A View from Heaven Revelation 15

Ch 15-heavenly scene, ch16-earthly scene they go together & are a unit. Ch 15 shortest chapter in revelation & introduces Ch 16 in answer to

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14:9,10 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

7 angels w/ 7 bowls (worst about to come) ready to pour out God's wrath & sets stage ch 16 final judgment just prior to 2nd coming.

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

Final & worst of the judgment on planet earth--already 7 seals, 7 trumpets, now 7 bowls (7 # of completeness) then return. Church in heaven 4:1. Sign connects12:1 sign of woman(Israel) w/ child(Christ):3 Dragon(Satan) pursues to destroy—Now another sign (wrath) poured out on Beast & Antichrist world system—anti-Semitism –from those who follow Beast, Dragon, False prophet—unholy trinity. Ps 7:11 God is righteous judge He is angry w/ the wicked every day

2 And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

Before wrath begins, a scene in heaven of <u>tribulation saints</u> who overcame the Antichrist by 'blood of the lamb, word of their testimony and they loved not their life unto death' 12:11 Now standing in victory-sea of glass 4:6 like crystal with *fire*-trials, persecution-what they endured-tribulation saints did not take mark—buy/sell-- harps, still singing song of redemption?

Harps & Horns(trumpets) only musical instruments in Revelation. Why? Harps for worship Horns for warfare—my speculation

3 And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations. 4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou alone art holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THEE, FOR THY RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

Two songs 1-of Moses Ex 15:1-21; Deut 32:1-43 Deliverance & judgment on Egypt—Song of redemption (Pharaoh-type of antichrist & Egypt type of world God brings out from) "I will sing to the Lord for He is highly exalted the horse and the rider He has cast into the sea...

2-Lamb – Redeemed and delivered from Antichrist in tribulation. *the Lord shall reign forever and ever Ex 15:18*. *Righteous and true* are Gods ways in judgment-Satan always seeks to challenge the fairness of God-His righteous acts in judgment–Song of church ch 5:9,10

In the end Phil 2:10,11 that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 girded around their breasts with golden girdles.

Temple 15 x's in Revelation--ch 1-3 no temple only church—from ch 4:1 on no church only temple--in heaven. Earthly--a model of heavenly Ex 25:40 make exact Heb 9:23,24. Temple in Millennial-sacrifices-looking back fulfill Jewish covenant. Israel is id w/ temple, church id w/ Christ (we reign/rule) – No temple in New Jerusalem—Lord God & Lamb are temple 21:22

7 angels clothed w/ priests garments, doing divine service—ministry: to bless, comfort bring divine favor—now to meet out divine retribution.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to 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.

Full of wrath-extent & complete wrath of God—Wicked finally dealt w/.

Smoke=glory Ex 40:34,35 Shekinah in temple--Moses not able to enter.

1Kings 8:10,11 Priest not able to stand – Presence of Lord. Sinai Is 6:4 smoke before cleansing

Bonus message....;