

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"The Outpouring of God's Justice"

Revelation 15:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. God acts swiftly and justly in carrying out His sentence against the guilty.
 - a) His actions come in the focus of the last set of 7 Judgments to be loosed upon the earth.
 - 1) Revelation 15-16
2. Chronologically speaking, the Seal Judgments may take several years to unfold, while the Trumpet Judgments come much more quickly!!!
3. The Bowl Judgments are the most rapid of all.
 - a) These Bowl Judgments occur in a rapid fire sequence @ the end of the Tribulation.
4. Chapters 15 & 16 reveal the last things that will happen on the earth prior to the return of Christ in Revelation 19:11.

I. ANOTHER SIGN IN HEAVEN

1. Vs 1
 - a) *"Then I saw another sign in Heaven"*
2. What were the other signs in heaven?
 - a) **Revelation 12:1**
 - b) **Revelation 12:3**
 - c) **Revelation 15:1**
3. No one likes to contemplate such horrible events as the Book of Revelation and prophecy describes.
 - a) **LISTEN UP!!!** Ignoring these events won't make them less severe or make them go away!!!
4. However, these Judgments are consistent with God's character.
 - a) God is Holy and Just and Righteous.
5. For all of human history God has been stretching out His hand of **Grace and Mercy** to the human race with offers of compassion and forgiveness.

6. Those who are judged with the severe judgments during the Tribulation are judged because they have failed to respond to God's Gospel of Grace.

7. Vs 1

a) "**Seven angels with seven plagues**"

1) "**plague**" - means "**blow**" or "**wound**"

2) These are blows that will strike the earth with killing impact.

b) "**which are the last**"

1) "**last**" - Gk: "**eschatos**" - last things

2) Eschatology is the study Last Things.

II. THE TRANSLUCENT SEA OF GOD'S HOLINESS

1. Vs 2

a) "**what appeared to be a sea of glass**"

1) That's a picture of the **Translucent Crystal Platform** before God's Throne.

b) "**mingled with fire**"

2. The tranquil beauty of the sea **was mixed with the fire of God's judgment**, which was about to be poured out on earth.

3. Vs 2

a) "**and also those who conquered...**"

1) Those are the believers, those who got saved during the Tribulation and who were unwilling to bow before the Antichrist.

4. Their Victory - They were slain for their faithfulness to Jesus.

a) Their Victory landed them in Heaven.

b) Revelation 13:1-10

5. Part of their reward was that they were given harps to play!!

a) I used to think Harps were standard issue.

b) But these harps were given to those were Martyred during the Tribulation.

6. The Sea of Glass is designed to reflect the Glory of God.

a) The Sea of Translucent Chrystal speaks of the Divine Judgment of God.

7. John saw a Transparent Chrystal Platform before God's Throne shimmering and glassy like a Tranquil Sea.

a) **Exodus 24:10**

b) **Ezekiel 1:22**

III. THE SONG OF MARTYRED TRIBULATION SAINTS

1. Vs 3

a) *"the Song of Moses"*

2. *Exodus 14:30-31* (First recorded song in the Bible)

a) *Deuteronomy 32:39-43*

1) These are the words Moses wrote just before the end of his life.

3. Vs 4

a) The Tribulation saints can see that God, in the Bowl Judgments is about to let loose of the Seven Final Judgments upon His Enemies.

4. FOUR THEMES SEEN IN THIS BRIEF SONG

a) HIS WORKS

1) Vs 3

"Great and amazing are your deeds"

2) Worship in the O.T. always encompasses God's works.

a. What He has done worship

b) HIS WAYS

1) Vs 3b

a. *"just and true are your ways"*

b. *"O King of the Nations"*

c) HIS WRATH

1) Vs 4

a. *"For you alone are holy"*

b. Why? Because of the Manifestation of His Judgments.

d) HIS WORSHIP

1. Vs 4

a. *"All the nations will come and worship you"*

IV. THE HOLY OF HOLIES IN THE HEAVENLY TABERNACLE

1. Vs 5

a) *"after this I looked"*

2. Vs 5

a) *"the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened"*

1) This is the inner sanctuary where God's presence dwells.

3. Vs 6

a) *"and out of the sanctuary (tabernacle) came seven angels with seven plagues"*

4. In the Holy of Holies is where the Judgment of God took place.

a) This is the place where God's Judgment for sin was satisfied.

5. Vs 6b

a) *"clothed in pure, bright linen with golden sashes around their chests"*

6. Vs 7

7. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

8. There on Calvary God poured out His Cup of burning anger down to the last drop, undiluted on His only Son.

9. There on Calvary Jesus drank the Cup of God's wrath!!!

a) Why? So that He could extend the Cup of Fellowship with us. WOW

1) **Romans 8:1**

V. THE SEVEN VIALS OF WRATH

1. Vs 7

2. These Vials or Bowls were likely shaped like small frying pans.

a) Like censers used to burn incense

3. **Chapter 16**

a) Each of these Bowls was filled with the wrath of God.

VI. THE GLORY OF GOD

1. Vs 8

2. **Exodus 19:18**

3. **Leviticus 16:12-13**

4. **2 Timothy 3:16**