

Revelation 15

I. Preparation for the Bowls of Wrath 15:1-8

- I. This is the beginning of the 3rd cycle of 7 in Revelation
 - A. 1st Cycle - 7 Seals, emphasizing revelation from God
 - B. 2nd Cycle - 7 Trumpets, emphasizing warnings from God
 - C. 3rd Cycle - 7 Bowls of Wrath, emphasizing punishment
- II. Another "sign"
 - A. The first sign was the woman in 12:1
 - B. The second sign was the Red Dragon in 12:3
 - C. This third sign is now the seven angels
 1. They have the seven last plagues
 2. This will complete God's wrath - This will complete God's sequence of judgments against Rome
 3. It is like passing the "last chance" sign for gas

III. Sea of glass

- A. Still exists here, will not be taken away till the end
- B. It is now mixed with fire, probably a reference to the impending judgment on the unrepentant
- C. God's victorious over the beast were standing by the sea with harps
- D. Sang the song of Moses and the Lamb
 1. Song of Moses - Ex 14-15 - Song of Victory
 - Those safe from Pharaoh sang a song
 2. Song of the Lamb is also a song of victory
 - Those safe from Caesar sang a song
- E. Content of the Song
 1. Did not sing of the problems they survived
 2. Song focused on God



IV. The bowls are now "filled" with God's wrath

- A. Golden bowls in chapter 4 had prayers of the saints
- B. Now bowls are "filled," God has had it "up to here"

V. Temple was opened but no one could enter

- A. It is like the store that says, "closed for inventory"
- B. It would be like a sign on the temple that says, "closed for judgment"

C. The time for mercy has passed

VI. Lessons:

- A. Judgment is sure
- B. God would have all men come to him
- C. If you persist in rejection, hearts will become hard
- D. What that happens, there is no choice but to face God's wrath
- E. God was willing to forget, but they didn't repent. SO God remember their sins, ALL of them, and pours out his FULL bowls of wrath