

## 66-Revelation – 17-Transcript

welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study tonight is Revelation chapter 15 let's open with a quick word of Prayer and get straight into the study Heavenly Father we come before you ever so grateful that in such a topsy-turvy and crazy world such a violent world that we can take refuge in you in Jesus Christ we just want to thank you so much Father for your word for this study we pray God that you'll bless it that you'll increase our understanding and increase our faith we praise you Lord and we praise Jesus Christ and we thank you for him we pray in his name amen so it is Revelation chapter 15 which begins with the hundred and forty-four thousand which we covered last week so we just want to revisit the 144,000 but in doing this before we get right into 15 I want to revisit the letters to the churches and I want to do that because there are some among us that have the view that the Philadelphian church does not have to suffer martyrdom that the Philadelphian church will be taken to a place of safety and you know there's as I mentioned last week there's a false prophet who teaches that the Laodicean Church which is this deficient Church they will comprise the 144,000 and so rather than seeing the 144,000 as a people of great honor by God they're seen as some sort of deficient sub-optimal group of people that didn't quite make it and therefore they have to follow the lamb wherever he goes that is absolutely nonsense absolutely nothing could be further from the truth that those who die in the Lord are highly regarded and I think it's very important for us to have this view especially as we talk to young people

you know sometimes as we get older and we sort of look at the world we have this sense that I'm glad I'm checking out I'm on my way out and and woe unto you if you have to live through the future and I think if we understand the Scriptures properly we will have a completely different view our view will be I'm sorry that I might not be here to actually see the Lord return and and I may not be here to stand up for the Lord in this time is this final pivotal climax and conflict between good and evil but you will do exploits and that's actually where I want to start today in in Daniel in Daniel chapter 11 but before I do I just want to make an announcement that next week I'm traveling so our Bible study will be on Thursday evening so that's next week and rather than Wednesday night Bible study will have this study on Thursday and that will be the same time 6:30 central 7:30 Eastern so I'm very sorry if that's inconvenient but as you know these are these are being recorded and they'll be in the archive so let's begin with the study in Daniel 11 and in Daniel 11 what we see here is the Prophet sees that such as do wickedly against the covenant shall this beast power corrupt by flatteries but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits and this is the message that we should be communicating to our young people you shall be strong and you shall do exploits you will be filled with the Holy Spirit you have nothing to fear and in fact what a privilege you have to live into the future and to stand up for Jesus Christ and let's do that and strengthen our youth and not have this message that I'm sorry for you I'm glad

I'm going but you're gonna be around no  
no you are truly blessed and and and  
that's what this book of Revelation is  
all about to strengthen us so that we  
can understand what's going to happen  
and we can take a stand for Jesus Christ  
now let's look at this  
in Chapter three the letters to the  
Philadelphians where it says because you  
have kept the word of my patience I also  
will keep you from the hour of  
temptation which shall come upon all the  
world to try them that dwell upon the  
earth now people will look at this  
scripture and they'll say see the  
philadelphians are protected from the  
tribulation they don't have to go  
through the tribulation they're gonna  
have a seal set upon them and they'll  
escape they'll be in the place of safety  
and everybody else will go through the  
tribulation my question is where in this  
verse do we see that the Philadelphians  
are protected from the tribulation  
because I don't see it  
now what we're gonna as we go through  
the text here what we're going to see is  
the philadelphians are not protected  
from the tribulation the Philadelphians  
are predicted protected from God's wrath  
and so let's go through this text and  
we're gonna see very clearly as it says  
right here they have kept the word of  
his patience that's the struggle that's  
the struggle for the Saints not to give  
up not to give in not to compromise with  
evil but to have this patience that it  
requires faith that requires vision that  
requires understanding and no matter  
what we do not depart from the way of  
God so having this patience means we  
will face whatever tribulation we have  
to face because of this he will keep us  
from the hour of temptation if we if in

