

Rev. 15:1 *'And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.'*

Here, then, will be the *Grande Finale* of God's Holy and Righteous Wrath poured out on the wicked and unrepentant World which has, as the kingdom of darkness, rejected and despised His Love, Grace and Mercy previously poured out on the World. Now, those who've followed and served Satan through his chosen 'son,' the Antichrist, will receive the *beginnings* of their final, just reward. I say, '*beginnings*,' because, after the horrors of these final 7 plagues, and after they have all been physically killed with the Sword proceeding from the Mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ when He returns at Armageddon, they will, then, spend the next 1000 years in *Hades, the place of the dead*, where have been waiting all the unjustified sinners since Cain onward. After that very, very long sentence, they will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ in the Final Judgment... to be sentenced to the Lake of Fire, joining the Antichrist and False Prophet who had been thrown into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Tribulation and also Satan who will have been the first one thrown into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennium and finally, every unrepentant sinner of all time will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all Eternity.

In these final 7 plagues, God's Wrath will be filled up and poured out.

Conversely, we next see those who will spend Eternity among God's Elect: those who will have chosen to submit to God rather than Satan and his Antichrist; these are those who will experience God's Love, Peace and Joy for all Eternity:

Verse 2: *'And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.'*

We just saw, in the previous chapter, two great harvests: the first was the Lord Jesus Christ 'harvesting the Earth:' He is the True Vine and He was harvesting His true branches who will have come to faith during the Tribulation... they will be the fruit from the ministry of the 144,000 and the 2 Witnesses. They will be those who had put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and refused to take the Mark of the Beast; they will have been martyred for their faith and will receive the special crown the Lord Jesus Christ has promised to those who are faithful unto death; to the church of Ephesus He had said:

*'Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a **crown of life**.'* Rev. 2:10

The second harvest we saw was of a powerful angel harvesting many of the unbelievers who had taken the Mark of the Beast; a result of that harvest will see blood flowing as deep as the horse's bridle, about 5 feet, for a distance of 200 miles.

These, in Heaven, from the harvest of the Lord Jesus Christ, having 'harps of God,' is an indication that God will, either, miraculously impart the understanding and ability to make beautiful music on harps or that these, with their new, glorified bodies, minds and understandings, will be able to learn very quickly as, perhaps, David or an angel will teach classes for them to learn the harp; David will have had about 3000 years to become a real expert on his harp and the harp that he will have been playing for the past 3000 years will have been designed and made by an angel whose specialty has been praising and worshipping the Lord God Almighty with his voice and with his harp... for, perhaps, millions of years.

When these arrive in Heaven... when we are Raptured... all of us, the children of God... when we are given glorified, eternal bodies like that of the Lord Jesus Christ; we will have perfect bodies and perfect minds which will be far, far more intelligent than the greatest human geniuses who've ever lived but... but... our new brains and bodies will not suddenly, miraculously have super knowledge. What we will have, however, is the super ability to learn. Our minds will soak up knowledge at an unbelievable rate; we will have teachers in Jesus

Christ Himself, in angels and in those who have been in Heaven, learning for thousands of years. Imagine the joy of real learning; we will read, we will hear, we will be taught and we will quickly learn it all and retain it all. For all eternity, we will learn and we will use all our incredible knowledge in ruling and reigning with the Lord Jesus Christ. That ability to learn and retain vast amounts of knowledge is one of the things to which I most look forward... we'll be able to carry on intelligent conversations even with Michael, the Archangel.

We can think on these kinds of things; we can imagine; we can know and understand many things as God gives us wisdom and understanding from His Holy Spirit as we are faithful, simply, to ask. Remember! We should always be setting our minds and hearts on things above, thinking about how things will be; we should be imagining and using our common sense as well as the wisdom God gives us, every time we ask for it: *'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.'* James 1:5

We can have 'Heavenly understanding;' we can have a good idea of how things will be... certainly, not exactly or, sometimes, even closely but all in all... we can understand much of what is coming. God does not change; He remains the same, age to age and forever.

'The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.' Ecc 1:9

'For I am the LORD, I change not' Mal 3:6

'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.' Heb 13:8

'I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations. ²⁵ Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. ²⁶ They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: ²⁷ But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. ²⁸ The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.' Psa 102:25

I think about forever; I think and ponder the Nature of God; I imagine and I allow the Holy Spirit to give me His Wisdom. Remember... the bigger, the huger, the more unbelievably impossible that we imagine, knowing that God is able to do that and far more than we can even think or imagine... that glorifies God... that we know and remember that there is absolutely nothing He cannot do. Whatever I can imagine ... even that is far inferior to what He can and will do throughout all Eternity.

We must never allow ourselves to be afraid or ashamed to imagine the unimaginable and far, far beyond. We must never allow anyone or anything to shame us into fear of imagining God's greatness.

