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REVELATION 15

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in them the wrath of God is complete.

[REV 15:1]



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1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and wonderful: seven angels having the seven last plagues. For in them is filled up the wrath of God.

I saw in heaven

DAN 6:27, He delivers and rescues, And *He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth*, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Another... sign

DEUT 29:2-4, Moses called all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land ³*the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders*. ⁴"Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.

Great and marvelous sign

MARK 12:10-11, "Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. ¹¹This was the Lord's doing, And *it is marvelous in our eyes*'?"

Seven angels

HEB 2:4-5, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? ⁵For *He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels*.

Seven last plagues

DEUT 28:58-61, "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, ⁵⁹*then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues-great and prolonged plagues-and serious and prolonged sicknesses*. ⁶⁰"Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. ⁶¹"Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the Lord bring upon you until you are destroyed.

Because

2CHR 34:20-21, the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, ²¹"Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out on us, *because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord*, to do according to all that is written in this book".

God's wrath is completed

ZEPH 3:6-11, ...⁸"wait for Me," says the Lord, "Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations To My assembly of kingdoms, *To pour on them My indignation, All my fierce anger*; All the earth shall be devoured With the fire of My jealousy...;

ISA 57:16, *I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry*; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made.

CONSIDER THIS —

Has our perception changed? Will it?

DEUT 29:2-4, Moses called all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land ³*the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders*. ⁴"Yet *the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive* and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.



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2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had overcome the beast, and his image, and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God:

I saw

1KING 22:17, he said, "*I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the Lord said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace'.*"

What looked like

1COR 13:9-13, For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now *we see in a mirror, dimly*, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Like a sea of glass

REV 4:6, *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal;*

Water in the temple as in —

EXO 40:7-12, you shall set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and *put water in it.* ⁸"You shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen at the court gate...

¹¹"And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it. ¹²"Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of meeting and wash them with water;

HEB 10:19-22, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and *our bodies washed with pure water.*

Mixed with fire

MARK 9:47-50, if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire ⁴⁸where "Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched." ⁴⁹"For *everyone will be seasoned with fire*, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ⁵⁰"Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another".

Those who had been victorious

1JON 5:3-6, this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And *this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith...*

Over the beast

1JON 2:13-15, I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because *you have overcome the wicked one.* I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. ¹⁴I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world.

CONSIDER THIS —

How long will God's wrath last?

ISA 57:16, *I will not contend forever*, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made.

Over... [the beast's] image

2KING 11:17-19, Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord, the king, and the people, that they should be the Lord's people, and also between the king and the people. ¹⁸And all the people of the land went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They thoroughly *broke in pieces its altars and images*, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the Lord. ¹⁹Then he took the captains of hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts, and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the Lord, and went by way of the gate of the escorts to the king's house. Then he sat on the throne of the kings;

DAN 3:12, "There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. *They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up*".

Over the number of his name

DEUT 7:7-10, "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for *you were the least of all peoples*; ⁸"but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; ¹⁰"and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

Standing beside the sea

PSM 66:10-12, You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. ¹¹You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. ¹²You have caused men to ride over our heads; *We went through fire and through water*; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.

They held harps

2CHR 20:22-24, when *they began to sing and to praise*, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated...

Given [harps] by God

ISA 30:31-32, through the voice of the Lord Assyria will be beaten down, As He strikes with the rod. ³²And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, Which the Lord lays on him, *It will be with tambourines and harps*; And in battles of brandishing He will fight with it;

PSM 147:1-12, Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful... ⁶The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. ⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *Sing praises on the harp to our God*...





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3 And singing the canticle of Moses, the servant of God, and the canticle of the Lamb, saying: Great and wonderful are thy works, O Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, O King of ages.

[They] sang

PSM 9:1-2, I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. ²I will be glad and rejoice in You; *I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.*

Song of Moses

DEUT 31:16-19, the Lord said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. ¹⁷"Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' ¹⁸"And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods. ¹⁹"Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that *this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel;*

DEUT 32:44-46, Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and *spoke all the words of this song* in the hearing of the people. ⁴⁵Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, ⁴⁶and He said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.

The servant of God

EXO 4:10-17, Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor *since You have spoken to Your servant*; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?" ¹²"Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say"....;

2CHR 1:3, Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which *Moses the servant of the Lord* had made in the wilderness.

Song of the Lamb

PSM 98:1-2, Oh, *sing to the Lord a new song!* For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. ²The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Great... are your deeds

JOB 5:8-9, as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause ⁹*Who does great things, and unsearchable, Marvelous things without number.*

CONSIDER THIS —

Prophecy is pattern:

DEUT 7:7-8, "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸"but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and *redeemed you* from the house of bondage...

Marvelous are your deeds

1CHR 16:12-14, Remember *His marvelous works which He has done*, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, ¹³O seed of Israel His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones! ¹⁴He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

Lord God Almighty

2COR 6:16-18, you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." ¹⁷Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." ¹⁸"*I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty*".