fact we are in this category called the Philadelphia Church that he'll keep us from the hour of temptation notice it says the hour of temptation it doesn't say the Great Tribulation no where does God promise to keep his Saints safe from the Great Tribulation what he promises is to keep the Saints here in Philadelphia safe from the hour of temptation now what is this hour of temptation he tells us right in the text it is an hour which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth so the Great Tribulation if you're a worshipper of Satan you have nothing to worry about you'll be living large you'll be having quite a good time if you take the mark of the beast you can buy you can sell you don't have to suffer persecution so the Great Tribulation cannot be what God or Jesus Christ is referencing here because this hour is to come upon all the world to try them that dwell those that are established in the earth the Saints are running for our lives we're not established the wicked are established they're the ones who are dwelling in the earth and this hour of temptation is to come upon their heads but it will not come upon the heads of the Saints and so as we get into chapter 15 I think this will become very very clear but before we do this let's just back up our Hortman from chapter 3 we'll go forward to chapter 13 where we were a couple of weeks ago where this beast from the land he had power to give life unto the image of the beast from the sea so this false prophet has this ability to give life to the image of the beast so somehow some kind of deception that this image now has life that the image

of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the Beast should be killed so these faithful Philadelphians they are or we are they whoever these this category of people are are not going to worship the image of the beast and because of that the Beast ensures that the faithful are killed but the faithful keep the word of God's patience they do not compromise and notice this he causes all both small and great rich and poor free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads and we spoke about that a couple of weeks ago I won't repeat this but notice that he's very thorough he's everybody to worship the devil that no man might buy or sell save that he had and you have to have one of three things a lot of people are so consumed with this 666 but it's not just 666 it's one of three things it's the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name one of those three things now with that in mind that this this beast power is being very thorough and is forcing everybody to worship the image of the beast with that in mind we come now we were interrupted we were in chapter 14 last week where we saw the 144,000 who are faithful coming out of that of the faithfulness of 144,000 we now roll into chapter 15 there should be no chapter break so it's the same subject he says here I saw another sign in heaven so remember that John is having a vision this is apocalyptic literature it's like you fall asleep and you just have this crazy dream that just seems to make no sense and then it's not in proper order and it's just kind of wild things just change but but if it could be

interpreted if these were all symbols  
and then the symbol the interpretation  
of the symbols is given to you it's like  
okay this dream makes sense  
in fact Nebuchadnezzar had an  
apocalyptic dream that he didn't  
understand and somebody had to tell him  
this is what this all symbolizes well  
John's having the same thing so the  
whole vision is signified it's made into  
symbols so he sees another symbol in  
heaven great and marvellous seven angels  
having the seven last plagues so this is  
it this is the final hour these are the  
seven last plagues for in them is filled  
up the wrath of God so this is now when  
God acts so prior to this Satan knowing  
that he has a short time it has been  
Satan that has been hacked  
and God has been watching now there  
enough enough now it's time for God to  
act and these are now the seven last  
plagues and I saw and then I want to  
just confirm that these plagues  
represent the wrath of God God is angry  
with the wicked and he's now going to  
unleash his judgment and his anger and I  
saw as it were and of his symbol a sea  
of glass mingled with fire mingled with  
fire so remember from chapter 4 that  
God's before God's throne was this sea  
of glass now John sees the sea of glass  
but this time it's mingled with fire  
well the fire represents God's wrath  
it's a symbol of God's wrath God's wrath  
is about to be unleashed upon the earth  
and them that had gotten the victory  
over the beast so now he sees in in  
front of the throne this sea of glass  
but it's mingled with fire but on the  
sea of glass mingled with fire are them  
that had gotten victory over the Beast  
and over his image and over his mark and  
over the number of his name so remember

