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Revelation 15a

Last week as we ventured into the last part of Revelation chapter 14, we dealt with Revelation chapter 14 verse 12 that calls for the endurance of the Saints and those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in the Messiah, and we talked about the context upon which that Scripture was written, and why it is that this particular Scripture actually does indeed say exactly what it says.

I would submit to you that even today in our time we are indeed being called to endurance. Even this week as many of us looked at the news on our television screens, we saw even more of what our Messiah told us that we would see. Kingdoms rising against kingdoms, and nations rising against nations. All across the United States farmers are being decimated by torrential rain that has devastated their land and we're now hearing news reports about food shortages and farmers who won't be able to plant their crops at all for the first time in their lives this year.

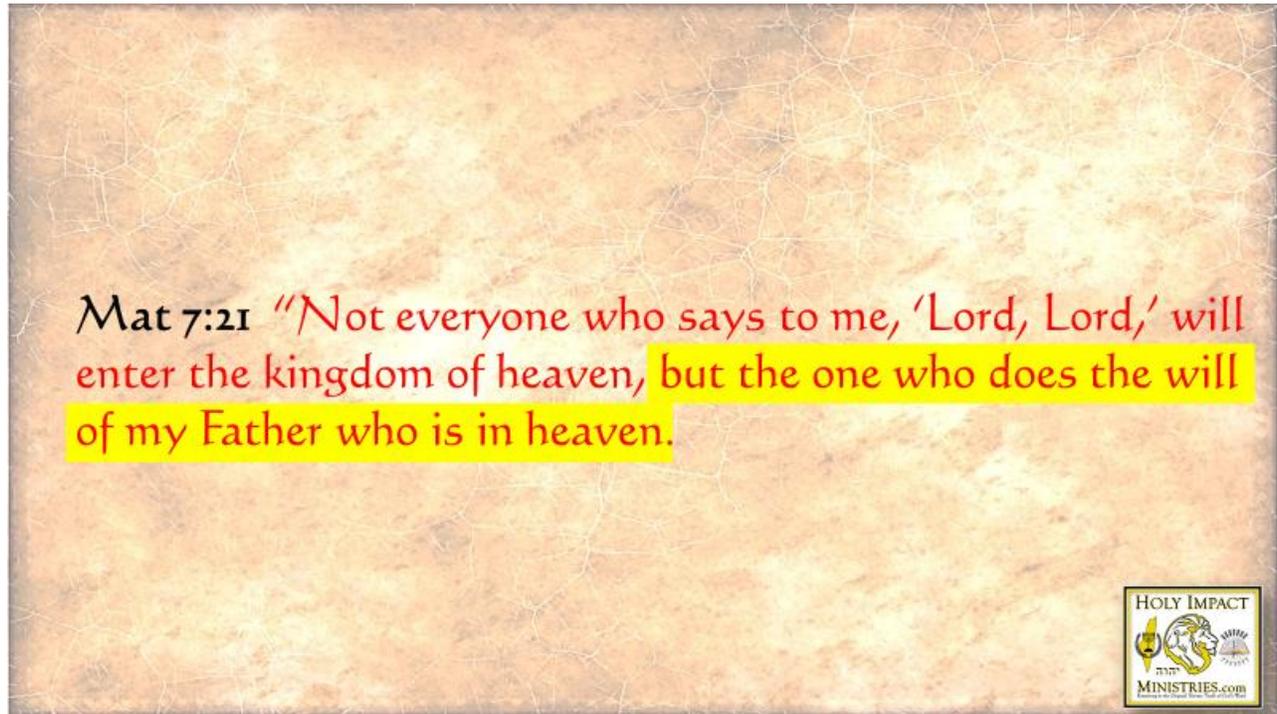
There are a variety of reports that are now coming out proclaiming that meat and dairy products, and poultry, and grains and corn, are all going to cost a considerable amount more than ever before. This call that we see to endurance in Revelation chapter 14 verse 12 I would submit to you is a call that we need to heed right now in our time. Because as we move forward in time, things are indeed going to ramp up. Wars are indeed going to happen. People are indeed going to die. And lawlessness although already on the rise, will indeed grow to the point that the hearts of many will grow even colder. But, just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 24 verse 13, the one who endures to the end will be saved.

