

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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TAKE YOUR POSITIONS - EVERYONE! – PART 2

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* **Revelation 15:1-8**

I.) ***The Witness of God*** **vv. 1**

1st ***He has given mankind a witness***

2nd ***When the Lord interrupts human events***

3rd ***He brings a conclusion to world affairs***

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

: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.

1st ***He alone gives the salvation***

the sea of glass "mingled" with fire!

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?

2nd ***He alone gives the victory*** **V.2**

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

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

: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!

The Worship of God

1st He alone gives the song v.3b

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

Song of Deliverance and a Song of Salvation !

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

2nd It's 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

3rd It's 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.

Deuteronomy 16:16

The Lord told Moses to Tell the People of Israel...
...they shall not appear before the LORD empty handed:

At The First Christmas They Came with Gifts

Matthew 2:1-2,9-11

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 "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.....:9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. :10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. :11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Jesus' Life and Ministry Makes Perfect Sense - Reasonable!

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.

The Worship of God

4th 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.

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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

1st 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 Holy of Holies in Heaven Above - Dr. 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! Meaning now - that there is nothing to keep man from the presence of God if he comes thru Jesus Christ. It is the resurrected, human flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself which 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

2nd 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

The Wrath of God

3rd 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.

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 - -

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The Will of God

1st Is perfect in all its 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

2nd 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's 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.

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END OF STUDY