

“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

**Overview:**

Remember when the seventh seal in Rev 8:1 was opened and we saw the seven trumpet judgments began? Likewise, we are now connected back to the seventh trumpet in Rev 11:15 which includes the seven coming bowl judgments. Going forward we now see the preparation for the bowls here in our study of Rev 15. Rev 16 describes the 7 bowl judgments, Rev 17-18 shows the fall of the world system, religious and political that is called Babylon. Rev 19 is heaven's response and the second coming of Jesus. Chronologically, Rev 15-16 go into Rev 19.

John calls this sign “great and marvelous” because in it the wrath of God is complete. It is filled up and now it is ready to be delivered. It is the coming of the end. Once again before God's wrath is poured out, there is worship in heaven. This time, the worship is by the tribulation saints who have experienced victory over the beast, his image and his mark and over the number of his name. They are standing on the sea of glass with harps of God and they are singing the “song of Moses” and the “song of the Lamb”.

The temple in heaven opens and seven angels come out clothed in “pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands” This is a picture of the holiness of their task and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**References:**

**Rev 15:1** – Then I saw another sign – used 3 times in Revelation – Rev 12:1, 12:3, 15:1

**Rev 15:2** – A sea of glass mingled with fire – Rev 4:6 – Pictures the laver of the Old Testament – Exodus 30:17-21, 1 Kings 7:23-26, 2 Chronicles 4:6 – Washing prefigures cleansing from sin in Christ – 1 Chronicles 6:11

**Rev 15:2** – Those who have the victory (*nikao*) – used 28 times in the New Testament, 17 times in Revelation  
– 3 times focused on Satan and the Antichrist – conquer (2x)--Rev 6:2, overcome (2x)--Rev 11:7, 13:7  
– 7 times focused on the church – Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21  
– 2 times dealing with those who come to believe in the Tribulation--Rev 12:11, 15:2

**Rev 15:2** – A temporary victory, it was the Antichrist who was given victory – Rev 11:7, 13:7 – An eternal victory, these saints stand before God in worship – Rev 12:11

**Rev 15:3** – Song of Moses, the servant of God and of the Lamb – 3 songs  
– Exodus 15:1-19, a national refrain for Israel – Psalm 118:14, Isaiah 12:1-2  
– Deuteronomy 32:1-47 – God's justice in bring judgment  
– Rev 15:3-4 – A combination of both elements for Israel

**Rev 15:4** – How shall not fear you – echoes of Jeremiah 10:7

**Rev 15:5** – Temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was open – Rev 11:19

**Rev 15:6** – Chests girded with golden bands – signifies the Lordship of the One who sends them – Rev 1:13

**Rev 15:7** – Golden bowls – Rev 5:8

**Rev 15:8** – The temple was filled with smoke – denotes the presence of God – Isaiah 4:5, 6:1-4, Exodus 19:8, 20:19, Joel 2:30

**Rev 15:8** – No one was able to enter – Pictures the movement forward now – Exodus 40:34-35, Matthew 24:36

**Questions:**

- \* How do you feel after experiencing a long time of hardship to see the “beginning of the end”?
- \* Take some time and pray for family and friends who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

**Additional Study:**

**Rev 15:1**

\* Great and marvelous (*mega kai thaumaston*) – only time this combination in the Bible – here and in Rev 15:3

\* The wrath (*thumos*) – intense anger

\* Is complete – (*teleo*)

\* Who have the victory – (*nikao*) – to prevail, conquer, have victory, overcome

**Rev 15:4**

\* Your judgments have been manifested – (*phaneroo*) – revealed, made known

**Rev 15:6**

\* Having the seven plagues (*plegas*) – divine judgment pouring out afflictions upon a wicked world, a type of trouble or distress causing widespread or intense suffering

**Rev 15:7**

\* Bowls – (*phiale*) – a large shallow bowl used for cooking or serving liquids – of the type used in the ministry of the temple