Just... are your ways

JOHN 17:25-26, "O righteous [δικαίε] Father! *The world has not known You*, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶"And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them".

True are your ways

JOHN 7:28-29, Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but *He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know*. ²⁹"But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me".

King of the ages

* NOTE — Also rendered 'King of the saints' in other translations

EZE 37:22-24, I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and *one king shall be king over them all*; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. ²³...I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²⁴"David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.





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4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and magnify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come, and shall adore in thy sight, because thy judgments are manifest.

Who will not fear you?

DEUT 31:12-13, "Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and *that they may learn to fear the Lord your God* and carefully observe all the words of this law, ¹³and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess".

O Lord

2CHR 20:6, "*O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?*

Who will not... bring glory to your name?

PSM 94:13-15, "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! ¹⁴I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries. ¹⁵*The haters of the Lord would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever.*

You alone are holy

PSM 22:3-5, *You are holy*, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. ⁴Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. ⁵They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

All nations will come

MIC 4:1-5, Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. ²*Many nations shall come* and say,

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths"...

All nations will... worship before you

ISA 66:23, it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, *All flesh shall come to worship before Me*," says the Lord;
PSM 22:27-29, All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And *all the families of the nations Shall worship before You*...

Your righteous acts

ROM 3:20-26, ...²³all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶*to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier* of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Have been revealed

ISA 29:14-16, behold, *I will again do a marvelous work Among this people*, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden"...
2SAM 7:24-29, You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Lord, have become their God...
²⁷"For You, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have *revealed this to Your servant*, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You...

CONSIDER THIS —

The Song of Moses

DEUT 31:16-19, the Lord said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. ¹⁷Then *My anger shall be aroused against them in that day*, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured..."



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5 And after these things I looked; and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

I looked

GEN 26:2-5, the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. ³"Dwell in this land, and *I will be with you and bless you*; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴"And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; ⁵"because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws".

In heaven

2CHR 7:14-16, "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then *I will hear from heaven*, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵"Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. ¹⁶"For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually;

DEUT 4:32, For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask *from one end of heaven to the other*, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard.

The temple

ACTS 17:22-25, Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³"for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, *does not dwell in temples made with hands*. ²⁵"Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

The tabernacle

EXO 40:17-19, it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that *the tabernacle was raised up*. ¹⁸So Moses raised up the tabernacle, fastened its sockets, set up its boards, put in its bars, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as the Lord had commanded;

HEB 8:1-2, this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ²a Minister of the sanctuary and *of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected*, and not man.

CONSIDER THIS —

The Song of the Lamb?

PSM 98:1-2, Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and *His holy arm have gained Him the victory*. ²The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

The Testimony

EXO 16:21-22, "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and *in the ark you shall put the Testimony* that I will give you. ²²"And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel;

1TIM 2:3-6, God our Savior, ⁴who *desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* ⁵For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Temple... was opened

PSM 27:4, One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And *to inquire in His temple;*

EZE 46:1, "Thus says the Lord God: "The gateway of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the New Moon *it shall be opened.*





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6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed with clean and white linen, and girt about the breasts with golden girdles.

Out of the temple

2CHR 23:9-11, Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had belonged to King David, *that were in the temple of God.*¹⁰Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king...

Seven angels

PSM 103:20-22, Bless the Lord, *you His angels*, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.²¹Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.²²Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Seven plagues

EXO 9:12-16, the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just as the Lord had spoken to Moses.¹³Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me,¹⁴"for at this time I will send *all My plagues to your very heart*, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.¹⁵"Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth.¹⁶"But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.

Dressed in clean, shining linen

EXO 28:39-43, You shall skillfully *weave the tunic of fine linen thread*, you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work.⁴⁰"For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty.⁴¹"So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests.

Around their chests

1THES 5:8, let us who are of the day be sober, *putting on the breastplate of faith and love*, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Wore golden sashes

EXO 39:27-29, They made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,²⁸a turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine woven linen,²⁹and *a sash of fine woven linen* with blue, purple, and scarlet thread, made by a weaver, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

CONSIDER THIS —

Who will not bring glory to His name?

PSM 94:13-15, "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! ¹⁴I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries. ¹⁵*The haters of the Lord* would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever.



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7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials, full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

One of the four living creatures

JOHN 6:57-63, "As the living [ζῶν] Father sent Me, and *I live because of the Father*, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸"This is the bread which came down from heaven-not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. ⁶⁰Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" ⁶¹When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²"What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life [ζῶν]."

Gave to the seven angels

EZRA 7:12-16, Artaxerxes, king of kings, To Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven: Perfect peace, and so forth. ¹³I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you. ¹⁴And whereas you are being sent by the king and *his seven counselors* to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, with regard to the Law of your God which is in your hand; ¹⁵and whereas you are to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem; ¹⁶and whereas all the silver and gold that you may find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests, are to be freely offered for the house of their God in Jerusalem.

