

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Revelation 15:1–8

- 1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.
- 2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

Revelation 15:1–8

3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!”

Revelation 15:1–8

- 4 “Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.”

Revelation 15:1–8

- 5 After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,
- 6 and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes.

Revelation 15:1–8

- 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.**
- 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.**



Place in the Book of Revelation

- I. What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II. What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - A. The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
 - B. The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
 - C. The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)
 - D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)

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1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues (15:1–8)

a. Introduction (15:1)

- **“Then I saw” marks a new vision.**
- **“another sign in heaven”**
 - ✓ **12:1 = Israel**
 - ✓ **12:3 = Satan**
 - ✓ **15:1 = Seven angels**

D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)

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a. Introduction (15:1)

- **“Then I saw” marks a new vision.**
- **“another sign in heaven”**
- **“seven angels”**
 - ✓ **1st mention of this group of 7.**
 - ✓ **Appear 7 times as a group.**

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a. Introduction (15:1)

- “seven plagues, *which are the last*”
 - ✓ Final cycle of world judgment.
 - ✓ Conclude manifestation of God’s wrath.
 - ✓ See 10:7 and 16:17.

Revelation 10:7 and 16:17

- but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.
- Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done.”

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 - ✓ = 3rd woe announced in 11:14.

Revelation 11:14

**The second woe is past;
behold,
the third woe
is coming quickly.**

D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)

**1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues
(15:1–8)**

b. The “Sea of Glass” (15:2–4)

- **Where is this “sea of glass” (15:2a)?**

Revelation 4:6

and before the throne
there was something like a sea of glass,
like crystal;
and in the center and around the throne,
four living creatures
full of eyes in front and behind.

Ezekiel 1:22

Now over the heads of the living beings
there was something like an expanse,
like the awesome gleam of **crystal**,
spread out over their heads.

D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)

1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues (15:1–8)

b. The “Sea of Glass” (15:2–4)

- **Who are there (15:2b–4)?**
 - ✓ **Tribulation saints victorious over the beast and his program.**
 - ✓ **These shall reign with Christ upon the earth for 1,000 years (20:4).**
 - ✓ **They identify themselves with Moses and the Lamb by a song.**

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1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues (15:1–8)

b. The “Sea of Glass” (15:2–4)

- **Who are there (15:2b–4)?**
 - ✓ **The song concludes with a rhetorical question which expects the answer “No one” (v. 4).**
 - ✓ **The song is a song of deliverance similar to the Song of the Sea in Exodus 15.**

Question for Discussion

**What are
the key concepts
in the song
which the martyred saints sing?**

D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)

1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues (15:1–8)

c. The 7 Angels in the Temple (15:5–8)

- **“After these things I looked.”**
- **“The temple of the tabernacle of testimony” in heaven is opened (v. 5).**

Revelation 11:19

And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and **the ark of His covenant** appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Question for Discussion

**Why is the temple
referred to as
“the tabernacle of
the testimony”?**

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1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues (15:1–8)

c. The 7 Angels in the Temple (15:5–8)

- The 7 Golden Bowls (vv. 6–8)**

- ✓ Verse 6: The angels are clothed like Christ in 1:13 and 18.**

- ✓ Verse 7: The 4 living creatures give the bowls to the 7 angels.**



Ezekiel 9:1–10:22

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- ✓ “full of the wrath of God”**

Revelation 5:8

When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and **golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**

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- ✓ Verse 8: No one will be able to enter the Temple in Heaven throughout the duration of these 7 final plagues.**



1 Thessalonians 1:6–2:12



Ezekiel 43:1–5

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- **Jesus, as the Lamb, is the subject of the song of the martyred saints.**
- **Jesus' works are great and marvelous (cp. Mark 5:20; 1 Pet 1:3).**
- **Jesus is the Lord God, the Almighty (cp. Rev 1:8).**
- **Jesus is righteous and true (cp. Rev 3:7, 14).**
- **Jesus is King of the nations (cp. 1 Tim 6:15).**

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- All people will fear and glorify Jesus.
- Jesus is holy (cp. Acts 2:27; 13:35; Heb 7:26).
- All nations will worship Jesus (cp. Phil 2:9–11).
- Jesus possesses glory and power unapproachable (cp. 1 Tim 6:16).