



2026 Focus: Rooted. Ready. Resilient

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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Prelude to the Bowl Judgments

Revelation Chapter 15

Chapter 15 introduces the seven bowls of wrath, God's final judgment at the end of the seven-year Tribulation period. The bowl judgments come in rapid fire, sudden brief fashion, each one stronger in fury and in intensity. The bowls are the last plagues that issue from the blast of the seven Trumpets and will conclude the seventh seal.

Chapter 15 is the third great sign seen by John in heaven, enabling him to look forward to the glorious future after the final series of judgments have cleansed the earth.

Verse 1. *John sees seven angels with the last plagues— "for in them the wrath of God is finished."* - This is the final stage of God's judgment. Not random anger—**purposeful justice**. God is bringing His work to completion.

- God is patient, but He is not passive.
- In a world where injustice feels endless, this verse reminds believers that God will finish what He started.
- You can keep doing right even when wrong seems to win.

Verse 2. *John sees a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who overcame the beast stand beside it with harps.* The "sea of glass" symbolizes **stability** and **peace**; the *fire* symbolizes **judgment**. The overcomers are people who stayed faithful under pressure. **Rev. 12:11**

- Overcoming today means staying faithful in a culture that rewards compromise.

- God honors those who stand firm when the world pushes them to bow.
- Your endurance is not wasted, heaven sees it.

Verse 3. *They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, celebrating God's works and His ways.* This is a victory song. It connects the deliverance of Israel (Moses) with the deliverance through Christ (the Lamb). God's character is consistent across history. **Exodus 15:2**

- Worship is how believers stay grounded in chaotic seasons.
- When you do not understand what God is doing, worship reminds you of what He has already done.
- Worship keeps your heart from becoming bitter while you wait.

Verse 4. *All nations will fear and glorify God because His judgments are true and righteous.* God's justice is not flawed, biased, or corrupt. His judgments are perfectly right.

- Human justice systems fail; God's does not.
- You can trust God with the things you cannot fix.
- God sees what others overlook, and He will address what others avoid.

Verse 5. *The temple in heaven—the "tabernacle of testimony"—is opened.* This symbolizes God revealing His holiness and His standard. The "*testimony*" refers to God's covenant faithfulness.

- God's character is the standard for justice, not culture or politics.
- When God opens a door, He is revealing something about Himself.
- God's faithfulness is the anchor for your future.

Verse 6. *The seven angels come out of the temple dressed in pure, bright linen with golden sashes.* Their clothing symbolizes purity, righteousness, and divine authority. They are executing God's will, not their own.

- God's work is carried out with purity and integrity.
- When God moves, He moves cleanly—without corruption or hidden motives.

- This challenges believers to lead with integrity in their own assignments.

Verse 7. *One of the four living creatures gives the angels seven golden bowls filled with God's wrath.* The bowls represent the fullness of God's justice. The living creature symbolizes God's authority in creation.

- God's justice is not chaotic; it is intentional and complete.
- God will address every wrong, even the ones you thought were forgotten.
- You do not have to carry the weight of vengeance—God will handle what you cannot.

Verse 8. *The temple fills with smoke from God's glory and power, and no one can enter until the plagues are completed.* The smoke represents God's presence. The closed temple means God is completing His work without interruption.

- There are seasons when God closes the door so He can finish something in you or around you.
- When God is silent, He is not still—He is completing something.
- Trust the process even when you cannot participate in it.
- "When God is completing His work, our job is to keep worshiping, keep trusting, and keep standing—because God always finishes what He starts."

Takeaways for Today

1. **Keep standing even when the world pushes you to bow.**
Faithfulness is still the mark of an overcomer.
2. **Keep worshiping even when you do not understand God's timing.**
Worship keeps your heart aligned with heaven.
3. **Keep trusting even when God closes the door.**
Closed doors often mean God is completing something behind the scenes.
4. **Keep believing that justice will come.**
God's justice may be slow, but it is sure.