

time to engage in our Sunday morning study. We're in the book of [Revelation](#). So if you're Bibles to chapter 15, yes we concluded chapter 14 last week and this is a fairly short chapter. In fact it's the shortest chapter in the book of [Revelation](#), the 15 chapter.

There's only eight verses so we're definitely going to get through this today. And what I want you to do is to follow along with me and again you can open your Bible, there will also have it up on the screen here. If you want to go ahead and take it through at first and then Lancel switch back over from my PowerPoint. But let's read through these verses first and then we'll break them down and just mine the riches of God's Word today for its historical content and then for what it means for us today, the application for our lives.

Book of [Revelation](#), the 15 chapter beginning in verse one we find this. Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels holding the seven last plagues which would bring God's wrath to completion. I saw before me what seemed to be a glassy mixed with fire and on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name.

They were all holding harps that God had given them and they were seeing the song of Moses, the servant of God and the song of the Lamb. Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, Delmighty. Just in true or your ways, O King of the nations, who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name for you alone or Lord, all nations will come and worship before you for your righteous deeds have been revealed. In verse five we find then I looked and saw that the temple in heaven and God's tabernacle was thrown wide open.

The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the temple and they were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chest. Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. The temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power and no one could enter the temple until the seven angels and completed pouring out the seven plagues. Again we continue to see kind of ominous setting, right?

God is pouring out his wrath on a fallen world and as we transition into really looking at the depth of that today I want to reflect quickly on where we were at last week in chapter 14. We looked at the reality that an old hymn that many of us are familiar with called the Battle of Him of the Republic was really part of this was taken from this particular book of the Bible and for this particular chapter and we quoted that so the reality is no matter what is going on in the world and just like Tommy reading today about God's power no matter what's happening guess what God's truth is marching on period. God will accomplish what he intends what he wills to do so reflecting again on the first verse of that song mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He's trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored again that is what we saw last week in chapter 14 is it projected forward to what would happen at the Battle of Armageddon concluding the Seventh Week of [Daniel](#).

He has loose the faithfuls lightning of his terrible swift sword and his truth is marching on it's neat to know too that that Jesus is who the truth he's a truth the way in the life so he will continue and he will accomplish all he intends to so all we can do in our humanity is simply sing glory glory hallelujah and again remember in the Hebrew

