

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #95 - May 24th., 2026

Moderator: Last week we started into Chapter 15. Since this is the shortest chapter in Revelation, I'd like to finish it and start into the very important chapter of Revelation 16.

Before we get there, let's review last week's lesson... We learned about John seeing seven angels with seven plagues. We also learned about the sea of glass that was mingled with fire. This is where the believers who were executed, but also had victory over the beast. They would NOT worship the beast and they sang the Song of Moses. Now I'm going to read verse 5 through 8:

- **#1 SEVEN ANGELS HAVING SEVEN VIALS** (Rev. 15:1-2)

Revelation 15:1-2 "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

- **JOHN SEES A SEA OF GLASS**

Revelation 4:6 "And before the throne there was a SEA OF GLASS like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."

- **THE SEA OF GLASS IS MIXED WITH FIRE**

Moderator: Even though the sea of glass mixed with fire is not mentioned, we can know that this passage is speaking about God's judgment against sin & rebellion against him...

II Thessalonians 1:7-10 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

- **TRIBULATION SAINTS ARE STANDING ON THE SEA OF GLASS WITH HARPS**

Revelation 15:2 "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, HAVING THE HARPS OF GOD."

Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

- **#2 THE TRIBULATION SAINTS SING THE SONG OF MOSES** (Rev. 15:3-4)

Revelation 15:3-4 "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

• THERE ARE 2 DIFFERENT SONGS OF MOSES IN THE BIBLE

Exodus 15:1-21 “Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased. Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. The LORD shall reign for ever and ever. For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.”

Deuteronomy 32:1-44 “Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD’S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of

Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs. I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this. For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up? For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures? To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people. And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.”

• **#3 TEMPLE OF THE TABERNACLE WAS OPENED IN HEAVEN** (Rev. 15:5)

Revelation 15:5 “And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:”

• **MOSES CONSTRUCTED THE TABERNACLE ACCORDING TO HOW THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN WAS DESIGNED**

Pastor Rains: God showed Moses how to construct the Temple by giving him a vision of the Temple in Heaven.

Moderator: The Temple of the Tabernacle represents God's dwelling place in Heaven. The Temple is patterned after the Old Testament Temple built by Moses...

Exodus 40:34-38 "Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys."

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• **#4 THE ANGELS CLOTHED IN PURE & WHITE LINEN WITH A GOLD BAND** (Rev. 15:6)

Revelation 15:6 "And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with GOLDEN GIRDLES."

Moderator: We see that God has chosen 7 angels to bring the final 7 judgments from God on those who worshipped the antichrist. We'll learn more about these angels in chapter 16.

Matthew 28:1-3 "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and HIS RAIMENT WHITE AS SNOW:"

Acts 1:9-11 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, TWO MEN STOOD BY THEM IN WHITE APPAREL; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Moderator: The white apparel (or linen) represents the righteousness of God. Those who are saved will also be wearing the white linen because we've been transformed into perfection by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The gold bands are interesting. In the Old Testament, the priests wore gold bands around their chest as well.

Revelation 1:13 "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a GOLDEN GIRDLE."

• **#5 ONE OF THE FOUR BEASTS GIVES THE ANGELS SEVEN GOLDEN VIALS** (Rev. 15:7)

Revelation 15:7 "And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."

• **EARLIER IN REVELATION, THE FOUR BEASTS HAD GOLDEN VIALS FULL OF THE PRAYERS OF SAINTS**

Revelation 5:8 "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and GOLDEN VIALS FULL OF ODOURS, WHICH ARE THE PRAYERS OF SAINTS."

Moderator: This is somewhat different than the vials described in Revelation 15:7. The saints who have been slaughtered during the Tribulation are (now it seems) pleading with God for vengeance.

- **JOHN ADDS THAT GOD LIVETH FOR EVER AND EVER (GOD IS ETERNAL)**

Revelation 10:5-6 “And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, AND SWARE BY HIM THAT LIVETH FOR EVER AND EVER, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.”

- **#6 THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN WAS FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF GOD**
(Rev. 15:8)

Revelation 15:8 “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory 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.”

Moderator: Once these angels come out of the temple, they are given the 7 vials (shallow bowls). No one else will be allowed into the temple where God is. The second coming of Christ is what the church has been prayer for many, many years.

