

Message Notes

Series: How close are we to the end?

Message: The Temple of Doom

Passage: Rev. 15

Intro:

15:1:

“another sign”=this relates back to Chapter 12 which revealed 2 signs: Israel and satan.

This is a p_____ to the final judgments that start in Chapter 16.

“plaque”= word literally means w_____ or b_____.

15: 2:

“sea mingled with fire”= “sea” usually refers to p_____ and “sea of glass” could refer to the word of God.

“fire”= trials of p_____ the saints who become Christians endure during the Tribulation.

“victory”= these tribulation saints have not lost-they are winners!

1 Cor. 15: 55-57

They receive the victor’s crown James 1: 12 and will reign with God for eternity.

Rev. 15: 3-4

They sing the song of victory over their enemy, which is the Song of Moses in Exodus. 15: 1-21 of their victory over Pharoah and a new Song of the Lamb of victory over Babylon.

“fear” r_____ for God

Rev. 15: 5-6

The temple and tabernacle on earth were modeled after the ones in heaven.

The ark of the covenant, Rev. 11:19 is in heaven.

Unlike the earthy temple, the most holy of holies place was open because now nothing obscures God's glory.

In the earthly temple, only the High Priest, once a year, could enter the Holy of Holies for redemption of sin.

But in heaven, no sinful people dwell so the holy of holies remains open.

Hebrews 9:23 tells us that the temple and ark give way to the better sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God.

"Clothed in linen"= indicates p_____ garments.

"Bowls" were used in the service of the temple i.e. a bowl of blood was taken by the high Priest one day each year into the holy of holies for the redemption of sin.

These bowls may be connected to the bowls filled with the prayers of the martyrs in Rev 5:8.

They are God's direct response to that plea for Him to avenge their suffering and death.

Rev. 15: 7-8

The temple is filled with smoke from the middle of the Tribulation till the end. No one will have access to God. God will be dealing with humanity from judgment and no longer from mercy.

SMALL GROUP LESSON

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LOOK BACK: Describe a time as a kid that you did something wrong and the awful wait time you went through until the punishment arrived. How did you feel? What feelings surged through your spirit?

LOOK UP

One: How do you choose not to become bitter when problems do not go away?

Two: How does it make you feel to know that God's mercy comes quickly but His judgement is often delayed against wrong?

Three: Talk about true worship as heaven performs it. Why do we arrive late to church, fail to sing and often do not truly engage God? It is mainly because of personal pride that worship is not to our tastes. But what if God is honored by all forms of worship chosen for the day regardless of my personal preference?

LOOK FORWARD:

Write the names of two people you will specifically and personally ask to sit with you this Sunday in worship: _____.