language that the equivalent of that glory would be wow and the hallelujah means praise the Lord so wow wow praise the Lord he's he's so awesome in his scope and his ability the reality is folks his truth is marching on and his ability to accomplish all he intends to and your life through his word and through his spirit is marching on we just have to embrace the truth of God's word submit alive to him and walk with him now in transitioning now to [Revelation](#) chapter 15 I want to set it up by sharing this with you in our study at several places here in the word of God in the book of [Revelation](#) we've seen the uniqueness of some of the approach to God communicating truth with us for example we just came out of what's called a parenthetical section with chapter 12 13 and 14 and what that means is that God was just giving us additional information and in fact in chapter 14 again we we looked at the reality of what's going to happen at Armageddon so as we jump into 15 now we're going to pick up and God is going to even give us greater detail that's going to lead to ultimately the stage being set for Armageddon and we'll also see a pray lude to chapter 16 in which we see the seven balls the seven balls being poured out in judgment upon the earth and the conclusion of those seven balls it will conclude the 70th week of [Daniel](#) so that kind of sets things up so chapter 15 again as a pray lude through the judgment coming through the seven balls and remember there's already been what the seal judgments the seven seals which were the first judgments and then they were the seven Trump judgments and now the pray lude to the seven bowl judgments and it's important to remember this too that and I mentioned this before we think of those judgments like the telescope before you open a telescope this one part looks like one part right so that would have been the seven seals out of the seven seal when Jesus broke it the seven seal the seven the first trumpet came out of that so that would be the next section of the telescope is part of the telescope but it comes out of that so the the first trumpet and the trumpet judgments came out of the seal judgments when the seventh trumpet was blown then the bowl judgments come out of the trumpet judgments so that's what we're seeing here so that last extension of the telescope is now about to stick out there and we're going to see the totality of these judgments so let's turn our attention now chapter 15 beginning in verse one and look at this in more depth [John](#) said this as he was inspired by Holy Spirit then I saw in heaven speaking of [John](#) right another marvelous event of great significance some of your translations will just say great or marvelous event and that Greek word is Samion or St. Mino and it really is something of great significance and that's exactly what [John](#) is seeing here and again if we can only be in his shoes I think we'd have the same attitude just wow I can't believe Lord everything you're giving me the privilege to see going on here I'm sure especially for a man living in the first century AD not knowing the technology and what we know now how that must have blown his mind to see the future and stuff that is still to happen that we haven't seen yet so marvelous event with great significance seven angels were holding what the seven last plagues which would bring God's wrath to completion you see the significance are you see the mention of what sevens again seven angels seven plagues we know in God's word when we see numerology sometimes that it is relevant in this case the seven it can either mean some some case that it can mean completion or perfection this case it does speak of completion so God assign seven angels who will be using the role of pouring out these bulls that will issue for these last seven plagues and that will bring God's wrath to completion now looking at that issue by the way of the plagues you're gonna see again the emphasis on stepping very he break very Jewish here again we've talked about that all through the study of the book of [Revelation](#) isn't interesting that after chapter three and there's no mention of the Ecclesia the church anymore that all of a sudden things get very Jewish why because it's the 70th week of [Daniel](#) the time of Jacob's trouble and God is dealing with Israel primarily he's dealing with the entire world but he's going to finish his program the nation of Israel and again you see that spoken forth here today the issue

of the plagues think back and we'll see even more of this let's save that I'm gonna talk about the plague issue and we talk about the song of Moses and you'll see where I'm going with that at that point time but when it says God's wrath I think it's important to understand in its context what God has communicated to us here in the New Testament in in that language in the Greek language of the New Testament there are two words for the word wrath one of those words means an anger but from a settled disposition now parents have you ever been angry with your kids but it's is from a settled disposition I mean you you've kind of watched them what they're doing you've given enough rope to hang themselves if you will and so you're upset with them but it's from a settled disposition I mean it's controlled and God's anger and wrath is always controlled there's that element but what we see here is a wrath that is like a flashpoint wrath and your kids ever pushed you to the point all right that's it and it's not from a settled disposition but all right and bring it a hammer down kind of a thing okay maybe that's not a great illustration but I think you know what I mean that's what we're seeing here this wrath is not so much from that settled disposition it's God's anger flashing hot it's like who it is on and God is bringing forth his wrath so this is incredible intensity in the wrath that God is pouring out and it brings this wrath through completion in verse two we find this I saw before me what seemed to be a glassy mixed with fire now remember he says what seemed to be okay it's descriptive it doesn't necessarily mean it is but it seemed to be a glassy mixed with fire now it's interesting because back in chapter four when we had that incredible vision when [John](#) was first caught up to heaven and he saw the four living beings four living creatures and the 24 elders before the throne of God he also saw this unique environment with the sea of glass okay what I'm just saying here is a [John](#) is seeing what seemed to be like a sea of glass mixed with what with fire now that's interesting now that could be speaking of the fact that God is bringing judgment because with fire there's a connotation a lot of times in scripture of God burning stuff up for one thing I mean it is judgment in some cases okay and in terms of us as Christians there's a refining fire that God employs and are lies so an interesting thing could be here the what he's seeing is this issue of speaking forth of the sea of glass but I want to show something here that to tie this all together when it says in the next line and on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name now those are those who rejected Antichrist rejected the enemy's plan had embraced Jesus most of them were probably martyr some of these guys remained alive with the majority of these guys I'm sure were martyr and they did not take the number of the beast they did not worship the enemy and so we see a picture here of them standing on what on the sea of glass now we've all heard the Tom terminology of standing on the word of God this interesting to note here that for those in the first century especially from the Jewish culture all of this stuff would have spoken to their hearts and their lies because of their familiarity with their culture and the temple and we're gonna see more of that as we move through here and of course in the temple setting there's the labor and in the labor there's water for purification for washing now God's word tells us in [Ephesians](#) chapter 5 that the washing of the water of the word is something that we need right it has this cleansing effect in our lives now we're cleansed from the sin by the blood of the lamb but one of the very important elements of studying God's word and daily taking God's word in is this cleansing element of a purifying your mind you know what we're inundated with the garbage from this world in our senses through our eyes and through our ears and the washing of God's word really does purify it has an incredibly cleansing and purifying effect so some scholars believe this could be speaking into fact that these guys are standing on the word of God if you will and that represents that sea of glass his word and it's all because they did not give into the enemy but they hold it they held fast to the truth of God and they were committed to him and it says that they were all holding harps that God had given

