

Revelation 15-16

Bowls of Wrath – Final Judgement

Rev. 15 – The Glory of God that Fills

15:1-2: The Final Seven Plagues

- Seven angels; Seven last plagues; God's wrath completed

Who are those on the glassy sea with fire? Maybe the martyrs that defeated Satan with the Word and the testimony of Jesus. Revelation 12:11 (CSB): *They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; for they did not love their lives to the point of death.*

God's wrath is real and will be experienced by those that have not been sealed by the Holy Spirit. But even in the wrath of God we see His grace. While the wrath of God on the earth is fierce and intense...it is limited by time. What I mean is that God will graciously limit the amount of time the earth will experience His wrath. Some may ask, "why would a holy, righteous God limit his wrath upon an ungodly world"? Because of His love for His people.

Matthew 24:22 (CSB): *Unless those days were cut short, no one would be saved. But those days will be cut short because of the elect.*

God has always and will always be a gracious, kind and merciful God. God has always and will always be just and judge. How we experience God will depend on how we respond to the gospel.

Joshua 24:15 (CSB): *But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: which will you worship – the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 6:2 (CSB): *For he says: at an acceptable time I listened to you and in the day of salvation I helped you. See, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!*

In light of the pending wrath of God...those standing around sang a new song.

15:3-4: Sang a Song

- God's works are awe-inspiring and great
 - Psalm 40:5 (CSB): *Lord my God, you have done many things—your wondrous works and your plans for us; none can compare with you. If I were to report and speak of them, they are more than can be told.*
- God's ways are just and true
 - Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (CSB): *³For I will proclaim the Lord's name. Declare the greatness of our God! ⁴The Rock—his work is perfect; all his ways are just. A faithful God, without bias, he is righteous and true.*
- God is Lord, Almighty and King
 - Psalm 91:1-2 (CSB): *¹The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say concerning the Lord, who is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust:*
- God will be known by all

- Philippians 2:10 (CSB): *so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth—*
- God alone is holy
 - 1 Samuel 2:2 (CSB): *There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no one besides you! And there is no rock like our God.*
- God will be worshipped by all nations
 - Psalm 86:8-10 (CSB): *8 Lord, there is no one like you among the gods, and there are no works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made will come and bow down before you, Lord, and will honor your name. 10 For you are great and perform wonders; you alone are God.*
- God's acts are righteous
 - Psalm 145:17 (CSB): *The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all his acts.*

15:5-8: The Glory of God Fills

- The Heavenly Temple was opened; Seven angels with seven plagues left the temple; One of the four living creatures gave them bowls of God's wrath; God's glory filled the temple with smoke

The glory of God was so magnified that no one could enter the temple.

Exodus 40:34 (CSB): *The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*

1 Kings 8:10-11 (CSB): *10 When the priests came out of the holy place, the cloud filled the Lord's temple, 11 and because of the cloud, the priests were not able to continue ministering, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple.*

2 Chronicles 5:14 (CSB): *And because of the cloud, the priests were not able to continue ministering, for the glory of the Lord filled God's temple.*

Future Earthly Filling during the Earthly Reign of Christ

Haggai 2:6-9 (CSB): *6 For the Lord of Armies says this: "Once more, in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. 7 I will shake all the nations so that the treasures of all the nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory," says the Lord of Armies. 8 "The silver and gold belong to me"—this is the declaration of the Lord of Armies. 9 "The final glory of this house will be greater than the first," says the Lord of Armies. "I will provide peace in this place"—this is the declaration of the Lord of Armies.*

Revelation 16 – The Bowls of Wrath

16:1 – God's wrath is commanded to be poured out.

16:2 – 1st Bowl: painful sores on those that took the mark of the beast

16:3 – 2nd Bowl: Sea turned to blood...all sea creatures died

16:4-7 – 3rd Bowl: Fresh water turned to blood

16:8-9 – 4th Bowl: Sun scorched with intense heat

16:10-11 – 5th Bowl: Darkness on the kingdom of the beast (Egypt Plague)

16:12-16 – 6th Bowl: Euphrates dries up...people gathered for war

16:17-21 – 7th Bowl: Earthquake, Jerusalem split into 3 parts, cities fell, every island fled and mountain disappeared, 100lb hailstones fell.

Zephaniah 1