the Beast is forcing this agenda that you've got to worship His image you've got to take his mark or you got to take his number in order to participate in his economy and in his system but there are people who have the patience of God the patience of the saints and they resist him and they gain the victory over the Beast and I've got to ask you this you know when you think about gaining victory over something gaining the victory does this sound like a walk in the park does it sound like no problem we have the victory yes we're in the Lord let's just waltz over to the finish line or does it sound like an agonizing struggle like a contest where the outcome is not absolutely certain we have to make it certain we have to make our calling and election sure and we have to struggle to up to the finish line and he that endures unto the end shall be saved not he that endures almost to the end but all the way to the end will be saved and so these are the ones that gain the victory over the beast and that's why we have this this scripture in Revelation is to give us vision to give us understanding so that we never compromise so these Saints are able to stand on this sea of glass mingled with fire because we've gained the victory and notice that here it says we saw that he saw them stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God and we saw last week that the the 144,000 are singing a song that only they can sing but they're standing on this sea of glass which is mingled with fire it's mingled with the wrath of God and yet they're able to stand in the midst of it now in and we know that the fire represents this this fire here it's mingled with fire we know that it

represents the wrath of God because next week when we do chapter 16 which goes into the plagues in detail when the fourth angel pours out his vial upon the Sun and power was given him to scorch men with fire God is angry with the wicked and fire is going to be thrown down to the earth fire and brimstone and so the fire represents God's wrath and yet these Saints are standing in the sea of glass which is mingled with fire and they're able to stand before the throne and that takes us back to chapter 6 verse 16 when the wicked are fleeing and when God finally acts and they're saying to the mountains and the rocks fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb the wrath of the Lamb and and this is this is their doing this is their choice and that's what this is all about there's the blood of the Lamb and there's the wrath of the Lamb very much like the first Exodus that when he saw the blood of the Lamb the death angel would pass over and today we're going to overcome the wicked we're going to overcome the beast through the blood of the Lamb and because we have the blood of the the wrath of God will pass over us leading into the second Exodus so this is all very very symbolic so they're now panicking over the wrath of the lamb for the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand well we just found out who's able to stand those that that have the victory through the blood of the Lamb and so in Chapter 7 when we see the hundred and forty-four thousand counted out we see and this is where people connect this to chapter three so that they say that the Philadelphians don't have to go through



the tribulation because here before this angel acts in Chapter seven it says that he's instructed hurt not the earth neither the sea nor the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads and I heard the number of them which were sealed and they were sealed 144,000 of all the tribes of Israel so there is this automatic assumption that because because the 144,000 are sealed there's this automatic assumption that that seal protects them from the Beast but the scripture doesn't say this that seal protects us from God's wrath that's what it protects us from so let's look at the text more carefully it says here in going back to chapter 3 because you've kept the word of my patience I will also keep you from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth and that phrase is very important that this hour that the Philadelphians are protected from is an hour that tries them that dwell upon the earth who are they that dwell upon the earth well let's read the scripture so first of all the patience what does it mean to so he says here you've kept the word of my patience what is the word of his patience what does that mean well the scripture tells us in chapter 13 you'll remember why we're there that there's an understanding that that what revelation gives us is this understanding that he that leads in to captivity shall shall go into captivity and he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword here is the patience and faith of the saints so when the Saints see the beast rounding up brethren and putting them to death for their faith in Christ and and

and we're next the patience of the Saints is this understanding that our God will act you have your hour but our God has the last hour and so we will be patient like Shadrach Meshach and Abednego the same the same Babylonian system is the head that all these succeeding empires have the same thinking as Nebuchadnezzar and the same way Nebuchadnezzar was forcing everybody to worship the image of the Beast is the same way when we get down to the final hour that the thinking is the same it's the same devil it's the same Empire it's the same Babylonian system and so the patience of the Saints is this understanding that you have your our and our God has his and we'll wait for our God just as Shadrach Meshach and Abednego we're willing to be killed if if need be and so here in chapter 14 the same shall drink the same that is the wicked shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God this is what the Saints are protected from but the wicked shall drink of the wine the remember we saw the image of the the winepress with all the grapes and the crushing down well these are going to be human beings crushed under God's wrath and the blood will be the wine that they'll have to drink which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation god is angry and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the Holy Angels and in the presence of the Lamb this is the final word this is the final hour and this is what God is promising to protect the faithful from but the wicked will have to face this and the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever and they that's the wicked have no rest day nor night who

