

## Revelation 15:1-8 **Sea of Glass – Tabernacle of the Testimony**

### Introduction to the Bowl Judgments

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### Sea of Glass – Victory Song of the Great Tribulation Saints

<sup>2</sup> And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

<sup>3</sup> They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works,  
Lord God Almighty!  
Just and true are Your ways,  
O King of the saints!

<sup>4</sup> Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
For You alone are holy.  
For all nations shall come and worship before You,  
For Your judgments have been manifested."

### Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven – Seven Last Plagues Introduced

<sup>5</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

<sup>6</sup> And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

### Seven Last Plagues Distributed to Seven Angels

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

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### Introduction to the Bowl Judgments

‡ Then I saw another **sign in heaven**, great and marvelous: seven angels having the **seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.** [Revelation 15:1]

✧ This text confirms that the wrath of God is a reference to the plagues of the Great Tribulation. They began with the seventh Seal [Revelation 6:17] which contained the Trumpet and Thunder plagues, and they end with the Bowl plagues. [Revelation 15:1, 6]

✧ Therefore we understand that the plagues of the Great Tribulation, the judgment of Babylon the Great, and the purge of all that offends God from the earth is the **Wrath of God.**

- ✧ The eternal **Lake of Fire** is not the Wrath of God, but is the **Just and Righteous reward for evil men** who **refuse** God's call to repentance to turn from their evil ways to God and accept His work of Salvation.
- ✧ Many cults are made up of people today who reject the concept of the **Eternal Lake of Fire** and cause many to be deceived. Exalting themselves to positions of sitting in judgment against the Word of God and calling God a liar, places them in a dangerous position.
- ✧ Jesus warned against this kind of erroneous teaching when He said:  
     "Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! **For you traverse land and sea to convert one proselyte, and when he is converted, you make him twice more a child of Hell than yourselves.**" [Matthew 23:15]
- ✧ The Seventh Bowl includes the fall of Babylon the Great, the return of Jesus with His Saints and Angels for the Battle of Armageddon to end the Beast and False Prophet rule, and extends through the purge of evil that follows. [Revelation 19:19-21, Matthew 13:41-42]

### Sea of Glass – Victory Song of the Great Tribulation Saints

- ✧ And I saw something like a **sea of glass** mingled with fire, and **those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name**, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. [Revelation 15:2]
- ✧ Waves of the sea of water, speak of the turmoil of the people being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.
- ✧ Whereas the Sea of Glass, speaks of the tranquility of the Saints at rest in the presence of God.
- ✧ The appearance of the sea mixed with fire, speaks of the innocence provided by God for purifying and cleansing of the people through the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary.
- ✧ The people standing on the sea, speaks of the people standing by faith on the cleansing promise of God through Jesus our Messiah.
- ✧ The Sea of Glass is a constant reminder of the Laver of Jewish worship from which was taken the water for washing of the priests for the service to God.
- ✧ The **Redeemed** stand on it, no longer to wash there-**FROM**, but are ever reminded of the source of their purity. They **STAND ON THE SEA** and sing of the Lamb.
- ✧ **In Heaven the Altar and the Laver are never forgotten.** The **Altar** bears witness *"without the shedding of blood there is no remission.* [Hebrews 9:22] " The **Laver** testifies *"without holiness, no man shall see the LORD.* [Hebrews 12:14]
- ✧ Those who stand on the Sea of Glass are the **Great Tribulation Saints** who have faced the greatest testing of all time and remained faithful to God and His Messiah Jesus. They faced the **Beast, his image, his mark** and the **number of his name**, refusing to worship them or receive the **Mark of the Beast** to save their lives. [Revelation 7:9-17, 15:2, 20:4-6]
- ✧ They sing the **song of Moses**, the servant of God, and the **song of the Lamb**, saying:  
     "Great and marvelous are Your works,  
     Lord God Almighty!  
     Just and true are Your ways,  
     O King of the saints!  
     Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
     For You alone are holy.  
     For all nations shall come and worship before You,  
     For Your judgments have been manifested." [Revelation 15:3-4]

- ✧ Moses and Jesus both demonstrated the great and marvelous works of God and spoke of the time when the entire world would acknowledge and worship Him.
- ✧ Both glorified the Lord God Almighty as reflected in this song.
- ✧ The song looks forward to the Kingdom age before the last plagues are begun.
- ✧ God's people know the end result before trouble starts, because God has revealed it in His Word to strengthen them through the time of testing.
- ✧ The nations will come and worship before God after they have witnessed His wrath and judgments.
- ✧ Whenever God plans a thing, He knows all that will result and sees it finished before He begins.

### Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven – Seven Last Plagues Introduced

- ✧ After these things I looked, and behold, the **temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven** was opened. [\[Revelation 15:5\]](#)
  - ✧ The Tabernacle in the Wilderness and the Temple of God in Jerusalem were made according to the pattern of that which is in Heaven. God has the original in Heaven.
- ✧ And out of the temple came the **seven angels having the seven plagues**, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. [\[Revelation 15:6\]](#)
  - ✧ The seven angels responsible for pouring out the final plagues come out of the Temple in Heaven.
  - ✧ Their brilliant attire speaks of their holiness and authority which is from God Most High.

### Seven Last Plagues Distributed to Seven Angels

- ✧ 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. [\[Revelation 15:7\]](#)
  - ✧ The four living creatures are the closest to God Most High on His Throne, indicating that the content of the Bowls of Wrath come directly from God Himself. [\[Revelation 15:7, 4:6-9, 5:6, 8, 11, 14\]](#)
  - ✧ The four living creatures were first described in the vision of God. [\[Ezekiel 1:5 – 3:13\]](#)
- ✧ The **temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power**, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. [\[Revelation 15:8\]](#)
  - ✧ As in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and the Temple in Jerusalem, the presence of God was seen as the extremely brilliant **glory cloud** which filled the Tabernacle at special times when God was about to do a great work in the sight of the people, and at the time of the dedication of the Temple by Solomon, showing God's approval. [\[Exodus 40:34-35, Numbers 14:10, 16:19, 42, 20:6, 1 Kings 8:10-11, 2 Chronicles 5:14, 7:1-2, Ezekiel 10:4, 43:5, 44:4, Revelation 15:8\]](#)
  - ✧ The brilliant glory remained in the Temple until the Wrath of God was finished.