

Title: Just a Glimpse

Text: Revelation 15-16

Target: In the darkest of days, there is a light that shines brighter, but sometimes it has to be discovered due to the distractions that seek to cloud it.

- I. **A Vision of Heaven:** *"Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing..."* (Vs. 1)
 - A. **The Appearance of Purity:** *"sea of glass mingled with fire"* (Vs. 2a)
 - B. **The Affirmation of Peace:** *"and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands"* (Vs. 2b)
 - C. **The Anthem of Praise:** *"And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb..."* (Vs. 3)
 1. **Song of Moses:** Exodus 15:1-3: *"The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war, the Lord is his name"*
 2. **Song of the Lamb:** *"Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!"* (Vs. 3a)
 - a) **Virtue of God:** *"just and true are your ways...you are alone are holy"* (Vs. 3b-4a)
 - b) **Victory of God:** *"all nations will come and worship you"* (4b)
 - c) **Vengeance of God:** *"for your righteous acts have been revealed"* (4c)
 - D. **The Arrival of the Promise:** *"after this I looked, and the **sanctuary of the tent** of witness ((**covenant**) in heaven was opened"* (vs. 5)
 1. **Judgement is Delivered: (7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Bowls)**
 - a) **Seven Angels:** *"clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests"* (Vs. 6)
 - b) **Four Living Creatures:** *"gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God"* (Vs.7a)
 2. **Judgement was Deserving:** *"...who lives forever and ever, and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power."* (7b-8a)
 3. **Judgement is Decreed:** *"no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished"* (Vs.8)

Question #1: Read Revelation 4:6. Do you see any connection between the fiery sea of glass in Revelation 15:2 and the outpouring of the second bowl in Revelation 16:3? What does the fire represent? What is the significance of those who stood in victory on the glass sea?

- II. **The Vengeance from Heaven:** *"Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."* (Vs. 16:1)
 - A. **The Description of the Bowls:**
 1. **The Spread of Sores:** *"sores came upon the people"* (Vs. 2)
 2. **The Subjection of the Sea:** *"everything died"* (Vs. 3)
 3. **The Strike on the Streams:** *"they became blood"* (Vs. 4-7)

4. **The Scorching of the Sun:** *“scorched by the fierce heat”* (Vs. 8-9)
5. **The Sheltering of the Sun:** *“plunged into darkness”* (Vs. 10)
6. **The Source is Severed:** *“water was dried up”* (Vs. 12)
7. **The Seismic tectonic Shifts:** *“great was that earthquake”* (Vs. 18)

B. The Deceitfulness of the Beasts:

1. **Persuasive Speech:** *“out of the mouth...unclean spirits like frogs”* (Vs. 13)
2. **Performing Signs:** *“for they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who abroad to the kings of the whole world. (Vs. 14a)*
3. **Provoking Strategies:** *“to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty”* (Vs. 14b)

- C. The Deliverance in the Battle:** *“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”* (Vs. 15)

Questions #2: Compare and contrast the seven last plagues to the plagues that God sent to Egypt through Moses? Read Romans 10:10 and reflect on how a person can escape the judgment of God to receive forgiveness and eternal life?

Take Away: Stand on the promises of God today that **“IT IS FINISHED” & “IT IS DONE!”**
(Rev. 15:1, 16:17)