Seven golden bowls

1CHR 28:16-19, by weight he gave gold for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and silver for the tables of silver; ¹⁷also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and *the golden bowls*-he gave gold by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls, silver by weight for every bowl... ¹⁹"All this," said David, "the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans".

Filled with the wrath of God

PSM 21:8-12, Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You. ⁹You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; *The Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath*, And the fire shall devour them. ¹⁰Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men. ¹¹For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform. ¹²Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces.

Lives for ever and ever

1CHR 29:10-14, David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, *our Father, forever and ever*. ¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty...

CONSIDER THIS —

Two aspects of God's desire: all people to be saved, and, to come to the knowledge of the truth:

1TIM 2:3-4, God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Can anyone come to the truth, and not be saved?

Can anyone be saved, and not yet come to the knowledge of the truth?



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8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the majesty of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

The temple

In contrast to the earthly temple in —

ISA 63:15-19, Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? ¹⁶Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O Lord, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name...¹⁸Your holy people have possessed it but a little while; *Our adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary.* ¹⁹We have become like those of old, over whom You never ruled, Those who were never called by Your name;

EZE 43:4, *the glory of the Lord came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east.*

Filled with smoke

EXO 19:18, *Mount Sinai was completely in smoke*, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly; 1KING 8:9-14, Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that *the cloud filled the house of the Lord*, ¹¹so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord...

Smoke from the glory of God

ISA 4:5, the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. *For over all the glory there will be a covering.*

Smoke... from his power

JER 32:17, 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth *by Your great power* and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You;

2CHR 20:6, "O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and *in Your hand is there not power and might*, so that no one is able to withstand You?

1COR 4:20, the kingdom of God is not in word but *in power.*

No one could enter the temple

EXO 40:34-38, the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. ³⁷But *if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey* till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the Lord was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys;

2CHR 7:1-3, When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. ²*And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house...*

CONSIDER THIS —

The earthly temple is a representation of the real Temple in heaven:

1CHR 28:19, "All this," said David, "the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans".

Until

JER 23:20-24, The anger of the Lord will not turn back *Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart*. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly... ²³"Am I a God near at hand," says the Lord, "And not a God afar off? ²⁴Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

The seven plagues

LEV 26:19-21, I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. ²⁰And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit. ²¹Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, *I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.*

Of the seven angels

REV 8:2, I saw *the seven angels who stand before God*, and to them were given seven trumpets;
 REV 17:1, one of *the seven angels who had the seven bowls* came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters.

Were completed

GEN 15:12-16, when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. ¹⁴"And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵"Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶"But in the fourth generation they shall return here, *for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete*";

In contrast to —

JUDG 1:28, it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but *did not completely drive them out*;

JER 30:9-11, ...¹¹For I am with you,' says the Lord, 'to save you; Though *I make a full end of all nations* where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished';

EZE 11:21, as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, *I will recompense their deeds on their own heads*," says the Lord God;

DAN 12:7, when *the power of the holy people has been completely shattered*, all these things shall be finished.





GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 15:1, I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the *wrath of God is complete*.

- ⊕ **1a. Why is it important for us to know that with these seven last plagues the wrath of God will be complete?**

ZEPH 3:6-11, "I have cut off nations, Their fortresses are devastated; I have made their streets desolate, With none passing by. Their cities are destroyed; There is no one, no inhabitant. ⁷I said, 'Surely you will fear Me, You will receive instruction'-So that her dwelling would not be cut off, Despite everything for which I punished her. But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds. ⁸"Therefore wait for Me," says the Lord, "Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations To My assembly of kingdoms, To pour on them My indignation, *All my fierce anger*; All the earth shall be devoured With the fire of My jealousy. ⁹"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord. ¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, The daughter of My dispersed ones, Shall bring My offering. ¹¹In that day you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds In which you transgress against Me; For then I will take away from your midst Those who rejoice in your pride, And you shall no longer be haughty In My holy mountain.

- ⊕ **1b. What are some of the purposes of God's wrath?**

REV 15:2, I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and *those who have the victory over the beast*, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

- ⊕ **2. How did these gain victory over the beast?**
(see also REV 13:7-9 & REV 14:9-12)

REV 4:6, Before the throne there was *a sea of glass*, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

- ⊕ **3. What might be signified by the sea of glass being 'mingled with fire'?**
(see also REV 1:14, REV 2:18, REV 8:5 & REV 21:8)

REV 15:4, Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For *all nations shall come and worship before You*, For Your judgments have been manifested."

- ⊕ **4. Have all nations ever come to worship the Lord? What events have to occur to cause all nations to worship before God?**

NEXT SESSION —