

Revelation Study
Vision 4
It Is Finished
Revelation 15:1-8

- I. The “Last” Plagues (1)
 - A. Not necessarily last in chronological order
 - B. Last in a series of “sevens” of the visions
 - 1. This is the third such “seven” vision (seals, trumpets, bowls)
 - 2. Three is the number of perfection or completeness
 - 3. God’s expression of divine justice against the city of man is made full
 - C. God’s wrath is finished – same root word for the phrase uttered by Jesus on the cross
- II. The Song of God’s People (2-4)
 - A. Standing on the sea
 - 1. Picture of Exodus 14 – crossing the Red Sea
 - 2. Difference: Sea does not need parting: there are no enemies in pursuit any longer
 - B. They sing the song of Moses (cf. Exodus 15; Deuteronomy 32:3ff)
 - C. Comparing the contexts
 - 1. Original song
 - a. A substitutionary sacrifice delivered people from the death of the firstborn son
 - b. The enemy pursued God’s people to the bank of the sea

- c. The people crossed over into safety and the enemy was overcome by God’s judgment, only to face the sorrow of the wilderness
 - 2. The “new” song of Moses
 - a. A substitutionary sacrifice delivered the people from their own sin and death
 - b. The enemy persecuted God’s people throughout their current “wilderness wandering”
 - c. A great deliverance and judgment is coming in which the enemy will be finally overthrown
- D. Content of the Song
 - 1. God and His ways are great, marvelous, Almighty, righteous, and true
 - 2. He is the king of the nations
 - 3. God’s name will be feared and glorified
 - 4. All nations will worship, especially considering the events of the “seven bowls”
- III. The Holy of Holies Is Opened (5-8)
 - A. Connecting the pictures
 - 1. The atonement sacrifice occurred in the inner sanctuary, where only the High Priest could go
 - 2. The first Day of Atonement sacrifice was lit on fire by God Himself
 - 3. Now: Jesus is the “once for all” sacrifice and the High Priest offering Himself

4. The atonement for God's people has been made
 5. So, the wrath of God now falls on those not covered by the work of the perfect priest and sacrifice
- B. The seven (perfect/complete) angels (messengers/warriors) take seven (perfect complete) bowls (temple imagery) of plagues full of the wrath of God
- C. God Himself then fills the cosmos with the glorious presence of His justice, until the work of judgement is complete.