Hi All Welcome to Thursday Bible Study Grace Paul

Revelation 15

A Scene of Heaven

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

² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who were victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

³And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God, the Almighty;

Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! ⁴ Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You,

For Your righteous acts have been revealed."

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.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you? Did anything confuse you? Did anything move you emotionally? Did God instruct you to do something? Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Pauls observations and insights

- 1. 'I saw a great and marvellous sign' what does this mean?
- 2. John saw seven angels with seven plagues which were the last seven judgements of God.
- 3. The term 'God's wrath' represents His judgements.
- 4. This 'great and marvellous' sign was described by John as 'a sea of glass mixed with fire' can you imagine this?
- 5. All who have come through the tribulation victorious over the beast and the image were standing.
- 6. What is it to be victorious and standing?
- 7. What is it to be victorious over the names of the beast?
- 8. These victorious ones were holding harps of God. Why is music so powerful?
- 9. These victorious ones were singing two songs, the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. What was significant about these two songs?
- 10. What is happening to us, and to others, when we sing and declare declarations about what God has done, what God is doing and what God will do?
- 11. So, the song 'great and marvellous are works God almighty' were declaring to the ears of the hearer.
- 12. The word says 'right and true are your ways King of the nations'.
- 13. 'Who will not fear and glorify your name'.
- 14. 'You alone are holy'.
- 15. 'All the nations will come and worship you'.
- 16. 'Your righteous acts are seen'.
- 17. What is the house/temple that safe keeps the testimony?
- 18. What is the testimony? Or who is the testimony?
- 19. Why is this temple open?
- 20. The seven angels with the seven plagues came out from this temple.
- 21. The doors being open means that judgement is about to start.

- 22. The fact that their clothes are clean and bright means they represent angels who bear a righteous judgement.
- 23. It is one of the four creatures who acts by giving to the seven angels, seven bowls of God's wrath, to implement His righteous judgements upon the earth.
- 24. These angels are acting on behalf of God, a God who lives forever and ever, that is always to always, who will never end.
- 25. Notice one of the four creatures, who gave to the seven angels the seven bowls, which are full. It means it is now time for judgement to begin because there is no more room left to restrain a holy God of mercy.
- 26. Smoke from His glory filled the temple because God is an awesome God.
- 27. The temple was off limits until the judgements were over.
- 28. What is a bond servant?