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**THEME: EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS**

**TOPIC: THE SONG OF MOSES; THE WRATH OF GOD; THE DAYS OF GREAT PAIN; THE BABYLON CULT**

**TEXT: REVELATION 15-17**

### INTRODUCTION

We continue our study of the Events of the Last Days with a deep dive into the pouring out of the last 7 disasters that culminate in the Armageddon. In this study, we see the great that even in the time of wrath, God still cherishes the praise and worship of His saints. We also see that while God is a merciful God, He is indeed a consuming fire against Satan and those who choose to follow him. Finally, we see that the winner of the final war is a forgone conclusion because Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords...and we are co-conquerors with Him.

#### **Outline 1: The Song of Moses (Rev. 15:1-8)**

- A. After the “harvest of the earth” in Chapter 14, God prepares to pour out His final set of seven disasters upon the enemy and unrepentant man. However, those who overcame did not just have the privilege of separation but of praising God with heavenly instruments
- B. These overcomers had victories over various instruments of the devil - the beast, his image, his mark, the number of his name (Rev 15:2). All these point to Paul’s injunction that we should grow up and become aware of the cunning craftiness of evil men who are agents of the devil to lead us astray (Eph 4:14). The whole armour of God is needed to overcome these wiles (Eph 6:11)
- C. The victorious overcomers sang the song of Moses (Rev 15:3-4; Ps 111:2; Ps 145:17; Jer 10:6-7; Ps 86-9-10; Deut 32:3-4) as a precursor to the opening of the temple and the release of the 7 angels bearing the 7 last disasters. In good and bad times, praise procures access to God’s presence, glory and power (v8).

#### **Outline 2: The Wrath of God (Rev. 16:1-9)**

- A. 4 of the 7 final disasters are poured out on the earth. There is much sorrow and trouble for those who are not protected from God’s judgement. (1- ugly and painful sores; 2 – sea water becomes blood leading to death of all living creatures in the seas; 3 – all earthly water sources became blood; 4- men scorched by great heat of the sun.

- B. Note that despite the power of these plagues, people will curse God rather than repent and praise Him (v9). We must count it a privilege to be born again children of the Most High God. We are indeed saved by grace not by works or our smarts (Eph 2:8-9)

### **Outline 3: The Days of Great Pain/ /The battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:10-21)**

- A. The last 3 plagues are released upon the earth, leading to Armageddon. The sorrow and great pain continue. (5 – darkness and pain upon the seat of the beast; 6 - great river Euphrates dried up, paving way for the kings of the east; 7 – voices of thunders, lightnings, great earthquake, great hail out of heaven)
- B. Note that with the wrath of God being increasingly released on those who have aligned with the beast, they failed to repent. They continue to blaspheme the name of the Lord (v21). Apparently, the opportunity to repent was past. Heb 9:27; 2 Cor 6:1-2

### **Outline 4: The Babylon Cult (Rev. 17:1-18)**

- A. John was exposed to the person, adornment and “glory” of the great whore, the Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.
- B. Despite the knowledge of who this person was and all her abominations, John was mesmerized by her adornment to the point where the angel had to scold him for admiring this adulterous and wicked woman (v6-7). We are encouraged to be watchful because sin is very deceitful (Heb 3:13, 2 Cor 11:13-15, Heb 12:2).
- C. Using the symbolism of Babylon, John describes God’s triumph over evil and the destruction of world systems energized by Satan. Please note the following (v12-14):
- The ten kings conspired and agreed to give their powers to the beast for the fight against Christ
  - Conspiracies and alignment of evil forces against God and His servants is an age-old strategy of the devil and remained until the last battle
  - No matter the level of conspiracy, Jesus has overcome and will overcome because He is the Lord of Lords and King of kings. He was the one who allowed the kings cede their powers. They were doing His will all along (v14; Prov 21:1)
  - Those that will be victorious with Christ are those who are Called, Chosen and FAITHFUL

### **Conclusion**

In God’s Revelation to John, he exposes man to the end of sin and sinners as well as the victorious end of those who accept the finished work of calvary as well as those who refuse to accept the rule of the devil in the great tribulation, choosing rather to be martyred than to accept the mark of the beast. We see that those that refuse Christ end up blaspheming the name of God further even in their pain. They had run out of grace and mercy. NOW is the appointed time. NOW is the day of salvation. Do not wait or procrastinate because there is no repentance in the grave.