worship the Beast and His image and  
whosoever received the mark of his name  
so during the Great Tribulation those  
who are worshiping the Beast and His  
image they're having a party that this  
is like we in the Roman Empire when when  
Nero would set Christians on fire as  
entertainment he would put them in the  
ring to face wild animals as  
entertainment they were having they were  
having a rip-roaring good time and in  
the Great Tribulation the wicked are  
gonna have a wonderful time but that's  
not the hour that God is saying he's  
gonna protect the Saints from it's his  
wrath the last hour that's what the  
Saints are protected from and so he says  
in this understanding that those who  
worship the Beast and received the mark  
of his name they're gonna be punished by  
God's severely in the most severe way  
here this understanding this  
understanding that we're getting from  
the book of Revelation this is where the  
patience of the saints comes from we'll  
face whatever we have to face we will  
face whatever we have to face why  
because we have the understanding you  
know Christ even told us do not fear  
those who can kill the body and after  
they've killed the body there's nothing  
more they can do we're going to fear God  
she says here's the patience of the  
saints here are they this is where this  
is the category that the Philadelphians  
fit in that keep the commandments of God  
and the faith of Jesus and you know one  
of the problems that the people who are  
trying to interpret the Philadelphians  
as not having to face martyrdom one of  
the problems is they believe that it's  
only in the Philadelphians who who don't  
have to face the it's only believe it's  
only the philadelphians

who don't have to face the the story  
it's only the philadelphians who are not  
criticized by God well remember that  
analysis that we did  
of the letters to the churches that yes  
Philadelphia had no criticism but  
Philadelphia was not the only  
congregation that Jesus did not  
criticize he also had no criticism for  
Smyrna and it was Sardis and Laodicea  
so Sardis and Laodicea he had no  
commendation for them he had nothing  
good to say about Sardis and Laodicea  
but he had nothing bad to say about  
Philadelphia and Smyrna and yet when we  
read the scripture to Smyrna to the  
Angel of the church in Smyrna write  
these things says the first and the last  
which was dead and is alive so this is  
this is the letter to Smyrna just to  
show that there's no criticism here I  
know your works and tribulation and  
poverty but you are rich so you're in  
the category of people who are  
spiritually on target and I know the  
blasphemy of them that's the wicked  
which say they are Jews but are not but  
are of the synagogue of Satan fear none  
of those things which you shall suffer  
this is Jesus Christ's message to his  
faithful people don't fear any of those  
things that you usually all suffer  
behold the devil shall cast some of you  
into prison that you may be tried and  
you shall have tribulation 10 days be  
you faithful unto death and I will give  
you a crown of life this is the promise  
of Jesus to his faithful Saints and this  
is the same promise  
to the Philadelphians when he says I  
will keep you from the hour of  
temptation which shall come upon all the  
earth to try them which dwell upon the  
earth it's the same thing that he's

saying to Sardis to this Smyrna Church here to say be faithful unto death and I'll give you a crown of life you will not have to face my wrath so he goes on to say he that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches so we should hear what the Spirit says to all of the churches that's what we should be

is done to make sure we understand the message to the churches now notice this this is this is the real message of these letters we've got to get our act together in order to succeed to gain the victory over the beast we have to get our act together he that overcomes shall not be hurt of the second death this is what Jesus Christ cares about this is why he's giving us this message so we can know ahead of time the things that shall shortly take place upon the earth so that we can be overcomers the book of Revelation is all about victory it's all about overcoming when the beast thinks that he has the ability to overcome the Saints it's the Saints that are overcoming the Beast and it's the Saints because we overcome because we are successful in this victory we stand with God and we reign with God now we're seated in Thrones with God and we are born into the family of God why because we are overcomers not because we're sniveling cowards who are looking to save our skin this is the way we really have to shake this very terrible belief that we have developed in in the Churches of God that we don't have to suffer if we're good if we're really good we don't have to suffer no if we're really good we will love God and if we're really good we will love our brethren and no greater love has this that a man will lay down his life for

