



✝ They made Him (GOD) jealous with strange gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.¹⁷ They sacrificed to demons, who were not God,

Deuteronomy 16- 17a NASB

Welcome to Revelation chapter fifteen.



Rev. 15:1 NIV

✝ I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed.

Just as it was with the Seals & Trumpets these coming Divine Judgements are against those who continue to deny GOD with this final series that is indeed the final enforcement of GOD’S eviction notice now against the Gentiles. (Non-Jewish peoples)

Also, the original Greek states that these coming Judgements will complete GOD’S Wrath against the Unredeemed as in those alive at this time who will experience GOD’S Wrath who have chosen to face GOD’S Justice & His Pure Holiness alone apart from our Savior Jesus.

Why? The Tribulation
& Great Tribulation
are so difficult
man’s anger
satan’s hatred
then GOD’S Wrath
are all in the End Times

The word used here for completed is the very same word Jesus used upon His cross when He referenced that His work of His Purpose as our Sacrificial Savior to pay our Sin debt unto our Heavenly Father was complete. Complete & Accomplished.

To make it clear; these forthcoming Judgements do complete the long suffering patiently pent-up Wrath of Jehovah Almighty.

Rev. 15:2 NASB

✝ And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who were victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

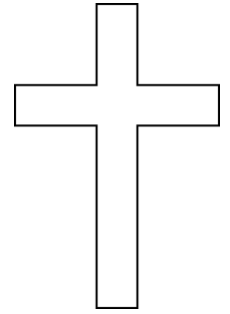
John is repeating here from Revelation 4 while now making it a touch easier to identify this Sea of Glass as the Church who are now mingled with fire which always represents Judgment.

Meaning by this time 3 ½ years into the Tribulation, that the Bride of Christ has been through her “Bema” or rewards Judgement & take notice she/we are now also standing alongside with “those” people as in the other Saints (Tribulation) as well.

Again, because we know by Revelation 5 & 14 that those holding the Harps are human people & Elders now including the Tribulation Saints because they only were victorious as in Saved away from the antichrist and his Mark of the Beast system because the Church was Raptured away prior to this time. (Martyred Great Trib Saints are also arriving Spiritually in Heaven to be resurrected at Jesus’s Second Advent the 3rd Rapture)

Remember; as for the Sea of Glass this was each literal as a barrier for Spiritual beings before GOD’S Throne and like Jesus allowing Peter to walk on the Sea of Galilee- in Revelation 4 the Raptured Church is seen standing upon this crystal Sea now unlike Peter totally undistracted & complete in Faith with perfect calm. We also know Sea is a Biblical metaphor for Gentiles and the word John uses here in Revelation 15 is the very same word that he used in Revelation 4 for Sea.

John does not use any of the normal words for large bodies of water but uses the Greek word #2281 for Sea which has a root word of 252 meaning salt. Again, John also detailed for us that in Revelation 4 the Lampstands representing the 7 distinct types of Christians found in the 7 Church Ages of Rev. 2-3 as in the Church's sharing of Jesus as THE Light of the world are (Raptured) before the throne of GOD in Heaven.



John's Christian code for the Church as Salt & Light now in Heaven comes from this Jesus teaching
✝ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-15 NIV

Vs 15:1 as for the fire mingled amongst the crystal Church Sea:

The fire is representative that the Church by this time has already gone through what is known as the Bema rewards Judgement of Christ. Again, as explained in Revelation 4 this is NOT a Judgement for Salvation because everyone present before GOD'S Throne here is Saved and was Raptured by Christ.

This will be or was from John's perspective now in Rev. 15 past tense, basically each believer's life review with any and all efforts in Love of Christ that we did for Him and others that are remembered then recognized and rewarded by Jesus as He promised us in Heaven. (Colossians 3:17 & 23-25)

Biblical reference

✝ and as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 9:27 KJV



This makes it clear that all interpretations and speculations such as reincarnation or coming back as different forms of existence are merely man-made fables by those not wanting to face the reality of GOD and His Word that life is one and done.

Because the purpose of this life is to determine who will be one with the Lord as a part of His Heavenly eternal family by own freewill of accepting or rejecting Jesus as our Savior & then when this life ends our eternity begins. Only by supernatural means be it real or fake, Divine or demonic, do apparitions or the appearing of the departed do occur. The Fallen (angels) can be very astute and adapt at falsely presenting people even resemblances looking and sounding like individuals complete with supposed memories if dark doors are opened as opportunities for them to devilishly deceive those who think they are being secretly pleased.

Here are the details of the Bema Judgement with only believers reviewed in Heaven for reward

✠ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:11-14 ESV

The term the day in scripture is always in reference to the “Day of the Lord.”

