

# Revelation chapter 15

The Day of Vengeance of Our God (Isaiah 61:1-2)

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- As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written (Luke 4:16-17):  
**Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; **Isaiah 61:2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, ~~(and the day of vengeance of our God,)~~ (Luke 4:18-19 parallel verse)
- And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. (Luke 4:20-21)
- Verse Luke 4:18 (Isaiah 61:1) predicts the ministry of the Messiah. Then he stopped right in the middle of a sentence of Isaiah 61:2, right at a comma, and His last word was that he had come to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. But Isaiah goes on to say, "and the day of vengeance of our God." (Isaiah. 61:2) The Lord did not read that portion because it was not yet the time to proclaim the day of vengeance of our God. What was fulfilled in their ears was the proclamation of the acceptable year of the Lord when whosoever believes in Jesus shall be saved. But there is a day coming when THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD will be fulfilled when the LORD JESUS COMES TO EXECUTE HIS RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT UPON THIS WICKED AND SINFUL WORLD.

# God's Wrath Before Jesus Returns

- Revelation chapters 15 and 16 bring to a conclusion the chronological events in the Book of Revelation. Parenthetical chapters (7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16:13-19:11) are frequently interspersed in the Book. They are prophetic revelations about individuals, situations and events but they do not advance the narrative chronologically.
- As prophesied by the Lord Jesus (Matthew 24:8), the judgments to come are like birth pains with rapid increase in severity and in frequency. Yet people did not repent (9:20-21; 16:11), and so the divine wrath escalates but His evangelistic efforts escalate as well, resulting to the greatest harvest of souls in human history.

# Chapter 15 Reveals 3 Things

- Though this chapter is the shortest chapter of the Book of Revelation, however, it reveals three things:
  - It concludes the events in chapters 10 through 15 concerning visions in heaven or the conditions on earth until the middle of the tribulation period.
  - It serves as an introduction to the Great Tribulation or the second-half of the Tribulation Period as described in Chapter 16 when the seven angels pour out the bowls of God's wrath.
  - It reveals important truth about the wrath of God.
- The judgments in the Book is chronologically structured as follows:
  - begins with the 7 seals (6:1-17; 8:1).judgments;
  - the 7<sup>th</sup> seal judgment contains the 7 trumpet judgments (8:1-9:21; 11:15-19);
  - the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment contains the 7 bowl judgments (16:1-21)
- The judgment men receive on this earth is merely the judgment of their deeds (whatsoever one sows, he reaps). But they have not receive the judgment of God until

# 7 Bowl Judgments Announced (15:1-2)

- The apostle John saw a great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues which complete God's wrath.
- Secondly, John saw the tribulation saints who are victorious over the beast (antichrist), over his image, over his mark and over his number playing harps. The martyred saints were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held (6:9) but they overcame the beast by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (12:11) and they endured persecution by keeping the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus (14:12).
- They victors have harps of God and they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb. The song of Moses must be the song sung by Moses and the children of Israel in Exodus 15 when the children of Israel were triumphant over Pharaoh and his hosts singing, "saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.(Exodus 15:1-3)

# Jesus Worshipped in Heaven (15:3-4)

- They sang the song of the Lamb saying, “Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.” Combining the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb point to Jesus Christ as the triumphant Lord God of Israel who saved them from slavery under the Egyptians.
- Characteristics of the Lord attributed to Jesus in the song:
  - Almighty/Omnipotence - Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty;
  - Just - just and true are thy ways King of saints; for thy judgments are made manifest
  - Worthy of worship - King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?
  - Holy - for thou only art holy:
  - The only Potentate – (1Timothy 6:15) for all nations shall come and worship before thee;
- During the millennial reign of King Jesus, the prophecy of Jeremiah will be fulfilled as sung by the tribulation saints, “Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.” (Jeremiah 10:7).
- Truly the Book is not only a revelation of things that must shortly come to pass but a revelation of who Jesus Christ is.

# The Tabernacle of His Testimony and God's Wrath (15:5-8)

- And the apostle John looked again and he saw the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened and seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues. One of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.
- From the middle of Tribulation no angel nor man can enter the presence of the Lord for He will not be dealing with men in mercy but He will deal with men in judgment.
- He has been showing mercy and love to call men to Himself to be saved but they did not repent (5:15-17; 9:20-21; 16:11) of their wickedness. Yet the Lord is doing everything to save men from His wrath for the Lord is longsuffering not willing anyone to perish but for all to come to repentance. (2Peter 3:9) During the tribulation, He sends 144,000 Jews to evangelize (7:4-9); sends two witnesses to prophesy for 1, 260 days (11:3); finally, an angel to fly amidst the heaven to preach everlasting gospel unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (14:6) and then the end shall come (Matthew 24:14).
- However, His righteous and holy character demand that Jesus judge sinners. If He ignores their sin, He would no longer be holy and righteous and true to Himself and His character. He cannot deny Himself.

