

## **Revelation 15:1-8** **The Final Plagues**

### **Introduction:**

What we are finding in the exposition of the book of Revelation is not merely a repetition of blessing upon the saints and judgment upon the unbelieving world, but also a slow but steady advancement to finality of judgment upon the wicked and the glorious presence of the saints in heaven. One commentator points out that when John speaks about God's judgments on the unbelieving world, he, within the same context has a segment on the victorious saints. This gives a picture of the extraordinary balance between judgment and blessing. Again the two-sided coin appears: heaven and hell; judgment and glory; and darkness and light.

### **I. Heaven's Sign – v.1-4**

#### **A. God's judgments have a starting point reaching the finish line v.1**

1. Preliminary signs – Matt.24
2. Final judgments – 15:7- 16:1,19

#### **B. What John sees in heaven – v.2**

1. "I saw" occurs 42 times (15:1,2,5)
2. The believer in Christ is able to see God's holiness – 4:6
3. Sea mixed with fire – Exod. 13:20-14:31

#### **C. Song of Moses – Turn to: Exodus 15:1-13**

#### **D. Song of the Lamb – See Rev. 5:9-10,12,13 (7:10)**

1. The two songs are conjoined – Heb. 3:5,6
2. Content of the songs: Law, Prophets and the Psalms – Luke 24:44
  - a. "Great and marvelous are Thy works" – Psa. 111:2
  - b. "O Lord God, the Almighty" – Amos 3:13; 4:13
  - c. "Righteous and true are Thy ways..." Psa. 145:17; Deut. 32:4; Jer. 10:7
  - d. "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name" – Jer. 10:7
  - e. "For Thou alone art holy; all the nations will come and worship before Thee" – Exod. 15:19; Psa. 86:9,10
  - f. "Thy righteous act have been revealed" – Psa. 98:2

### **II. Heaven's Presence of God – v. 5-8**

#### **A. The Temple**

1. Symbolizes the literal presence of God
2. The new Covenant – Luke 22:20

#### **B. Seven Angels**

1. They are encamped around the church to guard her – Psa. 91:11
2. They render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation – Heb. 1:14; cf. v.7

#### **C. The Eternality of God – v.7; Rev. 1:8; 4:9; 10:6; 1:18; I Tim. 6:15,16)**

1. Stephen Charnock, an English Puritan, writes: "The Existence and Attributes of God"
2. The glory of God fills the throne room – Exod. 40:34; I Kgs. 8:10; Isa. 6:1-7