his friends and and the faithful in  
Christ love not their life into the  
death because we understand this  
physical life is not it this physical  
life is not it there's an eternal life  
now we lay hold on this eternal life and  
nothing will dissuade us this is what  
this is all about and so you know these  
people who are teaching us that we don't  
have to worry no harm is gonna come upon  
us this is very very dangerous far  
better to take the stance I may have to  
face this even so amen and then maybe we  
don't have to face it but we were ready  
rather than oh I would never have to  
face something like this and then  
suddenly we find ourselves having to  
face it and we become sniveling cowards  
we've got to shake this and develop the  
strength of faith and the patience of  
the saints so here in Thessalonians what  
Paul says but let us  
that's the faithful who are of the day  
be sober putting on the breastplate of  
faith we understand and we're putting on  
this breastplate of faith and with this  
we can face the fiery darts of the  
wicked one and love love of God love  
Jesus love of each other love of the  
truth love of all mankind  
that perfect love casts out fear he that  
is fearful is not made perfect in love  
so let us put on the breastplate of love  
so that we will not be fearful and for a  
helmet the hope of salvation for God has  
not appointed us to wrath that is to his  
wrath yet we may have to face the wrath  
of the devil so be it we will not be the  
first we may have to face the wrath of  
the Beast so be it we will not be the  
first but we will not have to face the  
wrath of God we're not appointed unto  
the wrath of God but to obtain salvation  
by our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us

that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him so let's just go back now to this to try them this is an hour of temptation to try them which dwell upon the earth and so we saw in chapter 6 the Saints who have been martyred are crying out when when the fifth seal opens we get this vision or John gets this vision that the Saints are just asking like how much longer before you avenge which we stood up for you and we were slaughtered and we know you're a righteous God we know you love us when will you avenge us and they're told hold on but look at the question they asked how long O Lord holy and true did you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth this is what the philadelphians are in fact it could be the philadelphians sells crime part of this group crying out to say how much longer before you we we kept the word of your patients and we were killed for it now when will this hour of temptation come that is to try them that dwell upon the earth and the Lord and so this is again this this crying out is very similar to the first Exodus when the Lord said I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt and I've heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters for I know their sorrows and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large unto a land flowing with milk and honey unto the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites the AMA rights of the Perizzites the Hivites and the Jebusites so that's the first Exodus the cries God heard the cries and he acted well the second Exodus is gonna be so much bigger that we won't even talk about the first

Exodus and God is hearing the cries and he will act to deliver but he's going to punish them that dwell upon the earth and then the Saints are asking specifically about those that are established on the earth in Revelation chapter 11 and they have the people's and Kindred's tongues and nations shall see that's the the two witnesses going to see their dead bodies three days and a half and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves so the Saints have been killed these two witnesses have been killed and and they will not even get the dignity of a burial and they that dwell upon the earth they're gonna get their comeuppance but it's not now right now they're having a party they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them so while the Saints are being put to death those that dwell upon the earth are partying this is not laid the hour of temptation for those that dwell upon the earth they shall dwell upon the earth and shall rejoice over them and make merry and shall send gifts one to another because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth the wicked dwell on the earth when the beast is in power the wicked dwell on the earth and so when the Beast has his hour that is not the hour of temptation upon those that dwell upon the earth and in chapter 13 and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him whose names are not written in the book of life the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world so those of us who refuse to worship the Beast our names are written in the book of life and so the second death will have no power over us we will not have



to face the wrath of God in the hour of temptation but those that dwell upon the earth

