

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 37 – Revelation 15:1-4

I. Rev. 15:1-4 Prelude to the 7 Bowls of Wrath

A. Verse 1 – expands upon Rev. 14:9-11

1. Rev. 14:9 – upon those who worship the Beast; (compare Rev. 16:2)
2. Rev. 14:10a – they will “*drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath*” is indicated by “*in them the wrath of God was finished.*”
3. Rev. 14:10b-11 – they are “*tormented with fire and sulfur*” (fulfilled in the 1st, 4th & 5th bowls)
 - a. in view of the Lamb and the angels
 - b. **THIS** torment (in the flesh, while still alive) has a later reminder for others – SMOKE that ascends “*unto ages of ages.*”
 - a. Described in Isa. 66:22-24, quoted by Jesus in Mark 9:44-48

B. Verses 2-4 – expand upon Rev. 14:12

1. vs. 2 describes “*the endurance of the holy ones, the ones keeping the commands of God and the faith of Jesus.*” (Rev. 14:12)
 - a. The overcomers “*are conquering*” (present tense) the beast, and thus must be alive on earth while worshippers of Antichrist are tormented by the bowls of wrath.
 - b. they are standing on a “*sea as glass having been mixed with fire.*”
 1. the “*sea as glass*” was previously mentioned in Rev. 4:5-6
 - a. it is in view of the throne along with the 7 Breaths – which were the presence of Jesus in the 7 assemblies. Implies that the “*assemblies*” are the “*sea as glass.*”
 2. the “*as glass*” refers to a perfectly calm sea in the disciples’ experience in Matt. 8:23-27. (Jesus has authority over nature)
 3. that the overcomers are “*standing on the sea*” refers to the incident in Matt. 14:23-33. (We overcome by trust in Jesus).
 4. the calm sea “*mingled with fire*” illustrates the surrounding judgment on the worshippers of the Antichrist. This is perfect calm for the faithful assemblies in the midst of the storm of God’s wrath.
2. vs. 3-4
 - a. The “*Song of Moses*” (Deut. 32:1-43) was taught to Israel by Moses
 - b. It is also “*the Song of the Lamb*” because Christ is the “*Rock who begat you*” (v. 18), appearing all throughout this song: (vss. 4,15,18,30-31), and Paul says “*that ‘Rock’ was Christ*” (1 Cor. 10:4).
 - c. The Son of Moses proclaims God’s mighty works, His deliverance of Israel from Egypt (v. 1-13)
 - d. It then proclaims Israel’s subsequent repeated rebellion, and God’s hiding from them in exile while the Gospel goes out to the Gentiles (v. 15-21)
 - e. It then proclaims God’s wrath upon Israel in exile (v. 22-39)
 - f. It describes God’s UNDILUTED wrath on Israel in the last 42 months (v. 40-42).
 - g. It ends with REJOICING, the gentile believers along with the remnant of Israel (144,000), after destroying all His adversaries, and then purging the Land for His people (v. 43 LXX).