted

-  No idea of that with the overcomes
-  Their sins have been dealt with
-  Could be the implication of a fulfillment of some of these judgments broadly speaking to national Israel which is still on Earth during the Tribulation

## Broadly speaking, there are some striking “rhymes”

-  Israel delivered out of the hand of the world (Egypt) and its ruler (Pharaoh) through judgments
-  Brought into a new land
-  Promised that God will reign over them and the world
-  All predicated on dealing with sin by the death of the Lamb

## Song of the Lamb

-  Unclear if this is one and the same song, or two separate songs (Thomas v2, p. 235)
-  Functionally, probably does not matter
-  Addition of the Lamb could also point back to Passover, which aligns with the above

# PRAISE TO GOD (V. 4)

## 🗨️ Looks forward to inevitable victory

- 🗨️ Stated in the form of a question
- 🗨️ Implies the answer is “no one”
- 🗨️ Common to see this construction in the Bible (e.g. **Revelation 13:4**)

## 🗨️ This is where God has wanted to get everything

- 🗨️ God ruling and reigning on the Earth
- 🗨️ All willingly following after Him
- 🗨️ Establishing the Kingdom (c.f. **Psalm 86:8-10**)

## 🗨️ Cannot refer to the present, and thus defies an allegorical or non-literal interpretation

- 🗨️ Language is in the future-tense and future-looking
- 🗨️ Not something that has happened at the time of John
- 🗨️ Not something that has happened, strictly speaking, at the time of the singers
- 🗨️ Still something that needs to happen... But not before more judgments

## 🗨️ Necessitated by God’s holiness and done by His judgments

- 🗨️ Judgment is the only way left when words, patience, and the demonstration of His love do not work
- 🗨️ God is holy, and those that do not want to be holy, or to have a holy God rule them will get what they wanted

## 🗨️ Full fulfillment will happen at the end of the Millennium

- 🗨️ Will still be a 1,000-year period where people can still choose who to follow
- 🗨️ Ends with a rebellion

# LESSONS FOR US

## 🗣️ Do we give thanks to God when He answers our prayers

- 🗣️ Based on my own data collection, I think the modern American Church is very bad at this
- 🗣️ Why would God answer our prayers when this is how we treat Him?

## 🗣️ Do we respond more to mercy or judgment?

- 🗣️ Those in the Church?
- 🗣️ The rest of the world?
- 🗣️ **Exodus 3:1-4**

## 🗣️ A review of our own history to understand the deliverance of God

- 🗣️ Our national history has been abused by the world and (in my mind) narrowly misunderstood by the Church
- 🗣️ Understand family history and what God has done there
- 🗣️ Make sure we pass this on to future generations
  - 🗣️ The problems they face are very different than the problems you faced
  - 🗣️ Don't just look down on them and what they are going through; you will lose them if you do