

REVELATION: Lesson 136
Chapter 15:1-4, The Song of Moses

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Zooming In

The book of Revelation is laid out chronologically (in the order that the events take place). However, we must realize that some chapters give the big picture, briefly laying out the events to come, and then a following chapter will go back and give some details about those events that were discussed. That is what we have in chapters 15-17. These chapters provide details of the events discussed in chapter 14.

Odds and Ends

Vs 1 Here are **seven angels having the seven LAST plagues**. There will be a future plague upon the nations that do not worship the Lord in the Millennial Kingdom (Zech 14:18), so the term “**last plagues**” here has reference only to the last of the 21 (seal, trumpet, and vial) plagues poured out during the Tribulation time.

Not the Church

Vs 2 This verse speaks of “**them that had gotten the victory over the beast...etc.**” It took some time for these people to get the victory. It cannot refer to the Church. Christ GAVE us the victory *immediately* upon our salvation (1 Corinthians 15:57, 1 John 5:4).

Vs 3 The Lord God Almighty is referred to as “**King of saints.**” Though we sing “O Worship the King” and “The King is Coming,” Jesus Christ is never referred to as the King of the Church or the King of the born-again believers. We are kings and priests, ruling and reigning with Christ as Joint heirs (Rev 1:6, 5:10, 20:6; Rom 8:17). “King of saints” refers to a different relationship enjoyed by nations which trust Christ in the Tribulation, especially the Jewish nation.

THE SONG OF MOSES (Vs 3)

God gave Moses two songs. We will study the lyrics of both songs and determine which song will be sung in heaven by the saints who got victory over the beast (comparing scripture with scripture, Isa 28:10).

Deuteronomy 32:1-43. God gave this song to the children of Israel for a witness against them, knowing that they would forget God and begin to serve other gods (**Deut 31:19-21**).

4-5 Two groups of people are viewed in contrast.

- One group holds God as “the Rock” whose ways are perfect, true, and right.
 - These rebuke those who turned from the Lord (**vs 6**).
- The other group is perverse and crooked, having received a spot (vs 5).

7-10 These verses remind the Jews of how God chose them from among the nations and took care of them in the wilderness. Singing this song will remind Tribulation Jews that God is still able.

11-12 God will bear them into the wilderness on eagle’s wings (Rev 12:14) like He did before without any help from a “strange god” (idol). This reminder would help those in the Tribulation to recognize that the beast is a false god.

13-15 “Jeshurun (Israel) waxed fat...then he forsook God.” They took God’s blessings for granted. They lightly esteemed the Rock of their salvation. Prosperity is also a danger to the spiritual lives of Christians. We need to maintain separation from the world to draw nigh to God.

16-18 Idolatry and false religion will result from lightly esteeming and then forgetting God.

19-20 God hides His face from Israel (Jacob’s Trouble) because they have no faith (Rom 9, 10, 11, Heb 11:6).

21-42 Describes God’s wrath being poured out on His people for their idolatry (Great Tribulation).

Vs 43 The Second Coming of the Lord to avenge His servants.

This Song of Moses (a song of rebuke) fits the condition of the remnant on earth during the Tribulation, and would remind them of why they are suffering, but it would not be fitting to sing this song in heaven roundabout the throne of God as a victory song.

Exodus 15:1-18. God gave this song to Israel to celebrate their victory, having been miraculously delivered from the bondage of Egypt, safe on the opposite shore of the Red Sea, headed for the Promised Land.

1-2 This song begins by praising the Lord for His triumph, recognizing Him as their salvation, and preparing a place of habitation for Him. They sing about the God of their fathers.

- The Church doesn’t prepare a place for the Lord. The Lord has gone to prepare a place for us (Jn14).

Vs 3 The Lord will fight for the deliverance of the Tribulation remnant.

- The Lord died to obtain salvation for the Church.

4-5 God destroyed Israel’s enemies. They sank to the bottom of the sea as a stone.

- The destruction of Babylon is described similarly (Rev 18:21).

6-7 The Jewish remnant rejoices in God’s protection and preservation of their nation against enemies.

Vs 8 Congealed water describes water turning to blood in the Tribulation time (Rev 11:6, 16:4).

9-12 These verses could easily speak of the fleeing remnant being pursued by the flood from the dragon’s mouth and the earth swallowing up the armies of the beast. (Pharaoh’s army was not swallowed up by the earth. Their bodies washed ashore after drowning in the Red Sea, Exod 14:30).

13-14 God led His people and kept them safe. “The people” (non-Jews) will hear about God delivering His people and they’ll be sorry.

15-16 At the Second Coming of the Lord, the nations will tremble in fear as the Lord and His people pass over them as the Lord burns them up (Mal 4:1-2, 2 Thess 1:8, 2:8, 2 Sam 23:4, Psalm 19:4-5)

17-18 After Israel’s enemies are all put down, the Lord will plant His people in the land, build His sanctuary, and reign forever and ever.

This is clearly a song of praise for God delivering the Jewish remnant. Revelation 15:3 says they sing a song praising the works of God. This Song of Moses is very fitting for the victorious remnant of Israel to sing.