them now it's interesting that to this point the people who had worshiped God like with harps had been the 24 elders knows in a unique position but these guys are blessed to be able to worship God with harps and actually that's the the Greek word for liar so it's actually more like a guitar which which I dig that guitar that's good stuff you know they know they're gonna be guitars and heaven there are now so I went I just don't know if they're electric or not I guess we'll see when we get there right so in the next verse we find this in verse three okay and they were singing so this is that group that was standing on that sea of glass right and they were singing what the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb now this is not two separate songs folks we have them singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb what's significant about that well again looking at God's word we know that the song of Moses or Moses is tied directly to the law to the Tanakh and the Torah first five books of the Old Testament specifically to the law and God's provision through that and it's important to understand that even under the covenant that an old covenant that it's always been by grace all the Old Testament saints are gonna be in heaven guess wow not by works but by grace as well they were under an older covenant or an old covenant and under the new covenant the covenant of the Lamb we see this perfect marriage of law in God's love okay and we understand as Christians now under the new covenant that the log says to point out our sinful nature and that we can't even begin to keep the law we can't even begin to keep 613 mitzvahs let alone all the rabbinical writings that that man threw on top of that in the mission in the Talmud and those kind of things and that's why the religious leaders of Jesus' day had so screwed up they had removed themselves from God's word and they were leaning more on the commentaries of the rabbi to the centuries and they had moved away from God's truth and in fact we saw Wednesday night in our study that Jesus told the people look obey the Pharisees as long as they're teaching from the law of Moses but don't live the way that they do because they're hypocrites but obey truth and under the new covenant thank God for his grace thank God for his love that's been poured out so they're singing this song the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb and I think something else that just spoke to my heart and my study over this when I think of the song of Moses when I think of the children of Israel I think about the [Exodus](#) and when they were coming out of a bondage in Egypt what was it that was the camel that broke the straws back so to speak with Pharaoh it was the plague that brought death to the first born but what kept the first born of all the Jewish people alive it was the blood of the Lamb on the doorposts remember and probably in a cross shape the top and the sides isn't that beautiful what a beautiful picture so what a great connection to from the song of Moses God delivered the nation of Israel and you can read and [Exodus](#) 15 that beautiful section of God's word we don't have time to do that today but I would recommend that you do that and also an [Exodus](#) 32 just beautiful and they're just seeing songs of worship to God and of course we in the new covenant have the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ applied to our lives and reborn again by his spirit and we should join our hearts seeing this as they said great and marvelous are your works oh Lord God the Almighty is that awesome oh Lord God remember that Lord Kuryos which is the Hebrew equivalent of Yahweh God which is the us that's the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Elohim so we see you could say oh Yahweh Elohim and then the Almighty else should I he is Almighty so great and marvelous are your works oh Lord God the Almighty just and true are your ways oh King of the nations so they're giving him praise and adoration and verse four we find who will not fear you Lord and glorify your name now against the backdrop of what will be happening during that time frame with the judgments of God being poured out the power of God manifested in a way like the world has never seen man what a time that people should fear the Lord right that they should have that sense of awe and reverence for God but they should be quaken in their boots too because of the judgment that will come upon them if they neglect so great a