What we must understand is that the birth pains that our Messiah speaks about in Matthew chapter 24 verse eight are indeed ramping up, the main event is indeed about to begin.

Last week we also showed you several news articles over the past few years that all proclaim that Christianity today, in our time, is the number one persecuted religion around the world. And that too my friends, is going to ramp up exactly as it is prophesied to ramp up according to our Scripture.

As we pause here for a second, to think about the message of the book of Revelation that our Father in heaven gave to his only begotten Son, to give to John, to give to us, and we think about those seven letters that were written to the seven assemblies in the beginning of the book of Revelation, and we hear all of this talk about enduring to the end, and being found worthy, and conquering over sin, and not tolerating evil within our assemblies, it should be come

crystal-clear to us that it will be the one who endures to the end, and who conquers over this Mark of the beast, and who keeps the commandments of God, and their faith in the Messiah who will be saved. Just as our Messiah told us in **Matthew chapter 7:21 (scrn1)**

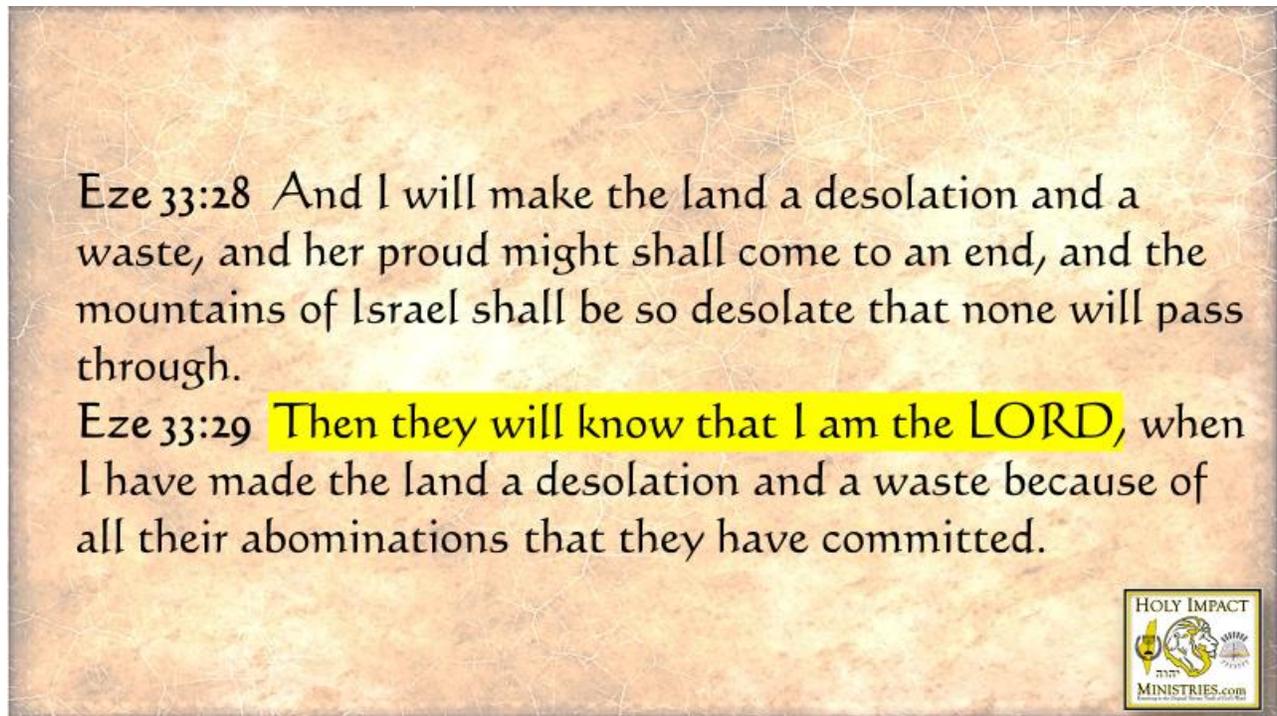


And so, as we continue on through the book of Revelation, I want us to be keenly aware of the fact that deception is indeed ramping up not only within the confines of the world, but also within the confines of Christianity church itself.