# The Lord's Purpose of the Great Tribulation

- To introduce a worldwide revival by the preaching of the 144,000 servants of God. A multitude will be gathered to the Lord which no man can number. (Revelation 7:9) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (Matthew 24:14)
  - Salvation during the Tribulation will still be by faith through grace the principle of Hebrews 11:6 is effective for all ages. Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
  - Those who are saved have their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb. “These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:14)
  - They were convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.(John 16:7-11) Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. (cf. Joel 2:28-29)

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- To destroy the wicked followers of the antichrist who are committed to his way, lest they corrupt others from the truth of the Gospel. Jesus warned in the last days, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:4-5) Paul wrote that there is only one Gospel, "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8) Paul summarized the gospel, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved...For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (1Corinthians 15:1-4)
- To shake the earth and the heavens and all things that can be shaken so that men whose sense of security is in the world or the things of this world will rather depend on the Lord than in the world and all that is therein (Luke 18:18-30; Matthew 16:26). Hebrews 12:26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." Hebrews 12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Hebrews 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, Hebrews 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

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- Tribulation's purpose is to prepare Israel for the Millennial kingdom by breaking the stubborn will of the Jewish nation:
  - **for Israel to confess her national sin of rejecting the Messiah.** (Jeremiah 3:11–18. In verses 14–18, Jeremiah describes the blessings that God has in store for Israel in the Messianic Kingdom. It will be a time of tremendous blessing and restoration for the Jewish people when their Messiah establishes the kingdom. However, all of these blessings are conditioned by verse 13, where they must acknowledge or **confess one specific iniquity which they committed against Jehovah their God.**)
  - **for them to plead for the Lord's return.** Zechariah 12:10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.”  
Jesus said that they will not see Him again until the Jews and Jewish leaders desire and say, “Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Matthew 23:39, a quotation from Messianic Psalm 118:26).

# The Third Temple

# Paving the Way for the Construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple



Growing Number of Saudis Declare Jerusalem Israel's Capital. Some Saudis went so far as to call for the third Jewish Temple to be built! (Israel365 News  
(<https://milled.com/israel365/effort-to-sacrifice-pascal-lamb-on-temple-mount-underway-and-todays-top-stories-WbeDoWanilQO>

# What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple?

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple will be the temple in Jerusalem during the Tribulation Period when the antichrist signs a 7-year peace treaty with Israel together with many nations.
- In the middle of the 7 years, the antichrist will cause the sacrificial offerings in the Temple and will enter and sit in the temple showing himself as God and opens his mouth in blasphemy against God. and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, and as many as would not worship the image of the antichrist should be killed. (Daniel 9:27; 2Thessalonians 2:4-12; Revelation 13)

# Effort to Sacrifice Pascal Lamb on Temple Mount Underway



PROMINENT RABBIS ASK NETANYAHU TO ALLOW THE PASSOVER SACRIFICE ON TEMPLE MOUNT (by Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz/Mar 10, 2021, Israel365 News} Rabbi Weiss suggested the possibility that the guilt of preventing the Passover sacrifice may have led to the political troubles plaguing both Trump and Netanyahu over the last year.

# LETTER TO NETANYAHU: PASSOVER IS TIME FOR FREEDOM

To the esteemed Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu,

We bless you that you should have great success in the upcoming elections. May it be the will of the Lord of all, whose Holy presence dwells in Zion and whose chosen city is Jerusalem, that you should continue to lead the State of Israel and the people of Israel in the coming years for good.

We are going to worship God, the God of Israel, the Creator of the world in the place that God has chosen. From there comes light and instruction to the whole world.

The duty of worship and the right of worship of the people of Israel as in the days of the Exodus from Egypt is the clearest expression of the Exodus of the people of Israel into the world of freedom. With this message, all the harassers will be silenced.

Therefore, we ask you to allow us, as the representatives of the Jewish people, to carry out the Passover sacrifice this year and every year from now on to illustrate and observe the freedom of worship on the 14th of Nisan in the evening.

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# From Jerusalem Post...

- The Temple Mount activist group Returning to the Mount sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday in which they called on him to allow them to make ritual offerings on Temple Mount on Wednesday to end the coronavirus pandemic.
- Citing the biblical example of King David, whom the bible depicts as being able to rid the people of Israel from a massive plague by giving offerings on the holy site, they wrote that, God willing, “because of this action the Lord will remove all illnesses from us.”
- I am reminded when David offered a peace offering and a burnt offering to the Lord by buying Araunah’s threshing floor and oxen to stop the plague in the land of Israel. (2 Samuel 24:18-25) The threshing floor and the oxen were being given by Araunah free but David said, “Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.”

# Lest you forget...

- Our free trip (Jesus paid it all) to the Father's house will be before the Tribulation Period. If the preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> temple is underway and getting closer, RAPTURE IS MUCH CLOSER STILL. IT MAY BE NOW, LATER TODAY, TOMORROW OR NEXT WEEK, OR NEXT MONTH. We don't know when but certainly, the signs of the times tell the Lord is at the door.
- Let's get ourselves ready, looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Don't be left out when the door is shut. Enter the rest of the Lord while you can!!!
- If you don't have Jesus in your heart, you will place yourself under the dictatorship of the antichrist, you will be forced to worship satan and the antichrist and receive the mark of the antichrist. Once you do that, you'll be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone for sure. You should not worship satan and the antichrist and receive the mark of the beast. You should not want to be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.
- You can join the rapture, confess and repent of your sins, put your faith in Jesus and believe that He died for your sins according to the scripture and He rose again from the dead that whosoever believes in Him should have eternal life and He is returning for you so that where He is there you might be also.

# While waiting for the Lord, occupy yourselves...

- **You are to regularly attend the gathering together in the name of the Lord.**

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

- **You are to observe the Lord’s Supper with Rapture in mind.**

“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death TILL HE COME.” (1Corinthians 11:26)

- **You are to love believers and all men.**

“And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men ... To the end he may stablish your hearts ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints” (1Thessalonians 3:12, 13).

- **You are to be patient.**

“Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh” (Jas. 5:8).

# Occupy yourselves...

- **You are to be concerned with heaven.**

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4).

- **You are to live a separated life.**

“... we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself ...” (1 John 3:2, 3).

“... denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:12, 13). “And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:28)

- **You are to preach the word.**

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ...” (2Timothy 4:1, 2).