

In Revelation 15, John describes the beginning of the second "great spectacle" that he saw. This drama explains how the consummation comes to pass-the period beginning with the harvest and ending with the vintage. In the first scene, the saints whom Christ has gathered sing victoriously-as the victorious Israelites in the wilderness did. In the second the heavenly tabernacle fills with smoke-as the earthly tabernacle in the wilderness had been filled.

Outline

- Prelude to the Bowl Judgments ... Revelation 15:5-8



Truths & Principles

- The wrath of God is a biblical doctrine that cannot be disputed.
- ✓ With His help, the people of God will be victorious over all that threatens them.
- ✓ True worship includes singing to God about His perfect deeds and ways.
- ✓ Ultimately, all nations will bow before God.
- Creatures that do God's will, may carry His vengeful wrath only at His direct command.
- ✓ The full presence of the glory of God is more than any created being can endure.

Preview

The final expression of the wrath of God is contained in the bowl judgments. They are called the "seven last plagues." Before they are poured out upon the earth, the saved martyrs of the Great Tribulation appear singing the songs of deliverance and redemption. Then seven angels proceed out of the heavenly temple with seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God.



Applications

- Ask God to help you live the life of an overcomer.
- ✓ Sing heartily to the Lord now, knowing that this is simply practice for heaven.
- ✓ Acknowledge God's character and His righteous acts to others.
- ✓ Wait on God's timing for His judgment and wrath to be poured out on evil.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

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- 2. Who was standing on the sea of glass (15:2)?
- 3. What two songs did the saints sing (15:3)? ____
- 4. What were the 3 reasons given for fearing the LORD (15:4)?
- 5. What did John see open in heaven (15:5)?
- 6. What did the seven angels have when they came out of the temple (15:6)? _
- 7. What was in the seven golden bowls given to the seven angels (15:7)? _____
- 8. The temple was filled with what (15:8)?

Study Questions

- Read Psalm 86:9-10.
 - What key to the prophetic significance of Revelation 15 do you find in these verses?
- 2. Revelation 15 describes God's holiness.
 - How does God's holiness relate to His wrath?
- 3. Review the acts of worship in Revelation 15.
 - Why is God praised?
 - Who offers this praise?
- 4. How do you tend to emphasize God's love and ignore His wrath?
 - What does that do to your understanding of God?
- 5. Read the song of the Lamb (Revelation 15:3-4).
 - Why can't we sing this song now?
 - Will we ever be able to sing it before Christ comes again?
- 6. Compare the song in Revelation 15 with Moses' song in Exodus 15:1-8.
 - What are some of the conditions that rule worship?
 - What allows you to praise God for His awesome acts in your life?
- 7. Compare the song in Revelation 15 with Moses' song in Deuteronomy 32.
 - Which song to you think John was referring to in chapter 15?
 - ❖ Why?