Christians today are not being taught that they need to endure. Christians today are not being taught why they are going to go through all of these plagues that are coming at us like a freight train. Revelation chapter 18 verse four tells us that we are commanded to come out of her lest we are to take part in her sins and share in her plagues. But I would submit to you my friends that most modern-day Christians don't know who it is that they need to come out of. Most modern-day Christians think that the "she" that is spoken of in Revelation chapter 18 verse four is simply the wickedness of the world. What they don't understand is that the "she" or "her" that is spoken about in Revelation chapter 18 verse four is their own false idea of what Christianity truly is.

The papacy of Rome has turned Christianity into a circus. It has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and her daughter protestant churches have bowed down to her Roman Catholic doctrine for generations. And because her daughter protestant churches have bowed down to the great harlot, and have taken part in her sins, these daughter protestant churches will indeed take part in her plagues. And this is why we try so hard to do everything that we can to call our brothers and our sisters out of this harlotry.

As we study through the book of Revelation, I cannot help but to see these very prophecies coming true in stunningly accurate precision today in our time. I cannot help but to hear the sounds of the trumpet warnings in my ears, and the hair on the back of my neck and my arms stands straight up, and my heart begins to pump a little bit faster, as the adrenaline courses through my veins with each new dawning day as we see the signs of the times rushing toward us at breakneck speed. Things that I never thought that I would ever see in my lifetime have become so numerous that I can't even keep track of them all anymore. And with all of these things going on around us, I cannot help but think about why these things are going on around us. **Ezekiel chapter 33 versus 28 and 29 comes to mind (scrn 2)**



And so, what we must remember is that all of these famines, and plagues, and hardships that we are seeing, and will continue to see... testify about our Father in heaven. All of these things that he said were going to happen, when they happen... should remind us that our Father in heaven is allowing these things to happen so that the world will know that he, and he alone is Yahovah, the one true El-Elyon, the Most High Elohim of Israel, the creator of all things seen and unseen, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, the ruler of rulers, and the judge of judges, and the creator of the heavens and the earth. When these things come upon the earth, that were prophesied in foretold by the Most High Elohim of Israel, the world will be without excuse. And those who are without excuse will indeed be swept away in their ignorance because they have rejected the truth. And today's modern-day Christian would do well to remember that it is written and I quote, "*My people have been destroyed for lack of knowledge because they have rejected knowledge*".

What we have seen in human history, along with what we see transpiring right before our very eyes in our lives today, proclaim to us loudly and clearly, that the one true God of Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob and his only begotten Son are indeed standing at the door.

With that being said, I'd like us to turn to the 15th chapter of the book of Revelation here this morning. And let's go ahead and read Revelation chapter 15 together so that we can know exactly what it says, and just as importantly, what it does not say. **Revelation chapter 15 versus one through eight E1**

Rev 15:1 *Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.*

Rev 15:2 *And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—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.*

Rev 15:3 *And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!”*

Rev 15:4 *Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”*

Rev 15:5 *After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened,*

Rev 15:6 *and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.*

Rev 15:7 *And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever,*

Rev 15:8 *and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.*

These seven plagues, each one associated with a particular Angel, are known as the seven bowls of judgment. Trumpets in earlier times served to announce important events, and give signals in time of war. The seven trumpets of Rev 8-9 announce a series of plagues more severe than the seals, but not as completely devastating as the bowls.

Before we get too deep into what we're reading here in the 15th chapter of the book of Revelation I want to remind us that these visions that John is giving to us are not in chronological order. Some of the later visions are meant to supplement some of the earlier visions, and vice versa. And so, we must keep that in mind when trying to understand the book of Revelation. And some of these visions that John is seeing are still yet to come so we have no real way to prove with any certainty or any detail what the exact order of these future events will be until they unfold. When they unfold, we will then be able to point to them and recognize where we are within the timeline of the book of Revelation. And I just want us to keep that in mind as we continue our study into the book of Revelation.