they shall have to face the wrath of God and he exercises all the power of the first beast before him and causeth the earth and them which dwell not in the earth to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed in verse 14 and he deceives them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the Beast saying to them that dwell on the earth so this category of people is not the Saints and so when the same sir facing tribulation this is not the hour of temptation that God is speaking to promising to keep the philadelphians from in fact when the philadelphians are martyred that is their stealing because they died in the faith they kept the word of his patience and so they will not have to face they will be able to stand on the sea of glass mingled with fire the wrath of God and the wicked are asking who can stand in the face of the wrath of the Lamb well you shouldn't have taken the mark of the beast saying to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the Beast which had the wound by a sword and did live in verse chapter 17 now the Beast that you saw was and is not shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation

world so we can just see here that so again let's just now that we understand who these people are and what patience is let's now just read this very clearly because you that's the faithful Saints have kept the word of my patience

revelation tells us that the word of his patience is the ability to understand that there's a final hour that the beast can go ahead and have his party and all the wicked and those that dwell on the earth can celebrate with him but that's not the end they the Beast doesn't get the final say and so the patience comes from understanding our God will act we don't know when he will act the same way Shadrach Meshach and Abednego did not know when he would act and they may have they were willing to die but they knew their God is faithful this is what it means to keep the word of his patience that no one can take the commandments of God away from us no one can take our testimony away from us because of that God will keep us or keep the philadelphians from the hour of temptation

it does not say from the great tribulation it says from the hour of temptation which hour of temptation is that he defines it it's the one that shall come upon all the world to try them to test them that dwell upon the earth those that dwell upon the earth are the wicked and we see that repeatedly throughout the book of Revelation so hopefully this is really clear now that the 144,000 are not some deficient group who didn't measure up to the Philadelphian standard being martyred for God is an honor precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints and and we should honor those who do this and who might have the opportunity to do this rather than think that somehow you know if you're really honorable you'll be in the place of safety and if you're not honorable well you might have to face martyrdom just it's just a wrong way of thinking and

it's not in accordance  
the scripture so we saw in chapter 14  
last week that the lamb stood on the  
Mount of Zion and standing with him were  
the hundred and forty-four thousand and  
so the lamb it we're not when this is  
fulfilled when Christ returns it's not  
he's not gonna be an actual lamb on the  
Mount Zion this is a symbol the lamb is  
a symbol and right in the same verse is  
the hundred and forty-four thousand so  
people want to take 144,000 literally  
but they'll take they won't take the  
lamb literally the lamb is symbolic but  
then 144,000 have to be a literal  
144,000 from the twelve tribes it's  
clearly these this is apocalyptic  
literature and so the lamb is a symbol  
and 144,000 are a symbol and we've  
covered this last week I won't repeat it  
but it's very clear that this these  
people are people who trusted in the  
faith the covenant faithfulness of the  
God of Israel and that was demonstrated  
by his covenant faithfulness to the  
patriarchs his covenant faithfulness the  
new covenant faithfulness to the  
apostles to a thousand generations so we  
get 12 by 12 by a thousand to get  
144,000 and so we heard this voice and  
the voice of harpers harping with their  
harps and we saw in chapter 15 that  
144,000 have these harps and they sung  
this new song before the throne and no  
one could learn that song except 144,000  
which were redeemed from the earth so  
those there are those that dwell upon  
the earth and there are those that are  
redeemed from the earth there were just  
pilgrims were just passing through the  
others are settled and established and  
think that their kingdom is going to  
last forever and so we talked about what  
it means to be not defiled with women

