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## BIBLE STUDY .

**COURSE OUTLINE:** REVELATION 15: 1- 8.

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**NEXT WEEK:** REVELATION 16: 1:24.

**COURSE TITLE:** THE PRELUDE TO THE BOWL OF JUDGMENT.

**15:1** Chapter 15 is the shortest chapter in the book of Revelation with only 8 verses. It is the introduction to the seven bowl judgments of chapter 16. This chapter predicts what will go on in heaven just before the final judgment falls.

John saw “another sign” (Rev. 15:1) which when looked back to Rev.12: 1-2 reflects the symbolism of the woman and the dragon. This will be the third of the **three great signs in heaven**. As previously studied, the first sign is the **sun clothed woman – Israel** (Rev 12:1), the **second sign is the great dragon – Satan** (Rev 12:3), and now is the third sign: “**the seven angels with the seven last plagues**” (Rev. 15.1).

The wrath of God which began with the **seven seals (Rev. chapter 6)**, will be finished with the last seven plagues (**Rev. chapter 15**). The seven last plagues will bring out the **full wrath of God, which will bring about the fall of Satan and his devilish crew**. The seven last plagues will be **God’s final warnings to an unrepentant world**. When these plagues are over, those who have not made a decision to **accept God through Jesus Christ will stand before the judgment of unbelievers and perish**.

**Rev 15:2 “A sea of glass”** was mentioned in Rev. 4:6 as a place of worship before the throne of God. The sea of glass in this verse is seen mingled with fire, which is often a **sign of God’s judgment**. The fire shows that the **wrath of God acting in judgment has reached its zenith (highest point)**

The sea of glass also serves as the Lord’s victory stand for “all of His overcomers”. Those who have the victory over the beast are “**believing martyrs**” **who did not love their lives more than Jesus (Rev. 12:11)**.

**Rev 15: 3-4:** The Tribulation saints will sing two songs: **(1) The Song of Moses & (2) The song of the Lamb.** The song of Moses is a reference to Exodus 15: 1 – 18, **in which Israel celebrated its deliverance from Egyptian bondage;** specifically from Pharaoh's army (Exodus 14).

The song of the Lamb celebrates the **ultimate deliverance of Gods' people from the power of Satan.** **The Tribulation Saints** praise and worship God for his power and His righteousness.

**Rev 15: 5.6:** **The temple of the tabernacle is opened and reveals the majestic presence of the Lord.** Those who reject the grace and the mercy God offered through the death, burial, and resurrection, will be judged under the law (The Ten Commandments).

**The seven angels (Rev 15:6)** come forward to administer the last seven Tribulation judgments of Christ. **The seven vials (Rev. 16: 1-17, Rev 17:1, & Rev. 21:9).** The vials are actually shallow bowls used for pouring libations. (Rev.5:8, Jer. 52:8, 1 Cor. 28:17, Zech. 9:15 & Zech. 14:20).

The bowls are **full of the wrath of God (2 Tess. 2: 7-9).** God has the right to judge because **He is the Eternal One, the Almighty.** The angels clothed in "white linen" **"signify purity" & righteousness.** These angels are representative of **SPOTLESS JUSTICE.**

**Rev 15: 7-8:** The seven golden vials (bowls) of wrath recall the similar golden bowls in Rev. 5:8; that holds **incense, representing the prayer of the saints.**

The smoke that fills the temple is the manifestation of **God's glory and power.** **Judgment was now irreversible with no place for intercession (Lamentation 3: 44)**

## **A BREIF OVERVIEW OF REVELATION 15.**

- The third great sign John saw was the seven angels carrying the **seven last plagues, which will complete God's wrath ( Revelation 15:1).**
- Standing beside the sea of glass mixed with fire will be those who are **victorious over the Antichrist.** They will receive harps and sing about the deeds of Christ (Revelation 15:2-4).
- Those who overcome the Antichrist will sing the **"song of the Lamb". They will sing about His marvelous deeds, His just & true ways, and His holiness ( Revelation 15: 3-4).**
- Anyone who rejects Christ and His gift of eternal life **will be judged according to the Law of Moses – THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Revelation 15:5).**
- When the heavenly temple opens, the seven angels with the seven plagues will come out of it. Once the angels leave the temple, **smoke from God's glory will fill the temple, & the time of intercession will have passed for anyone to take advantage of.** God will now act in judgment as an expression of His character & authority.