One of the things that I want to make sure that we understand is found in verse one of Revelation chapter 15, and that is “*the wrath of God*”. The book of Revelation is not the only place where we find the wrath of God spoken about. Let’s turn to **Zephaniah chapter 1 versus 14 through 18: E2**

Zep 1:14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

Zep 1:15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of **darkness** and gloom, a day of clouds and **thick darkness**,

Zep 1:16 a day of **trumpet blast** and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Zep 1:17 I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Zep 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

I cannot tell you how many times I’ve heard people tell me that they are praying for the return of our Messiah and how much of a joyous day that that day will be. When I hear this, I can always tell that I’m speaking with an unstudied Christian who has not studied to show themselves approved. According to what we read here in Zephaniah chapter 1, (not to mention the whole of Scripture), on the day that our Father in heaven returns, he will be coming to make his enemies a footstool for his Son. To get a better understanding of this, I’d like us to turn to **Psalms chapter 110 verses one through seven: E3**

Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Psa 110:2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Psa 110:5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Psa 110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

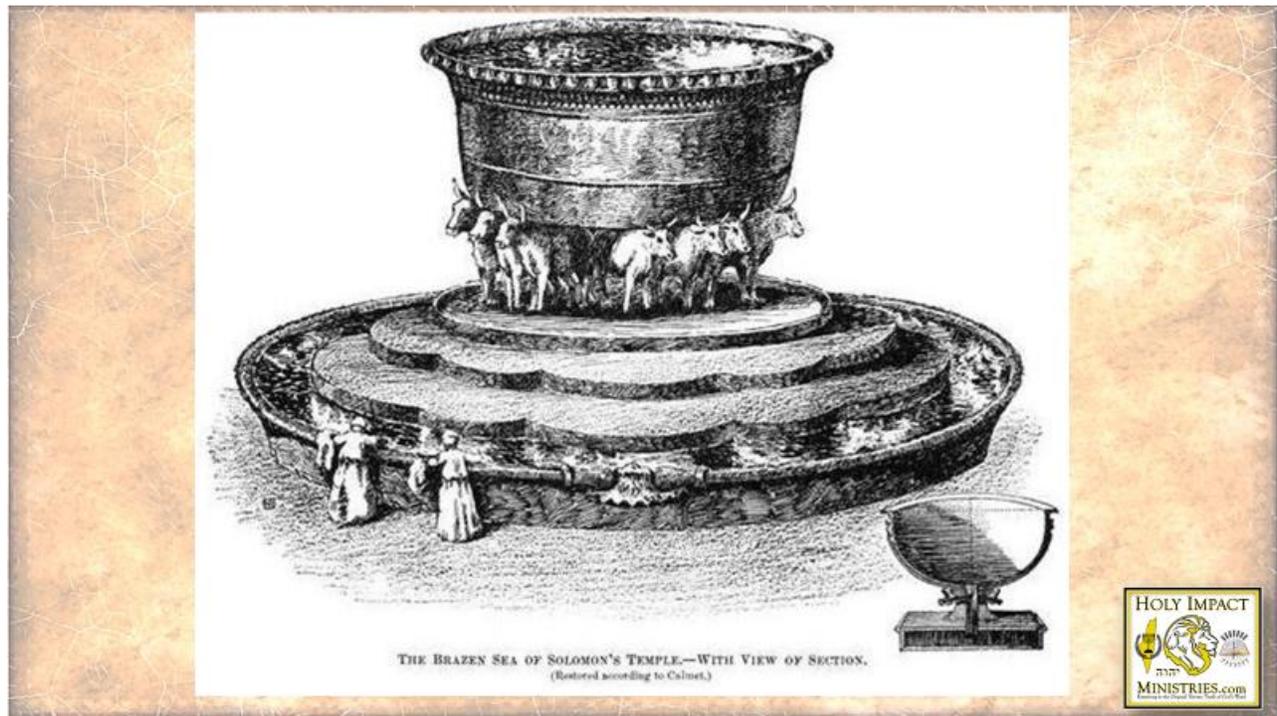
Psa 110:7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Now, there are a few things here that I want us to see within the confines of the seven versus of Scripture. Number one, I want us to notice that within the confines of these seven versus, there are two very different and distinct Hebrew words used here referenced in the English language as “*Lord*”. If you will notice, in Psalms chapter 110 verse one, we have the word “*Lord*” in capital letters, and then we have the word “*Lord*” in small letters. This my friends, is once again a clear distinction between the Father, and his only begotten Son. Once again, our English translators have done no justice in translating these two very different Hebrew words as the same English word, “*Lord*”.