- **GOD FILLED THE TABERNACLE THAT MOSES HAD BUILT WITH A CLOUD**

Exodus 40:33-38 “And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. THEN A CLOUD COVERED THE TENT OF THE CONGREGATION, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.”

Moderator: So we see that once God entered the tabernacle in Exodus 40:34, Moses could not enter into it, matching what Revelation 15:8 reveals. When the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward on the journey to the promised land. The presence of the cloud dictated their movements. They were protected by day and night by the mighty power of the Lord. Today, we have the presence of the Holy Spirit living in us to also guide our steps if we'll obey God. But just as Israel did by rebelling against God, our behavior can move our walk away from God, but God will never forsake us. We can't lose our salvation but we can be under God's judgment while we still live in our physical bodies.

- **AT THE DEDICATION OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, A CLOUD SYMBOLIZED GOD'S PRESENCE**

I Kings 8:1-11 “THEN SOLOMON ASSEMBLED THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL, AND ALL THE HEADS OF THE TRIBES, THE CHIEF OF THE FATHERS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, UNTO KING SOLOMON IN JERUSALEM, THAT THEY MIGHT BRING UP THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD OUT OF THE CITY OF DAVID, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. And king Solomon, and

all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims. For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables 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. AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE PRIESTS WERE COME OUT OF THE HOLY PLACE, THAT THE CLOUD FILLED THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, SO THAT THE PRIESTS COULD NOT STAND TO MINISTER BECAUSE OF THE CLOUD: FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAD FILLED THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.”

REVELATION CHAPTER 16

Moderator: Here in Revelation 16 we'll see that God's mercy is exhausted on the sinners who have refused to believe and accept his graceful offer of salvation. There is now no turning back for those who will not obey the gospel.

- **#1 GO YOUR WAYS, AND POUR OUT THE VIALS OF THE WRATH OF GOD** (Rev. 16:1)

Revelation 16:1 “And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.”

- **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS WANTED VENGEANCE UPON THE SINNERS**

Revelation 6:9-11 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

- **GOD HEARS THESE SAINTS & POURS HIS WRATH UPON THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE ANTICHRIST**

Moderator: God listens to the Saints who cried out for vengeance in Chapter 6 of Revelation...

Revelation 13:15 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and AVENGE OUR BLOOD on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

- **#2 THE FIRST VIAL Poured OUT UPON THE EARTH** (Rev. 16:2)

Revelation 16:2 “And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a NOISOME and GRIEVOUS sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.”

Moderator: Now I'll describe some old english words from this verse:

-Noisome: “Extremely offensive & disgusting or foul regarding an unpleasent smell of a festing sore”

-Gruevius: “Severe pain causing distress” (6)

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- **THIS FIRST VIAL REMINDS US OF THE SIXTH PLAUGE UPON EGYPT: BOILS**

Exodus 9:8-11 “And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be A BOIL BREAKING FORTH WITH BLAINS upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.”

- **JOB ALSO WAS STRICKEN WITH THE SORE BOILS ALL OVER HIS BODY BY SATAN**

Job 2:6-8 “And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.”

- **THIS IS A FULFILLMENT OF REVELATION 14:9-10**

Revelation 14:9-10 “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:”

Moderator: These sinners that are suffering greatly with these sores will continue to blaspheme God as Revelation 16:11 states...

Revelation 16:11 “And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.”

Moderator: These sinners know that it is God who is judging them but they refuse to repent because they have been eternally damned. Their decision to take the mark and side with the beast and false prophet voluntarily causes their damnation. They have no chance to change their belief because of their decision to reject Christ! Now let’s look at Revelation 16:3:

- **#3 THE SECOND ANGEL Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE SEA**

(Rev. 16:3)

Revelation 16:3 “And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.”

Moderator: I believe these vials follow one another rapidly in succession. There is no time of mercy left for sinners to repent because their chance has been eliminated by God himself! The Seas will be filled with thick blood which stops all shipping to every nation. This means more starvation and it only gets worse...

- **#4 THE THIRD ANGEL Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON RIVERS & FOUNTAINS** (Rev. 16:4)

Revelation 16:4 “And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.”

