

## VICTORY IN HEAVEN REVELATION 15

Revelation 15 is a prelude to the final judgments of the Great Tribulation. It is also a scene of victory and power. Here we see the tribulation saints singing a song of victory in heaven and we see the awesome power of God displayed as the final judgments are prepared.

### I. THE AWESOME SCENE IN HEAVEN. 15:1-4.

#### A. The Seven Angels of Judgment. 15:1.

1. The great and marvelous sign. Cp. Rev. 12:1.
2. The seven angels. 15:1,6. Cp. Rev. 8:2.
3. The final plagues.

#### B. The Victorious Martyrs in Heaven. 15:2-4.

1. Their identity. 15:2.
  - \* The fact that they are in heaven during the tribulation and had rejected the mark of the beast. These are they who have died during the tribulation. Many of them are martyrs.\*
2. Their victory. 15:2.
  - a The location in heaven. Cp. Rev. 4:6; 6:9-11.
  - b The announcement of victory.
  - c. The means of victory. Rev. 12:11.
3. Their celebration. 15:3,4.
  - a. The song of victory. Cp. Ex. 15; Rev. 5:8-14; 14:3.
  - b. The declaration of praise.
    - \* God's works and ways are wonderful and just.
    - \* God is great and mighty, the king of the saints and holy.
    - \* God will be worshipped by the nations. Zech. 14:16.

### II. THE FINAL WRATH UPON EARTH. 15:5-8.

#### A. The Appearance of the Angels. 15:5-6.

1. Their appearance from the inner sanctuary. 15:5.
  - \* The tabernacle on earth was a picture of the tabernacle in heaven. Heb. 9. \*
2. Their appearance in glory.
  - a. The pure linen represents their purity.
  - b. The golden vests represent their glory.

#### B. The Presentation of the Bowls. 15:7-8.

1. The presentation from the living creature. Rev. 4:6-8.
2. The manifestation of the glory of God. 15:8.
  - \* This was a demonstration of the glory of God who alone is worthy and able to bring judgment to the earth. Cp. Rev. 8:4,5. \*

The message of Revelation 15 should encourage us to be faithful to our God regardless of the cost. We will be victorious if we trust and follow him. One day the final judgment will be over and righteousness will reign forever and ever.