Of course, with this being Jesus revealed from Heaven to an unrepentant world which begins with the Rapture of the Church and concludes with Thy Kingdom to Come of the Millennial Kingdom.

You know; a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. (2 Peter 3:8)

This is each an example of the Intellect, Will, and Reach of GOD including His Eternal Existence of that a thousand years is but like only a single day for Him. However, this is also quite literal.

Because scripture calls “The Day of the Lord” which we know as the Thy coming Kingdom which is by Sabbatical cycle GOD’S 7th day of Lawful rest for humanity that is defined as being 1000 years.

(Note the Biblical timeline of Adam & Eve at the completion of Revelation 19 will be 6000 years)

Now as for the 1st Corinthians Bema Judgement of fire (mingled with the crystal Sea) this meaning our efforts and opportunities in our lives to do good for the Lord and others but when our weakness got in His Way these are represented by combustible wood, hay, & straw with these as our selfish human motivations and ambitions that are consumed by fire & we are rewarded by what survives.

Even when we think or claim to be doing the Lord’s work, GOD knows our heart and secret motivations even if it is only subconscious to us. (The Holy Spirit resides inside & knows us)

Now as far as to the gold, silver, and precious gemstones: briefly in scripture gold does not corrode so it represents our Faith. Silver in the Bible is our pay- as in our reward for helping others attain their goal of gold as in their Faith in Jesus.

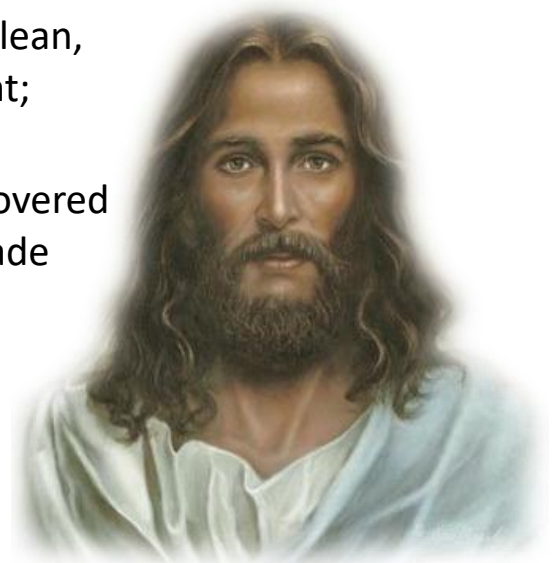
While gems and costly precious stones are our works and deeds done in Love of the Lord & for others. Our works and deeds are evidence of our Faith and not for our Salvation. (James 2)

Isaiah 64:6 NASB

✠ For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;

Luke 12:2-3 NLT

✠ The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. ³ Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops
for all to hear!





Our Heavenly rewards & position depend upon us

It has been said in Jesus's very real Way that our Heavenly reward crowns will literally be made by the Spiritual gold, silver, and precious stones that we store up in our Heavenly accounts by our life's work for Jesus.

Protestants believe in "Infusion"
That Salvation is instant at our joining with the Holy Spirit.
Catholics believe in "Imputation"
That Salvation is earned one drop at a time.

✠ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust^lconsume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 RSV

Of course it is not a Sin to have nice things, wealth, or respectable good times. However, tis a Sin for things, wealth, or pleasures to totally consume & own us. As in when we pursue gain or leisure to the point that they push out all other considerations. This most definitely hampers and ultimately harms us & others in our lives who are dependent and counting on us for companionship or guidance in addition to any financial responsibilities. Conversely be it Spiritually, emotionally, or intellectually neglecting any of these 3 in the name of provision can also often lead to relationship loss at a staggering personal cost. For those who must struggle in this life just to get by please always remember continual absence can also lead to resentment. So please be sure even if it is only a few minutes a day to give away a part of yourself in Christ to all whom you hold near and dear.

While finally most importantly spending time with the Lord centers us and prepares us to live as a Godly example for our loved ones. Making room for GOD in our busy daily lives is paramount. For example; even if we only have time to Pray or to listen to the Bible while traveling.

If we have the time to watch a ballgame on TV, even when we rightly feel we deserve this quality wind-down me time do not forget, so does GOD & the other people in your life. That they each too deserve you.

Christians are never foolish when we give up what we can not keep. Being this worlds pleasures and gain.

Only one life soon to be past, only what we do for Jesus will last. Hal Lindsey

Rev. 15:3-6 NKJV

Continuing

Deuteronomy 32 is the song of Moses containing Isreal's creation & purpose with 3 warnings of desolation for disobedience.

