

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 15

Another Angel

- John lets us know that we are nearing the **climactic events** that round out the drama ...
- God's seven angels are "**holding the last seven plagues**" of the Apocalypse.
- Rome's **refusal to repent** left God with no alternative.
- He will visit His **full wrath** on the nation.
- His wrath will be "**finished**."

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Revelation 15:2

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4:6

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God."

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5:8; 14:2;
15:2

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The Victors Over the Beast!

- John sees the saints who have died as **martyrs** in the Roman persecution.
- They were:
 - Standing "**On the sea of glass mingled with fire**" (**suffering**)
 - "**Having harps of God**" to give praise to God
 - Moving closer to the throne

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- Rome had intended to **destroy** these people.
- Yet, here they **stand in victory!**
- God has **brought them through** their ordeal!
- They're standing in His **very presence!**
- **WHAT ARE THEY DOING?** cf. Chapters 4-5

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Revelation 15:3

cf. Exodus
15:11

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages."

Psalms 92:5;
98:1; 145:17

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cf. Exodus 15:11; Revelation 13:4,7

"Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest."

Psalms 86:9; Jeremiah 10:7



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Song of Victory!

- They sing the **Song of Moses and the Lamb!** Exodus 15:1,11
- **Moses and Jesus** – two great deliverers!
 - Christ is our spiritual deliverer, and Moses was Israel's physical deliverer when **he brought them out of Egypt.**
 - Jesus led New Testament Israel out of **Roman oppression!**
- God's righteous judgment is praised; the battle is not just between **Rome and the saints** – but between **God and the dragon!**

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Song of Victory!

- Part of the song praises the **awesome power** God displayed in dealing **righteously** with the nations of men!
- The same words are found in **Psalms 92:5; 98:1; and 145:17.**
- Some believe a loving God has no spirit of vengeance – this is **WRONG!** (cf. Romans 3:23-26; 12:19; Hebrews 10:30-31).
 - He gives every opportunity of repentance (2 Peter 3:9), but judgment will come (cf. Romans 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

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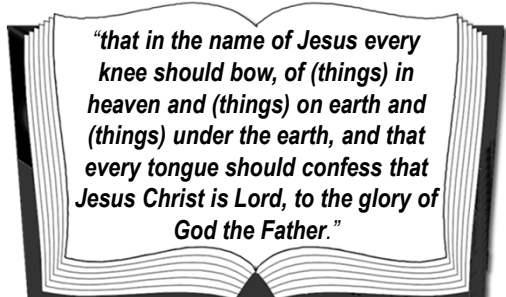
Song of Victory!

- These martyrs seem to know the purpose for the **"bowls of wrath."**
- No longer seeking delay, they know the time of **God's patience** is over!
- **"For you alone are holy."** Only God – not the emperor – deserves praise and honor!
- Evil carries with it the **"seeds"** of its own **destruction** – it always has; it always will!

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Compare: Philippians 2:10-11

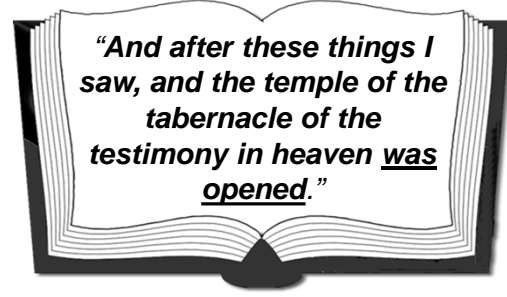
"that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of (things) in heaven and (things) on earth and (things) under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



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"And after these things I saw, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened."



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"and there came out from the temple the seven angels that had the seven plagues, arrayed with (precious) stone, pure (and) bright, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles."

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"And one of the four living creatures gave unto the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."

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"And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished."

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Commissioning the Seven Angels

- The **seven angels** appeared ...
- Where **were** they?
 - God's inner sanctuary – "temple"
 - Came out from God's presence
- How were they dressed?
 - "White linen – clean and bright from serving God"
 - "Girded in golden girdles"

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Commissioning the Seven Angels

- The **seven angels** appeared ...
- What were they **given**?
 - Each received a golden bowl "full of the wrath of God" (total)
 - Given to each by one of the living creatures
- The **smoking temple**
 - Solemnity of the occasion
 - No more opportunity to repent
 - No more mediation – judgment accomplished!

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- Christ's overthrow of Rome is seen as a **judgment from God** – not an accident.
- Angels appeared – pure and spotless – dressed in beautiful apparel due to the **holiness of their mission**.
 - They executed **God's wrath** on the evil doers
- **Four living creatures** delivered the seven bowls of wrath to the angels.
- God's wrath is as **pure** as His love!

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- God's wrath "**poured out.**"
– Hosea 5:10; Romans 9:22
- The sanctuary filled with **smoke** from the glory of God's power!
- The smoke symbolized **divine majesty.**
– Exodus 19:11; 1 Kings 8:10,11; Isaiah 6:4
- **God's presence** in all His glory and power
- He'll carry out judgment against the **false prophet, the beast,** and those who **bear his mark!**

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- No one "**ripe for judgment**" can enter the sanctuary.
- **Repentance** time has passed!
- God is **longsuffering**, but His patience can run out. (cf. 2 Peter 3)
- Indeed, it is a fearful thing "*to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Hebrews 10:29, 31).
- Once the **hour of judgment** arrives, it will be too late to seek divine mercy – the **door will be shut!**
– Matthew 25:10-13