and the daughters of Babylon and her daughters and to be spiritual virgins and so these are the firstfruits of and what it means to be without fault and so just a reminder that all of this is symbolic that the scripture is given to John in in a signified form in a signified format it's apocalyptic literature so it's given to him in symbols so we come now to chapter 15 and verse 1 and so with that context and weaved 144,000 who are the faithful Saints who lived in this facing this beast power and these these wicked people that dwell upon the earth to accept his image and his mark of his number these are the faithful ones who keep the patience of God the patience of the saints and I saw another symbol in heaven great and marvellous seven angels having the seven last plagues for in them is filled up the wrath of God this is it now this is the final hour and I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire and then that had gotten the victory over the Beast and over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God and they sing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the lamb saying great and marvellous are thy works Lord God Almighty just and true are thy ways you king of saints so so they have gotten the victory and now they are singing the song of Moses in the same way that in the first Exodus the children of Israel got the victory not by their strength or their power or their might they they just stood still and they watched the conquest of God so the conquest comes through the lab and they are just these Saints now are so grateful singing how great and

marvelous are the works of God Almighty  
and how Justin true are his ways king of  
saints who shall not fear you I mean  
this is like you would have to be crazy  
not to fear God  
who shall not fear thee O Lord and  
glorify thy name for you only are holy  
so the 144,000 understand this they're  
not holy they wash their garments in the  
blood of the Lamb you only are holy for  
all nations shall come and worship  
before thee so this is something that  
all nations are going to come and  
worship before God all nations are going  
to know that God is the God of Israel  
for you only are holy for all nations  
shall come and worship before you for  
your judgments are made obvious made  
manifest and jeremiah that's the same  
question so this is an echo of jeremiah  
who would not fear thee o king of  
nations for to you does it a pertain for  
as much as among all the wise men of the  
nations and in all their kingdoms there  
is none like unto thee so it is fitting  
for all nations of the earth to fear god  
for as much as among all the wise men of  
the nations and in all their kingdoms  
there is none like unto you so there you  
know this is who shall not worship the  
Beast and who can make war with him he's  
just so wonderful he's just so great  
nonsense there's only one holy God  
there's only one that deserves this kind  
of adoration and it's it's the God of  
Israel in Psalms David writes all  
nations whom you have made shall come  
and worship before you O Lord and shall  
glorify your name and these prophecies  
are throughout the scriptures Isaiah  
says it shall come to pass that from one  
new moon to another and notice this from  
one Sabbath to another hello Sunday  
keepers from one Sabbath to another this

is future when God is returned and and those who are keeping his Commandments the Ten Commandments and found faithful and now when he establishes his kingdom from one Sabbath to another shall all flesh

come to worship before me says the Lord coming back to Revelation chapter 15 and verse 5 he says after that I looked and behold the Temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened so where have we seen this language before the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony well here in chapter 38 of Ezekiel he says this is the sum of the tabernacle and notice what he calls it even of the tabernacle of testimony as it was counted according to the commandment of Moses so the tabernacle has always been a tabernacle of testimony and that's what this is all about it's all about testimony testifying about the true God so he says here in continuing chapter 15 and the seven angels come out of the temple so these seven angels come out of the temple having the seven plagues so this number seven is significant the number seven we know is the symbol of completion of perfection and so this God is finally going to act now once and for all and put an end to this wickedness of man and so these seven ages the seven angels with the seven plagues represent the complete wrath of God so these seven angels now are clothed in pure and white linen so we know this is again symbolic white linen his righteousness and having their breasts girded with golden girdles and so this we've seen again language from Ezekiel and behold six men came from the way of the higher gate which lies toward the north and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand and one man

