

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## REVELATION CHAPTER 15:1-3

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **TAKE YOUR POSITIONS - EVERYONE!**

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I Can Remember, When I was just a Little Jack,

We would gather faithfully almost every day of summer vacation with our gunnysacks filled with the best and the latest of everything that the G.I. Joe Action Figures had for sale!

We Too - Were Dressed in Our Army/Navy Store Combat Gear.

And as all good soldiers, we had a motto; "No Real - No Deal"

**No-Real, No-Deal**

stood for - - we only use real stuff to pull off our military operations

**That Meant:**

Real Model Glue from Mattel was Spread onto Each Soldier's Combat Fatigues,  
then we carefully dusted the glue with dirt - to look real

Each Solider was Then Placed in His Exact Spot, ready for the Battle to Begin

then, the explosives were set in place, that's right, what was the Motto? " No-Real, No-Deal"  
live ammo = firecrackers were buried just below the surface, with only the fuse sticking out.

Next, an extension cord was run from the garage to the backyard and we then would plug in my brothers Radio-shack guitar amplifier with microphone.

Us three guys, we stepped back with pockets full of marbles and our slingshots in hand...  
waiting for the sign...

silent, quiet, and still...

All of a Sudden the Morning air was Shattered

**Then Came the Sound Effects !!!**

Everything had been positioned, the battle was about to begin!

Class, Remember How Chapter 14 was a Grand Overview of the Book of Revelation?

Well Now - Revelation Chapters 15 16

## Revelation 15:1-8

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. :2 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. :3 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! :4 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." :5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. :6 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. :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 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.

Do you remember when Jesus took the Seven Sealed Scroll?  
That scroll was God's program for the future...

## The Seals, The Trumpets and The Bowls

the last of each brought forth the next

## TAKE YOUR POSITIONS EVERYONE!

### I.) *The Witness of God*

*vv. 1*

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.

*Now Before We Look to the Future of God's Coming Wrath,  
let's look back to what has been promised to the church,  
what we can look forward to even today!*

**The Church has Been Promised Deliverance from that Great  
and Terrible Time of God's Wrath Upon Earth**

***Not From Difficulty and Not from Persecution or Hardship***

### **1 Thessalonians 1:10**

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

### **1 Thessalonians 2:19**

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

**1 Thessalonians 3:13**

To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9**

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

***The Witness of God***

**1<sup>st</sup> He has given mankind a witness v.1**

Then I saw **another sign in heaven**, great and marvelous...

\* **Grk** = *Another*

This **"another sign"** Is Another Like the Others that Proceed It"

Those Signs are Two (2)

**The Nation of Israel**

**Revelation 12:1**

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

**And The Devil, Satan**

**Revelation 12:3,9**

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads... :9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;

"great and marvelous..."

Increasing in Intensity

**Matthew 24:21**

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. :22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

***"The Lord has always given mankind a witness"***

(In Your Heart and Life)

**Romans 1:18**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, :19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. :20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

***The Witness of God***

**2<sup>nd</sup> When the Lord interrupts human events v.1**

seven angels having the seven last plagues,

the number (7) is always used as the number for totality and perfection

the original greek new testament puts it this way:

**"having the seven plagues, the last ones!"**

\* **Grk = Plagues**     **plhgh/ plege, play-gay'**;  
a judicial application. an unusual word, meaning the quick strike of the executioners blade or the swift drop of the axe. to wound a man beyond repair. to remove a person suddenly because of their wrongdoing.

**"having the seven plagues (judicial judgments), the last ones!"**

**The Word Picture is That of a (the) Judge**

who has been listening and watching with great patience.

Now the time has come for his verdict. he renders it with all of the authority and power that is at his disposal.

God will not always have to punish sin

**Psalm 103:9**

He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

Jesus Taught US This;

**John 16:8-11**

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **:9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **:10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **:11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**The Witness of God**

**3<sup>rd</sup> He brings a conclusion to world affairs v.1**

for in them (*the plagues*) the wrath of God is complete.

\* **Grk** = *Wrath* 2372. **qumo/β thumos**, *thoo-mos*;  
the fierceness (as of a horses breath), indignation, wrath or anger. the intent is to judge with pure anger

**Psalm 78:49**

He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, By sending angels of destruction *among them*. **:50** He made a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, But gave their life over to the plague,

**The Bible Says**

**Psalm 2:4**

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. **:5** Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

**TAKE YOUR POSITIONS EVERYONE!**

**II.) The Worth of God - He's the deliverer vv. 2-3a**

**:2-3a** 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. **:3** They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,

**1<sup>st</sup> He alone gives the salvation v.2**

And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire...

The Lord is Worthy of Our Devotion Because;  
He is a Great Deliverer, He's the Only Deliverer

the sea of glass "mingled" with fire!

this speaks of the judgments of God that those who trusted in Him became victorious

## The Ancient Great Flood and the Future Coming Fire

### **2 Peter 3:5-7,10,12**

For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, :6 by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. :7 But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. :10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. :12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

## In Heaven John sees This Awesome Scene

It's The Tribulation Saints Who Were Martyred  
During That 7 Year Period

The Sea of Glass = a translucent sea

The Fire Mingled = as it is illuminated from beneath

better;  
a glowing pavement of heavenly material

### **Psalm 78:12-13**

Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan. :13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap.

## **The Worth of God**

**2<sup>nd</sup> He alone gives the victory v.2**

and those who **have the victory** over #1 - the beast,  
#2 - over his image #3 - over his mark *and* #4 - over the number of his name,

***standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God***

now with salvation having been made complete,  
these are standing on the sea of glass in bold confidence

**it's as though John remembers back**

to that stormy night when Peter stepped out of the boat out onto the sea and walked.  
and as Peter walked he was confident until something happened...