Whenever we are given a picture of something of the future, something of Heaven, Hell or the New Earth and New Jerusalem we should always ponder that thing... imagine that thing, see it in our minds, in our God-given imaginations. If God is good enough to show us something of the future, we should be faithful to the inspiration He has given and think on it; imagine it; see it; expect it and patiently wait for it. That is one of the main reasons God gives us prophetic visions of the future... so that we can know it is coming, so that we can expect it and so that we can, most importantly, patiently wait for it while enduring the trials He brings into our lives in order to form us more and more into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ. We know, with certainty, everything He gave as prophecy has been fulfilled perfectly so far so that we can know that everything else He has given as prophecy will, also, be fulfilled exactly and completely.

The most obvious and most important thing is our blessed hope, the soon coming Rapture when we will be instantly removed from this evil and decaying world.

Verse 3: *'And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and 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. ⁴ 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.'*

There are 2 Songs of Moses; the first is in Exodus 15 which commemorates God's victory over the Egyptians when He closed up the waters of the Red Sea after the Israelites had crossed over on dry land. The second Song of Moses is contained within the first 43 verses of Deut. 32 which is the time the Israelites, led by Joshua, will leave Moses in the wilderness, cross the Jordan and finally, after 40 years of wandering, enter into the land which God had promised to Abraham and his descendants as their possession forever.

What we are given of the Song of the Lamb is here: *'Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. ⁴ 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.'*

We're given the words to several songs in Scripture but, unfortunately, never the music; one day soon, we will hear, learn and sing all the incredible music of God, His angels, of Heaven and New Jerusalem; we have never heard anything like the music of Heaven; in fact, I believe, our current ears would not even be able to hear it just as, in the same way, our current eyes are unable to see the things of Heaven and the Spiritual realm.

Throughout Eternity we will hear, learn, play and sing wondrous music to the Glory of God.

Verse 5: *'And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:'*

The Temple of the Testimony in Heaven: the pattern of this is what Moses was shown on Mt. Sinai. This is what the Tabernacle was patterned after and then, also, Solomon's Temple. We, God's people, from Adam, onward, have been saved in only one way. We think of the New Covenant and the Old Covenant and before that, God's Covenants with Adam, Noah and Abraham but there has only been one way to Salvation throughout all time. Mankind has always been saved in only one way and that is belief and faith in what God has said: all have been saved by God's Grace through faith in His promise of the one Sacrifice that could ever forgive sin, the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the World.

Verse 6: *'And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.'*

We don't know if these seven angels are the seven angels who sounded the seven trumpets releasing those Judgments. Maybe these are the same seven but my guess is that they are seven different angels, knowing that God loves His angels and He would, naturally, give these honors to several of His faithful angels... at least, that's the way I would do it if I were God!

These seven angels are coming out of the Temple where they were given instruction by God and also given the last seven plagues... however that was accomplished. They come out of the Temple having the seven plagues and yet, in the next verse we will see that they are then given golden vials...

Verse 7: *'And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.'*

This is one of the four beasts in Heaven; one of the four living creatures. We saw them earlier in Revelation 4: *'And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. ⁷ And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. ⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, ¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.'*

In Rev 6, when God's Judgments begin with the four horsemen, these are the four creatures who call out to John, to *'Come and see!'* each one.

And we've seen them in Ezekiel where they are a special class of angel, Cherubim, who live and remain within the Throne room of God. In Ezekiel, these cherubim have four faces, that of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. These are they which cry out, 'Holy, holy, holy!'

These four are ever around the Throne of God and they are tasked with the constant worship of God within His Throne Room.

This 'one' of the four beasts now gives unto the seven angels who have just emerged from the Heavenly Temple, he gives to each of the seven, a golden vial, each of which is *full of the Wrath of God*.

Imagine the great responsibility of carrying something so awesome as the Wrath of God; if I were to hold such a thing, I would be in terror of it or of spilling even a drop; I would tremble. None of that appears to affect these seven angels. Like Esther, they have been prepared from Eternity past, for just such a time and place as this!

This, then, is the awesome, dreadful and spectacular culmination of God's Wrath finally poured out on the wicked World of men and angels who have, since time immemorial rejected and despised God's Love, His Grace, His Mercy and His Righteous Holiness previously poured out on humans since their first creation.

Now, with this final Wrath poured out, the Ages of Human Government are about to end. After this, the Tribulation will come to an end with the Lord Jesus Christ returning physically to personally rule and reign for the next 1000 years as we, His Body and Bride rule and reign with Him: first, for the 1000 years of the Millennium and then forever after the Final Judgment and after He destroys the present Heaven and Earth and creates a New Heaven and New Earth

Verse 8: *'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.'*

God's Glory and His Power cause the Temple in Heaven to be filled with smoke. I've spoken, often, of imagining some of what awaits us in Heaven and on the New Earth, as well as throughout the entire Universe. There is one thing, however, that I freely admit, I have no frame of reference to even begin to imagine God, Himself, His Power, His Glory, the absolute Awesomeness of His very Presence. I don't think it's even in our power to begin imagining God, Himself.