The first word “*Lord*” mentioned here in verse one is the Hebrew name of God. And that Hebrew name is “*Yehovah*”. The second time that we see the English word “*Lord*” found in verse one is the Hebrew word “*adon*”, which does indeed translate more correctly along the lines of what we know as a “*Lord*”. According to Brown driver Briggs Hebrew definitions, the first capitalize word “*Lord*” found in verse one is the very name of God. The second word “*Lord*” found in verse one does indeed mean “*Lord*” or “*master*”. But I want us to understand that these are two very different Hebrew words. One is a name, and one is a title. They are not both names. Only one of them is a name, and that is the one that is capitalized, which once again shows a clear distinction between God the Father and his only begotten Son. And we know that this is the Father speaking to the Son because it is going to be his only begotten Son that is going to be a priest forever after the order of Melkesedek and you can find more information about our Messiah being that high priest in the order of Melkesedek in the New Testament in Hebrews chapter 7 versus 11 through 17, which we will not get into here today for time’s sake.

My point in all of this, is that when our Father returns, he will indeed make the enemies of his only begotten Son his Sons footstool. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture. And it is going to be anything but a joyous day for a multitude of people. Those people on earth who have suppressed of the truth, will indeed be gathered like the weeds and bundled, and thrown into the Lake of fire. The wrath of God will indeed be revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. And you can find that in Romans chapter 1 verse 18, and for time’s sake I will allow you to do your own study on that biblical fact.

In verse two of Revelation chapter 15, I’d like us to zero in on “*the sea of glass mingled with fire*”. Since what follows this verse is described as “*the song of Moses*”, many biblical scholars equate this sea of glass mingled with fire with the Red Sea that Moses brought the Israelites across and then drowned their Egyptian enemies in. However, I also believe that there is another very significant piece to this puzzle that can be found within our Father’s original temple. And that is the “*brazen sea*”. (scrn 3)



The “*Bazen Sea*” was a large basin in the temple in Jerusalem made by Solomon for the purification of the priests. And this large basin was actually called a “*Brazen Sea*”, and we can read more about it in **first Kings chapter 7 versus 23 through 26: E4**

1Ki 7:23 Then he made the sea of cast metal. It was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.

1Ki 7:24 Under its brim were gourds, for ten cubits, compassing the sea all around. The gourds were in two rows, cast with it when it was cast.

1Ki 7:25 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. The sea was set on them, and all their rear parts were inward.

1Ki 7:26 Its thickness was a handbreadth, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It held two thousand baths.

Something else we need to know about this large basin called the “*Brazen Sea*”, was that it was made from bronze mirrors which would have given it an appearance of glass mingled with fire because of the color of the bronze and its mirror like structure. And we can find that in **Exodus chapter 38 verse eight: E5**

