

Prelude To The 7 Bowl Judgments

(Revelation 15:1-8)

Intro: Chapters 15 and 16 of Revelation form one connected vision, depicting the final seven judgments of God that will terminate the Great Tribulation. Chapter 15 serves as a Prelude or Introduction to the final seven judgments to be executed in chapter 16. These seven plagues or bowl judgments represent the final expression of God's wrath to be poured out upon all those who worship and serve the Beast, Antichrist. As we shall see, these seven bowl judgments are catastrophic in extent and occur in rapid succession. This final series of seven judgments will culminate with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and great glory (Rev. 19:11-21; cf., Matt. 24:29-31).

I. The Sign In Heaven (v. 1)

II. The Sea Of Glass And The Victorious Tribulation Saints (v. 2)

III. The Song Of Moses And Of The Lamb (vv. 3-4)

IV. The Sanctuary In Heaven Opened (v. 5)

V. The Seven Angels With The 7 Plagues (vv. 6-7)

VI. The Smoke Filled Temple (v. 8)

Conclusion:

Taken as a whole, Revelation 15:1-8 presents a fearful picture of impending divine judgment on a wicked world. It serves as a Prelude, an Introduction to the 7 bowl judgments to be poured out in chapter 16. Absolute and undiluted wrath will be the business of these final days.