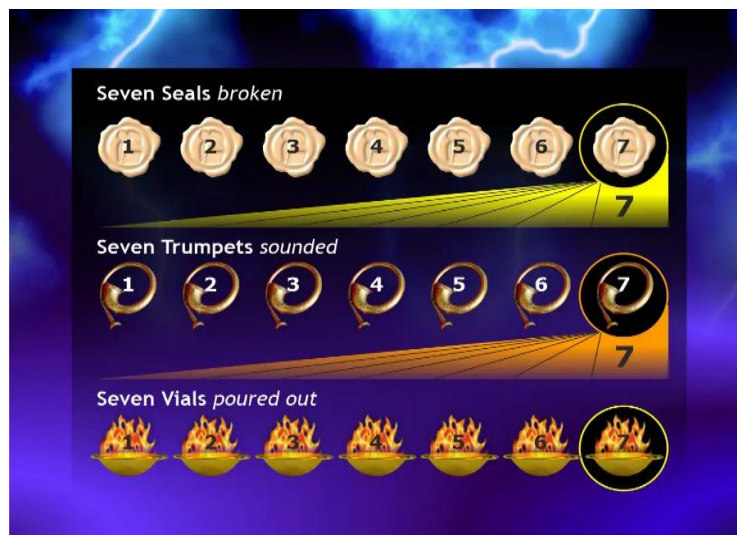


The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)
Study Notes
Chapter 15 PT. 2: A Scene of Heaven Continues

Revelation 15:5-8 (NASB) – “⁵ After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, ⁶ and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and their chests wrapped with golden sashes. ⁷ 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. ⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.”

Understanding: The seven seals, trumpets, and plagues are connected to one another. The seventh seal introduces the seven trumpets, and the seventh trumpet introduces the seven plagues. These plagues are the final series of judgments in the Book of Revelation.



Review:

Let us be reminded of where we left off.

- John sees the seven angels with the seven plagues.

- The Tribulation Saints who were victorious over the beast, his number, and his name.
- They were holding harps.
- They sang the song of Moses and the song of the lamb, representing Deliverance.

Key Revelation: The carrying of the harp was a sign of deliverance. Israel hung up their harps when they were in Babylonian captivity. (**Psalm 137:1-2**)



Note: Moses was the tool Father used to deliver His children from the bondage of Egypt, but the Lamb of G-d is always the source of Deliverance to all G-d's children for all eternity.



Verse 5

Revelation 15:5 (NASB) - “After these things I looked...”

Looked-(Greek)-*eido*- to perceive by any of the senses, can also be interpreted “I am experiencing it while I am seeing it”.

Question: What is John now not only seeing, but experiencing?

Answer: “The Temple of the Tabernacle of Testimony”.



Understanding: This Heavenly Tabernacle is the Tabernacle that the earthly Tabernacle and Temple were patterned after.

Tabernacle of Moses - Exodus 25

Exodus 25:40 (NASB) – “See that you make *them* by the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.”



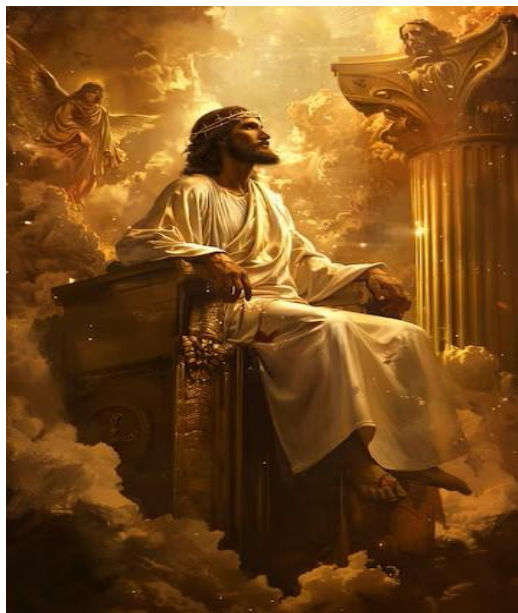
The Temple of Solomon

- G-d instructed Moses to build the tabernacle after having a vision of the heavenly temple on Mount Sinai.
- G-d gave Moses very specific instructions on the building of the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness.
- G-d stated that it had to be made from the exact same pattern as the Tabernacle in Heaven.



Key: John is now seeing what Moses saw in a vision! There is estimated to be a little more than 1,500 years between Moses in the Wilderness in Exodus and John the Apostle in the Book of Revelation.

Understanding: There is one very important difference between earthly Tabernacles and Temples and the Glorious Tabernacle in Heaven: No High Priest is Needed!



Jesus Our Great High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-15 (NASB) - “¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let’s hold firmly to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as *we are*, yet without sin.”

Verse 6

Revelation 15:6 (NASB) – “and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and their chests wrapped with golden sashes.”



Symbolism:

- White Linen - Biblically represents purity, holiness, and righteousness.
 - A Material Worn By Angels.
 - The Bride of Christ is clothed in white linen.
- Clean and Bright - Biblically represents righteousness, purity, and good works.
- Golden Sashes - Biblically represents the authority as prophet and priest. Shows superiority to earthly priests that wore sashes of many colors.
- Jesus stands out above all others. He is the Highest Authority and Great High Priest. (**Revelation 1:12-16**)



Key: Never forget that John is a Jew. He is seeing the Temple that, on earth, was a place where man was reconciled to G-d, become the place where the greatest wrath of G-d against man was about to be poured out.

Verse 7

Revelation 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.”



Remember: The Four Living Creatures around the Throne of G-d are the closest to G-d on His throne. One gets sent out to deliver to the seven angels the seven golden bowls full of the wrath of G-d.

Gold - Represents and symbolizes in this passage the refining gold that brings about purity.



The Refining Process of Gold: Wohlwill Process

- "24 karat" means 100% pure gold technically it's impossible to achieve absolute 100% purity due to current technological limitations.
- Even the most advanced refining processes can only reach extremely high levels of purity, usually around 99.99% pure, making it practically impossible to remove every single trace of impurities from gold.

The Refining Process of G-d:

Malachi 3:1-3 (NASB) - “¹ ‘Behold, I am sending My messenger, and he will clear a way before Me. And the Lord, whom you are seeking, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,’ says the LORD of armies. ² ‘But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire, and like launderer’s soap. ³ And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.’”

Note: G-d is given praise by the one of the Created Beings: “who lives forever and ever”. He understands that G-d judges in righteousness and the process He chooses to purify the earth is right.

Verse 8

Revelation 15:8 (NASB) – “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.”



Note: After the dedication of Solomons Temple and as soon as he was finished praying, the Shekinah Glory filled the Temple.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 (NASB) – “¹ Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. ² And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD’S house. ³ All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, *saying*, ‘Certainly He is good, certainly His faithfulness is everlasting.’”

- The Glory of G-d and His power have delivered the final judgement.
- No one can stand in the presence of His Glory.
- No one will be able to stand in the presence of His wrath.

Understanding: The one Living Creature and those who truly know Father have the same response in His presence: Bow Down and Worship Him!

The End