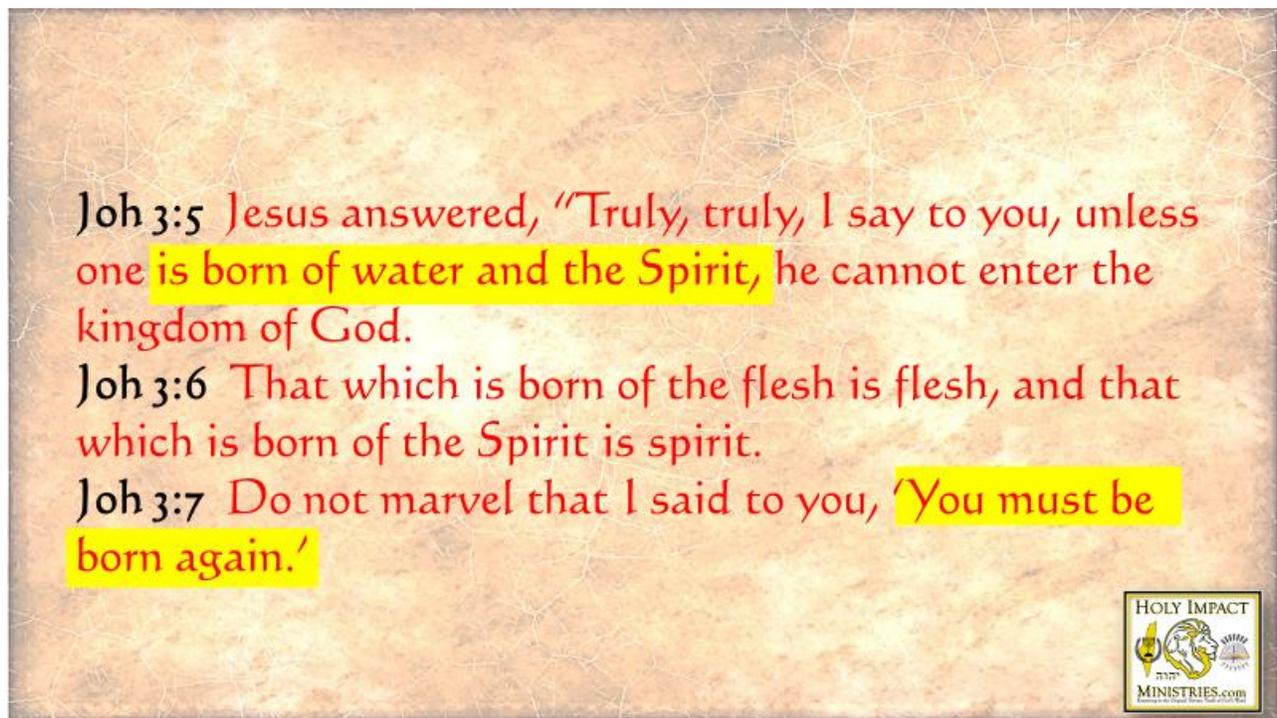
Exo 38:8 He made the basin of bronze and its stand of bronze, from the mirrors of the ministering women who ministered in the entrance of the tent of meeting.

And so, when John talks about this vision about what appeared to be “*a sea of glass mingled with fire*”, what John could’ve been seeing is this “*brazen sea*” that was used for the cleansing

of the Levitical priesthood which goes hand-in-hand with what else John was seeing in this vision in **Revelation chapter 15 verse two: E1**

Rev 15:2 And I saw what appeared to be **a sea of glass mingled with fire**—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.**

Notice, that along with this sea of glass mingled with fire, John also sees 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. In other words, they would have been purified by both the water and the fire. What does this mean? Let's read some of the red-letter words of our Messiah found in **John chapter 3 versus five through seven (scrn 4)**



According to our Messiah, one must be born of both the water and the spirit or you cannot enter the kingdom of God. The "*Spirit*" is also known as the fire. **Matthew chapter 3 verse 11 (scrn 5)**

Mat 3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



And so, here we see that John equates the Ruach Hokadesh (the Holy Spirit) with fire.

This sea of glass mingled with fire that John sees in Revelation chapter 15 verse two represents the purification of mankind. We have to remember that our Father in heaven first purified the earth with water when he removed the evil of mankind from the face of the earth through the great flood. The next time that he purifies mankind it will not be with water, but it will be with fire. And just as the Levitical priesthood had to be purified at this "brazen sea" that stood in the South Eastern center of the inner court of the temple before they could serve Yah, so too will all of mankind have to be purified by being baptized by both the water and the fire in order to be able to serve the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

And we're told in verse three, that they sang the song of Moses. This would once again point to the Levitical priesthood, because it was the Levites in the temple who were the musicians who played harps. What does our Scripture tell us that those who endure to the end, and keep the commandments of God and their faith in the Messiah are going to be? Let's turn back to **Revelation chapter 1 versus four through six: E6**

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Rev 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

And so it is, that we will indeed become the kingdom and priests to his God and Father (That is if we endure to the end and are found worthy).