✠ They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! ⁴Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." ⁵After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. ⁶And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

Heavenly Father made promises and then requirements to Adam & Eve each in the Garden of Eden and again after their fall in Sin. Likewise, the Lord gave additional requirements to Noah, Abraham, Moses & then King David to finally Jesus brought to all His Grace by Faith. With the point being here that GOD gave His Love, Law and Will without ever a single contradiction but with different restrictions upon His peoples as they were each needed and as the people were capable of understanding and also keeping within His Covenant Faith Ages.

Same GOD same rules different promises to different peoples at different times as they were needed by their Spiritual maturity with GOD'S authority.

Vs 3 Having the songs of Moses and the song of the Lamb combined and sung at the same time means the Old and the New Covenants of GOD are now one. How many times have you heard that the Old Testament Law was too harsh and much too hard for anyone other than Jesus to keep?

Likewise, how often have you heard that the New Testament is abused even by believers that the forgiveness and the Love of GOD is so emphasized that no one is held accountable for anything?

Right here we have the combination of each GOD'S Law, Justice, & His Holiness, coupled with His Love, Pardon, Mercy, & Grace forever & no attribute of GOD will ever again be delayed to emphasize another. Grace was delayed during Law & Law was delayed during Grace but never again for each shall be equal.

The totality of the Raptured are now the Church & Tribulation Saints including the Old Testament Saints meaning those pre-Christ who were Faithful in awaiting the arrival of GOD'S Saving Messiah.

Vs 5 The Temple of the Tabernacle of Testimony means where the presence of GOD Almighty resides & Exodus 25:16 says was upon the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant (Law) with 3 specific items that were stored inside as a "Testimony" of what GOD had done in fulfilling & protecting His Word & People.

First was Aaron's Staff that budded almonds, second a jar of Manna that fed the Jewish people from the wilderness & finally the surviving stone Tablets of the 10 Commandments.

John is leaving no doubt whatsoever that the peoples of GOD'S Law & His Grace are now together in Heaven because the believers of each the New and Old Testaments including believers from the pre-Law Ages together are in fact THE "Testimony" of GOD'S Righteousness, His Holiness & Power before all including each the Angelic and the legally Redeemed of Sinful humanity all now in Heaven. (Mystery of GOD)

Originally GOD'S Presence was before humanity in the Temple/Tabernacle & now by Jesus the Redeemed in Christ/Messiah of all Covenant Ages are before GOD.

✠ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. ¹⁶ So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

Numbers 9:15 KJV

Context

Genesis 1:2 says the Holy Spirit of GOD hovered over the newly created waters of the Earth & at Jesus's Transfiguration He was enveloped by the Holy Spirit as a cloud Mark 9, Matt. 17, Luke 9.

Vs 6 the 7 Angels are high-ranking denoted by their gold sashes coming directly from the presence of GOD.

Rev. 15:7 NASB

✠ And one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.



Conclusion

✚ The Temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.

The Temple fills with the presence of GOD at the time of His Wrath to be poured out upon satan's antichrist & his demonic kingdom. No one- no created beings of any type or purpose may enter until Heavenly Father's 7 plagues are complete.

Biblical/Historical example of people not being able to enter Tabernacle/Temple when GOD was present

✚ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40:35 NASB

In various Scriptures, the Presence of GOD is seen as a cloud (1Kings 8:10-11) however when Judgement is concerned GOD always appeared as smoke. As in His Fire of Judgement. (Isaiah 6:1-4)

Biblehub.com summary of Revelation 15:8

Revelation 15:8 pictures heaven's temple saturated with the visible presence of God, stressing His unmatched glory and power. The smoke both shields and signals Him, making entry impossible until His righteous wrath, poured out through the seven bowls, is finished. The verse teaches that God's judgment proceeds from His own holy character, follows a precise timetable, and cannot be interrupted. Once completed, the way will reopen for final redemption and eternal fellowship with Him.

Historically on the Sabbath during the morning service a Psalm was sung and then later after the Sacrifice during the afternoon service the song of Moses was sung.



John's Christian Code:

Old Testament references in chapter 15

15:3- Exod . 15:1, 11; Deut . 32:4; Pss . 92:5; 111:2; 139:14; 145:17;(Apoc.) Jer . 10:10 Theodotion; Amos 3:13 LXX; 4:13 LXX; (Sept.) 1 En . 9:4; 25:5; 27:3;(Apoc.) Tob . 13:7, 11 (Apoc.)

15:4- Ps. 86:9, Jer. 10:6-7, Mal. 1:11

15:5- Exod.38:21,40:34

15:6- Lev. 26:21

15:7- Ps. 75:8, Isa. 51:17, 22, Jer.25:15

15:8- Exod . 40:34; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chron . 5:13-14; Isa . 6:4; Ezek . 44:4