## ***The Worth of God***

**3<sup>rd</sup> He alone gives the song v.3**

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,

There are Actually (2) songs of Moses Recorded in Scripture  
Exodus 15:1-18 & Deuteronomy 32  
The Song of the Lamb

In Revelation 5 The Church is Seen Singing a Song of Redemption  
in Heaven Here, Those Who have Died in the Tribulation are Seen  
Singing a Song of Redemption

### **Psalm 29:2**

Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of  
holiness.

### **Psalm 96:8-9a**

Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.  
:9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

**TAKE YOUR POSITIONS EVERYONE!**

**III.) The Worship of God - He's done great things v. 3b-4**

**1<sup>st</sup> It's evident to all mankind v.3b**

The Words to the Songs are These  
saying:

“Great and marvelous *are* Your **works**, Lord God Almighty!

**Psalm 145:8-11**

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. :9 The LORD *is* good to all, And His tender mercies *are* over all His works. :10 All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. :11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

***The Worship of God Is evident to all mankind***

**Psalm 66:1-4**

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! :2 Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious. :3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. :4 All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises *to* Your name."

***The Worship of God***

***2<sup>nd</sup> is the right thing to do v.3b***

Just and true *are* Your **ways**, O King of the saints!

**Psalm 145:16-18**

You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing. :17 The LORD *is* righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. :18 The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

as Christians,  
we need to remember that the Lord is Sovereign Over All

**Romans 11:33**

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

***The Worship of God***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Is the reasonable thing to do v.4***

Who shall not fear (be in awe of) You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

**Psalm 72:11**

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

**Philippians 2:9-11**

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Matthew 2:1-2**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, :2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

## ***The Worship of God***

**4<sup>th</sup> *Is the lasting thing to do* v.4**

For *You* alone are **holy**.  
For all nations shall come and worship before You,  
For (because) Your judgments have been manifested."

Meaning: Wow!

*I saw your judgments, and in the end,  
they are exactly fair and right and perfect. I must agree with  
them - it's perfect*

**Isaiah 45:22-23**

"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other. :23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.

## **TAKE YOUR POSITIONS EVERYONE!**

***IV.) The Wrath of God - He's Just***

***vv. 5-7***

:5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. :6 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. :7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls (pan or tray) full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

## We Cannot Understand Wrath - It's a God Thing

His Wrath is Just  
because it is perfect, holy, and fair

### *The Wrath of God*

**1<sup>st</sup> His wrath is just**

**v.5**

After these things I looked, and behold,  
the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened...

No One was Allowed to Enter into  
"The Tabernacle of Testimony"  
but the High Priest only, and that Only Once a Year

John Sees what every Jew had longed to see.  
to have the opportunity to look into the dwelling of God on earth.

Regarding The Heavenly Holy of Holies Morris Writes;

"It is significant that these rare glimpses into the heavenly temple which God has given us in the book of revelation also shows us that it is an Open Temple! Now, there is nothing to keep man from the presence of God if he comes thru Jesus Christ. The resurrected, human flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ is now the veil that both contains the glory of God and conceals its unapproachable brilliance from sinful man.

#### **Hebrews 10:19-22**

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, :20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; :21 And having an high priest over the house of God; :22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

### Our High Priest Jesus Christ, Literally Dismantled the Former Priesthood(s) Before Him

#### **Matthew 27:50-52**

Now when Jesus had cried out again with a loud voice, He dismissed His spirit. :51 Then, behold, **the veil of the temple** was torn in two **from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, :52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

Again - If you know your Old Testament;  
this is an absolutely awesome revelation!

***It's Not Only That The Temple is Opened,  
But It's The Holy of Holies That is Opened, The Dwelling of God!***

## ***The Wrath of God***

***2<sup>nd</sup> His wrath is righteous v.6***

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.

Their Apparel is Significant and Telling: The Time Has Come

***3<sup>rd</sup> His wrath is measured v.7***

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls (pan or tray) full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

## **TAKE YOUR POSITIONS EVERYONE!**

***V.) The Will of God - vv. 8***

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 (*or until*) the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

The Temple, The Priest, The Sacrifice  
we cannot enter into the presence of the Lord until the smoke is cleared. the smoke cannot be cleared until the wrath is complete, the wrath cannot be complete until it has been satisfied by righteous judgment - -

## ***The Will of God***

***1<sup>st</sup> is perfect in all it's ways v.8***

The **temple** was filled with **smoke** from the **glory** of God and from His **power**,

## We've Seen This Before...

### Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. :2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. :3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" :4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

## In The Days of Moses

### Exodus 40:34-35

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. :35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

## *The Will of God*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Is complete in every way v.8**

and no one was able to enter the temple till (*or until*)  
the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

## Speaking of Completeness

### Hebrews 8:1-5

Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, :2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. :3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer. :4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; :5 who serve **the copy** and **shadow of the heavenly things**, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "*See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.*"

### Hebrews 9:2-14

For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part*, in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; :3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, :4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which *were* the golden

pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; :5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. :6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing *the services* :7 But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people's sins *committed* in ignorance; :8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. :9 **It was symbolic** for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience — :11 But Jesus Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with human hands, that is, not of this creation. :12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. :13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, :14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Holy Spirit offered Himself without spot to God the Father, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

#### What Does This Mean to Us?

Jesus not only lived a perfect life, but died the perfect death, dying as a sacrifice for all of our sins. the Bible says that...

#### 2 Corinthians 5:19

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,

#### 2 Corinthians 5:18

Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us ***the ministry of reconciliation***, - making up !!!

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

## TAKE YOUR POSITIONS EVERYONE!

### END OF STUDY