What John is seeing in his vision here in Revelation chapter 15 next to the sea of glass mingled with fire are those that were talked about in Revelation chapter 14 verse 12, who were part of the endurance of the Saints, and those who kept the commandments of God and their faith in the Messiah. And they are the ones in Revelation chapter 14 who were blessed because they died in the name of Yeshua, and are now able to rest from their labors for their deeds have indeed followed them.

In Revelation chapter 15 verse three, we see that those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name who were standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands, and began to sing the song of Moses.

The very fact that they were singing the song of Moses points us directly back to the book of Exodus for several different reasons. The first thing that we should notice is that Moses has once again become front and center of what is going on here in chapter 15 because Moses was the first mediator of Israel. In the beginning, Moses was the mediator between God and man. Now, our Messiah is the one mediator between God and man, **first Timothy chapter 2 versus five and six E7**

1Ti 2:5 *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

1Ti 2:6 *who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

But what is even more significant is that these believers who are standing beside the sea of glass with harps in their hands, are singing about what took place back in Egypt. I want us to notice that they're not singing a new song here this time, they are singing an old song that was first sang just after Yah had drowned the Egyptian army in the sea. In earlier times the song of Moses was sung on Sabbath evenings in the synagogue to celebrate Israel's great deliverance from Egypt. To find the song of Moses all we have to do is turn to Exodus chapter 15. Just so that we can get an idea of what this song said, let's go ahead and read the song of Moses found in Exodus chapter 15 versus one through 19 : E8

Exo 15:1 *Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

Exo 15:2 *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.*

Exo 15:3 *The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.*

Exo 15:4 *"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers*

were sunk in the Red Sea.

Exo 15:5 The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

Exo 15:6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

Exo 15:7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

Exo 15:8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

Exo 15:9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

Exo 15:10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Exo 15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

Exo 15:12 You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

Exo 15:13 "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Exo 15:14 The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

Exo 15:15 Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

Exo 15:16 Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

Exo 15:17 You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

Exo 15:18 The LORD will reign forever and ever."

Exo 15:19 For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

And so, here we are at the end of the age in John's vision, and we find those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside this sea of glass with harps in their hands singing the song of Moses from clear back in the beginning of the book. And I want us to stop and think about that for just a moment.

What I want us to see here is that this is at the end of the age. This is what is going to happen at the end of time as man knows it. And at the end of time as man knows it, the song of Moses will indeed be remembered throughout all of our generations because it reminds us of the power and

Majesty and the mercy and grace of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob whose commandments still stand to this very day, and will stand until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished, not says I, but says the very red letter words of our Messiah.

For those who believe that the first half of their Bibles are full of nothing but white pages... I would encourage you to think again. Our Father is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, he does not change. He does not change hats, he does not evolve, he does not morph, he does not bend, and he does not stutter. When he says that his commandments are a perpetual agreement between him and his people throughout our generations and forever, he means throughout our generations and forever.

When we hear of a new song being sung in the Scripture it typically represents a victory song, and the song of Moses is no different. The song of Moses is not only a victory song for the Israelites, it's a victory song for us all. The Song of Moses is about the deliverance of Yah's people from the evil one. The Song of Moses is about redemption, redemption for a people who had lost their way and become slaves to the world. Yet, through the mercy and grace of Yah alone, he gathered them back to himself and caused them to be a set apart people that would be nourished, and protected by him and him alone.

And I want us to understand that this victory song called "*The Song of Moses*" is a song that is all about, the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and his victory over the Pharaoh of Egypt who was a representation of the devil himself. And I want us to hear what it says in Revelation chapter 15 verse three when it says that they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb. Moses and our Messiah have a great deal in common. Both were sent by the Elohim of Israel. Both spoke for the Elohim of Israel. Both were mediators between God and men. Both were used by our Father in heaven to be his messengers of redemption.

Next week we'll continue in Revelation chapter 15 and we'll move into Revelation chapter 16 when we see even more evidence of how it is that our Father proclaims the end from the beginning as we see the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven being opened.

Until then, I would ask everyone within the sound of my voice here today to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, bend your knee, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true, or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you, and if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I like to thank everyone within the sound of my voice here today sharing your time with us to comb through our God breathed Scripture.