salvation who will not fear you Lord and glorify your name that should be the case in all of our lives for you alone or holy God says I will not share my glory with another God's word says repeatedly the within the triunity of the God had Father Son Holy Spirit there is only one God neither thus shall be after him he alone is God and he alone is holy and all nations will come and worship before you for your righteous deeds have been revealed so God and his majesty his righteous deeds are being revealed and he is dealing righteously with the God rejecting world and at this point in stage folks the chance that anybody left on earth at that point in time or except Jesus is pretty much new all of these people have taken what who rejected God have already taken the [Mark](#) of the beast the ones who rejected that were martyred and they were standing on that crystal with the last seed before God's presence now it's interesting to note here that says all nations will come and worship before you when Jesus establishes his millennial throne and his kingdom on earth for a thousand years all the nations of the earth will come and worship him we will come to worship Jesus in Jerusalem as he sits on the throne of David isn't that amazing to know that praise the Lord for that so speaking actually predictive of that as well in verse five it says this then I looked and saw that the temple in heaven God's tabernacle was thrown white open the temple in heaven was thrown white open you know an interesting thing about that is that this is a literal temple some people wonder if it's just again symbolic and what it's speaking of we know that God's word tells us next is 25 in [Hebrews](#) chapter 8 verse 9 that the earthly temple that God had built was actually a model of the heavenly one the heavenly one was the reality and these were just models that were built so out of the temple in heaven which is God's tabernacle and that that speaks of God's presence residing in that holy place even though he's omnipresent that's one of his attributes his spirit is everywhere his holy presence also resides in the tabernacle and it was thrown white open so man what a dramatic image that must be the [John](#) saw in verse 6 it says this then the seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the temple so it was time and it's going to be time for those seven angels given that assignment with their bowls to come out with those seven plagues now again thinking about what we just looked into with Moses and a song of Moses reflecting back on God's deliverance for the people the nation of Israel that's what God did with didn't he pour out plagues on Egypt on which is actually representative if you will of the world for you and I when we're in the world it's like we're in Egypt when we're delivered and we come out of bondage we accept Jesus Christ we go into the we're supposed to go into the promise land and by the way you know what I don't want to get into it in two depth but the promised land is not heaven did you know that a lot of people think the promised land is heaven no it's not the promised land is what you and I enter into it point of salvation it's whether or not we walk in it the fullness of it and the most of the Jewish people especially that first generation they didn't did they they didn't walk in the promises they had been delivered from bondage but they didn't walk in the fullness of God's promise because they didn't walk by faith they didn't truly trust him they didn't truly live the life promised land is for you and I to walk into now and I'm not talking about some mement and claim that that God will give you a million dollars if you're talking about it we're talking first and foremost about the deep rich intimate relationship you can have with God and how God can move and do mighty and amazing things in and through your life to bring him glory and praise okay no I don't want to like I said you're going to hold different study on that and perhaps who will sometime but that ties that those plagues and they come out of the temple look what it says then they were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chest now when we see in the book of [Revelation](#) whether it's the angels frankly or those who are God's people saints and they're covered in this white linen it speaks of the purity they have before God and why because they're covered in God's righteousness that's what that's speaking of so these angels represent God's