among them was clothed with linen so  
this is now a righteous judgment and  
with a writer's inkhorn by his side and  
they went in and stood beside the brazen  
altar and the Lord said unto Him  
go through the midst of the city through  
the midst of Jerusalem and set a mark  
upon the foreheads of them that sigh and  
cry for all the abominations that be  
done in the midst thereof and we as the  
people of God should be grieved by the  
wickedness that's going on around us  
just tonight I got news of another mass  
shooting in America and in Florida in  
high school young children going to  
school should never have to face this it  
should grieve us and so if we have the  
view of God to see human beings made in  
His image being just words fail me human  
beings made in God's image  
we should sigh and cry for this but  
those who have God standards are  
standing against wicked men and so God  
says set a mark upon the foreheads of  
the men that sigh and cry in Revelation  
and set a seal upon our foreheads and  
people think that this seal means all we  
won't be touched by the Beast we may  
very well be touched by the Beast in  
fact our martyrdom is our seal it  
demonstrates that we kept the word of  
our patience right to the finish of  
patience right to the finish line so  
going back to Revelation 15 he says one  
of the four beasts gave unto the seven  
angels seven golden vials full of the  
wrath of God so again another symbol and  
these vials that had the prayers of the  
saints earlier now they're full of the  
wrath of God seven golden vials God is  
angry with the wicked who live God who  
lives for ever and ever and so these  
seven golden vials again this is a  
jeremiah language for thus says the Lord

God of Israel unto me take the wine cup of this fury at my hand and cause all the nations them that dwell upon the earth to whom I send you to drink coming back to revelation 15 so these vials are given one of the four living creatures gave unto we know these four living creatures are in front of the throne see if glasses in front of the throne it's mingled as fire he's given to these seven angels the seven golden vials full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power and no man was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled and where have we seen this language before if you remember in Exodus that a cloud covered the tent of the congregation and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle so God was there and Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation because the cloud abode thereon and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle and in first Kings 8 and it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy place that the cloud filled the house of the Lord so the priests could not stand to Minister because of the cloud for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord in second chronicles speaking of the same time period he came to pass as the trumpeters and singers were as one to make one sound to be heard and praising and thanking the Lord and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and music instruments of music and praised the Lord saying for he is good for his mercy endures forever that then the house was filled with a cloud even the house of the Lord so that



the priests could not stand to Minister  
by reason of the cloud for the glory of  
the Lord had filled the house of God so  
when we see when when these the seven  
bowls the the seven the four living  
creatures are given the seven bowls to  
the seven angels they're full of the  
wrath of God

the this this undiluted wrath is gonna  
come down upon the head of the wicked  
even so amen

because the God who is authoring this is  
a holy and a righteous God his glory  
fills the temple he is so glorious he is  
so holy and his judgments are right and  
true and I think you know sometimes we  
as Christians we want to put on this  
kind of holy holy attitude where we're  
more righteous than God and when God  
wants to judge the wicked and condemn  
the wicked we want to know no no let's  
not be judgmental let's just this is the  
glory this is the god of judgment the  
god of glory and we back up and support  
his judgments even so amen

so just the first verse now in chapter  
16 which will go into detail next week  
and remember that next week the Bible  
study will be on Thursday evening rather  
than Wednesday evening but next week  
these seven bowls these seven vials and  
the seven angels that have been  
introduced here in chapter 15 next week  
we go into detail in what's inside each  
of these balls when they're dumped  
toriel poured upon the earth but chapter  
16 verse 1 says and I heard a great  
voice out of the temple saying to the  
seven angels go your ways and pour out  
the vials of the wrath of God upon the  
earth upon them that dwell upon the  
earth and this is the hour that the  
Philadelphians because of their  
faithfulness that Smyrna because of

their faithfulness that all the churches  
who took under advisement the advice of  
Christ and got their act together and  
and washed their robes in the blood of  
the Lamb and sorted themselves out so  
that we could obtain the victory  
this is the hour of temptation that we  
are kept from and those that dwell upon  
the earth must now face these seven  
angels as they go their ways to pour out  
the vials of the wrath of God upon the  
earth and that's what we'll cover next  
week Thursday evening as we dive into  
god-willing Revelation chapter 16 so  
thanks for joining tonight hope it was  
all clear and what a God we said what a  
God we serve  
he's holy he's glorious he's righteous  
he's patient and so we have a we have a  
work to do you have a testimony we have  
a story to tell to the nation's we have  
a gospel to preach let's be about our  
father's business praise be to Jesus  
Christ