

Two Visions that Prepare For the Seven Last Super Bowls

Perspective. . . see chart...

The introduction to the seven last trumpets, v 1

The overarching statement, 15:1

This is another sign in heaven, Rev 12:1, 3

The first was Israel, the woman who gave birth to Christ; 12:1

The second was the serpent who tried to destroy Christ, 12:3

The third sign is judgment upon the satanic system that opposes Christ, 15:1

This is the last woe, 11:14

The duty of the seven

To inflict the seven last plagues,

This is the completion of God's wrath

With the execution of these seven, God's anger will have been completed; the final cycle of such cosmic displays of God's wrath will end with these.

The rejoicing over this announcement, 15:2-4

These martyrs are probably the martyrs of 12:11. These people have paid for their faithfulness with their lives; see also 2 Thess 1:5-10.

The song of Moses is a song of praise for deliverance, Exodus 15 (or perhaps Deuteronomy 32) and this song is also a song of praise for deliverance and execution of justice.

Great and marvelous

Great = amazement; Marvelous = astonishment

God's ways are just and true, (Deut 32:4) what he is about to do is not unfair or out of line with what he promised.

The LORD GOD Almighty

The all-powerful creator of the universe is about to act

Three reasons they fear and give glory, v 4.

1. God's unique holiness
2. (because) All nations will come (Psalm 2:8,9; 24:1-10; 66:1-4; 72:8-11; 86:9; Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:6-7; 66:18-23; Dan 7:14; Zeph 2:11; Zech 14:9)
3. His righteous acts of judgment are here

The preparation for seven last plagues (bowls), 15:5-8

After this, I looked... something new

The Tabernacle of the testimony was a name for the tent of worship in the wilderness where God's moral requirements for man (Exodus 25:16, 21; Exodus 38:21; Numbers 1:50, 53; 9:15; 17:7) were kept.

From this heavenly tabernacle came seven angels with seven plagues dressed in purity. This act of judgment will be a pure and righteous act.

They receive golden bowls filled with the wrath of God.

The temple is filled with smoke from the glory of God so that no one could enter. This has now become inaccessible to anyone because God is about to act. This is an ominous sign of impending doom.

So what?

The world is currently under the wrath of God

The world and its inhabitants will experience the final wrath of God.

Seeing this for God's saints who are redeemed by grace will be an opportunity to praise God.