righteousness by the white linen and they are on an especially assignment here verse seven says this in then one of the four living beings as they come out of the the tabernacle and the temple one of the four living beings and we saw them again in chapter four was their introduction to us except for back in [Ezekiel](#) by the way in the Old Testament then one of the four living beings handed each of these seven angels a gold bowl filled with what the wrath of God and again that word wrath in this case is that is that intense flashpoint anger but it's rightly projected upon a God rejecting sinful world those seven angels will hold those bowls some of your translations for example the King [James](#) says vials and you know I love the King [James](#) but that really is a poor translation actually of the Greek language because let me let me describe this to you really it is it is more like a bowl it's actually more like a saucer okay and in fact in the temple sacrifices and so like that the libations but they would do they would have these these saucers than they would actually use them as part of their service so it's almost like a dish okay now think about it which pours out more quickly if you had a pop bottle and you had a full and you were born it out or something that's vialshaped okay it's gonna take a little while to blow blow blow blow you know how that works but when you've got that saucer shape like that that more plate like and that's what these bowls are like how quick can you pour that out and it's like there it is and that's exactly what that's speaking of the intensity of God's wrath will be poured out intensely and quickly and just as I had mentioned before there had been the seal judgments the trumpet judgments and now the bowl judgments every time folks the scope and the intensity of the judgment is greater it's more severe and it's more intense and more people are affected it's really something else that's occurring here let's read that verse one more time then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with a wrath of God who lives forever and ever and I want to just reiterate again God is not like some people think just vengeful entity or character that just loves to white people have contrary to that he is full of love and grace and mercy he is patient he has been so patient waiting for people to turn to him but because of his righteousness and his character at the appointed time the world deserves this judgment God would love nothing more than not to have to pour out his judgment on the world but the world chooses that judgment because it rejects his grace that's why and you've heard me say this a thousand times if you ever have somebody tell you I can't believe in a loving God who would send people to hell a loving God doesn't send people to hell they choose to go there because they reject the provision that God has given to his grace for eternal life that's the only reason anybody spends eternity in hell is because they choose to reject God's grace for whatever reason and they have that opportunity to Holy Spirit works on the heart of each person to bring them of a place to understand that they're a sinful creature and to understand that God has a provision for eternal salvation and also God has a plan of judgment as well that's part of the role the Holy Spirit in our lives so nobody will have an excuse before God so praise the Lord I hope and pray this morning that you know that your eternity is settled that you know that the moment you draw your last breath like like do we out what did this last week you draw your last breath that you're gonna spend eternity with Jesus that you will leave this world immediately be in this presence because you have a relationship with him because you've been born again and verse 8 the concluding verse of this chapter and and we're gonna segue out of this into communion today by the way it's the first Sunday of the month so we're going to have communion and we'll have a couple of the leadership guys serve that but leading into that we see this incredible aspect of this and again trying to be in [John](#)'s place and take all of this in would have been amazing the temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power now of course whether that is you know figurative or literal something is happening here where God's presence is manifested in a unique way that to [John](#) it appears like it's some sort of smoke in this unique thing now this happened in the old

covenant this happened in the Old Testament and it was referred to as a Shekina some people call it the Shikina but it's the Shekina the this manifest unique presence of God and his glory in a given situation and there's the Shekina presence of God in this unique place and time and his glory and his power are just wow again we can reflect back to the the chorus to the battle him of the Republic glory glory Halloween right wow wow praise the Lord and that's what he's seeing here just that Shekina that manifest power of God's glory and his power and it says this that no one could enter the temple into the presence of God in this unique place until the seven angels had completed pouring out seven plagues no one could enter in the presence of God through that uniquely intense time and by the way yet that's future right it hasn't happened yet so that is going to happen at some point in time and again we see the issue of the sevens again and the seven plagues and it says what they were completed that means that God is going to just bring to a conclusion is outpouring of wrath upon the world at that point in time and that's what's happening through chapter 16 so next week as we jump into chapter 16 we're going to expand it more we're going to see Armageddon there we're going to see more detail about what is happening with these seven balls being poured out during that time frame what a uniquely amazing study this is and again I just pray that in our mind that the Holy Spirit can show us the dramatic issue of what's happening here and as we transition by the way from this thinking about about our communion service today thinking about Bill can you get that light behind you Mr.