

REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 24 (15:1-9) Preparation for Judgment

Introduction: Revelation 15 is the shortest chapter in this book. It is an introduction to chapter 16. We now come to the part of this Book of Revelation concerning Judgment. These seven angels are coming as representatives of God. They are going to pour out judgment upon the earth. It is a dreadful thought to think of Judgment.

v1 - "sign" - wonder

- "seven angels" - these are the angels of judgment
- "seven plagues" - "plagea" - better as judgments. As Jesus comes back the second time these seven plagues will fall. No believer will be judged, only the unbeliever. The reason for the plagues at this point is that during the Tribulation, mankind will sink to the lowest evil and corruption ever experienced by the human race. Christians will be slaughtered and martyred. These wicked people will be judged by plagues.

v2 - "sea of glass" - first mentioned in Revelation chapter 4 - means "peace." No more waves of trouble. The redeemed will be at perfect peace - rest.

- "mingled with fire" -
- "victory over beast" - the dictator
- "mark" - his economic system has already been reviewed. REVIEW AGAIN. Remember German's insane love for Hitler that same insane love will be similar to what the world will do to the dictator. He will have a fantastic personality and will deceive the whole world.
- "these standing on the sea of glass" - Those Christians who did not submit to worship of the beast or have his "number" stamped on them. In Russia there are over two million pictures of Lenin. that's how it is going to be during the Tribulation. (These are the Christians slaughtered by the beast).

v3 - What are they going to do? This is the MOST IMPORTANT VERSE:

- "sing" - keep on singing - chanting, emphasizing the words of the song.
- "song of Moses" - Exodus 15; Deuteronomy 31, 32. Remember the Red Sea, the Israelites, Moses and the Egyptian army? (tell the story). When Israel was safely on the other side, the Egyptian army was destroyed. Moses led them in a song and the theme was "God is faithful." When you can't go on, when you have reached the end of your ability, God is faithful. God will never leave you. He will always be faithful to you.
- "song of the lamb" - to the lamb actually - sing to Jesus. Some of us are lacking a good voice, but when we get to heaven, we'll be able to sing.
- "great and marvelous are thy works" - these are the works of Salvation, that which Jesus Christ did for mankind.
- "Lord God Almighty" - Lord is the name of His person, God is His essence, Almighty is His omnipotence. Lord, Jesus Christ, God, just, merciful and almighty.
- "thou King of (saints)" - "thou King of Nations" Here is the song the martyrs of the tribulation will sing.

v4 - "fear" - stand in awe - reverence, respect

- "for thou only art holy" - for thou only-holy. One way of salvation. Jesus said, "I am the way..." there is only one door, only one way for/to salvation and that is Jesus Christ.
- "all nations shall come and worship" - this is during the millenium. Jesus Christ will be the ruler of the whole world. Only Jesus Christ will be the one to ever rule internationally. There will be no super nation until Jesus comes back. ALL NATIONS - since Babel the world has had nations. God has meant for there to be nations. Not only one nation as our world has tried to do. When Jesus comes back then there will be ONE nation.

- "judgments" - for all judgments of God are perfect, just and right. God is going to be perfectly fair to all the lost that will stand before Him. People will get justice. Our courts are not always just, but God is.

v5 - Is a most difficult verse:

- "tabernacle" - built to represent Jesus Christ. Picture it in your mind: Only ONE door, there is only ONE way to Jesus Christ. Once inside: brazen altar which stands for Jesus, giving His life for mankind, then the showbread emphasizing the fact that Jesus is the bread of life, seven golden candlesticks, standing for Jesus as the light of the world, the altar of incense stands for the fact that we are to pray to God in the name of Jesus, then the altar stands for the fact that Jesus gave His life for us, then the veil, after accepting Jesus Christ, the veil is torn in two, we can now go into the Holy of Holies directly ourselves. Everything about the tabernacle stands for Jesus Christ.

v6 - "seven angels" - the judgment angels

- "seven plagues" - seven judgments

- "clothed" - perfect tense, forever. You and I (believers) will never be perfect as long as we live here but the second you (we) die, we go into His presence, in the moment we receive our new body, we will be like Jesus Christ and will be perfect in all ways. We will never sin again. When we die, we have committed our last sin.

- "breasts girded with golden girdle" - wearing the golden belt stands for the authority of God. They represent God in wrath, they have God's authority.

v7- "full of the wrath of God" - this is the judgment of God going to be poured out on the world. They have the authority of God (remember the story of Joseph in Egypt and a famine came. His brothers came to Egypt (to Joseph although they didn't know it was him) and Joseph hid his cup in one of the bags they were carrying back home. He finally revealed himself to his brothers and told them to go bring their (his) father to him. Jacob refused to believe Joseph was alive until he saw the Pharaoh's emblem on the side of the wagons. That emblem stood for authority. When these angels come wearing the golden belt, the world will recognize their authority came from God. Remember John the Baptist how he dressed, what he ate. He had God's authority and everybody said, "that's the voice of God" when John the Baptist spoke/preached.

v8 - Judgment is coming to the earth and the seven angels will bring it.

ONE MORE VERSE IN THIS STUDY AND IT IS VERSE 1 OF THE NEXT CHAPTER (16)

v1 - "great voice" - the voice of God

- "go your ways" - The command for the seven angels to depart for earth and begin the terrible time of judgments.

"There's a great day coming, a great day coming" - Read the words to that hymn..

"There's a bright day coming, a bright day coming"

"There's a sad day coming, a sad day coming"

"ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU READY?"

The judgment is coming for the whole world. NOBODY can hide on that great day.

Isn't this book of the Revelation breath taking? Aren't you glad you are studying it?