

Revelation 15-16 Exodus Again

Share a situation, either from recent news or from your own life, where justice was not done.

Read Revelation 15

1. Why is there such rejoicing and singing by those gathered by the sea?

2. Compare the song of Moses in 15:3-4 to Exodus 15:1-18. How are the reasons for singing similar in both situations? What kind of scene does this set for us in Revelation?

3. What has to happen before anyone can enter the temple (or tabernacle) of God?

Read Revelation 16

4. List the reasons for God pouring out his wrath in 16:2-7. Who has sinned, and what have they done?

5. What stands out about what happens when the fourth and fifth bowls are poured out in verses 8-10?

6. Revelation 16:12-14 contains some unusual imagery. How do the following Old Testament references shed light on their meaning? Exodus 8:6-7, Isaiah 11:15-16

7. Look up the following references to Armageddon (also known as 'Megiddo'). How do they help us understand why the battle of nations will take place there?

2 Kings 9:27, 2 Kings 23:29-30, Judges 5:19-23

8. Notice how there is a formula of words used in the following 'ultimate disaster' passages: Revelation 4:5, 8:5, 11:19. What might this suggest for the meaning of the judgement in 16:17-21?

9. Why is the warning in verse 15 the only right response to Jesus' second coming and what does it mean?

Implications (choose 1 or more to answer)

"The God of the Old Testament is a God of anger, but the God of the New Testament is a God of love." From what we have learned in this study, how could you respond to such a comment?

How does the image of the multitude singing by the sea (15:1-4) bring you hope for persevering following Jesus in the present?

"The doors of hell are locked from the inside." Do you agree?

Do you ever struggle with feeling that God's wrath towards sin is not justified? How does Revelation 15-16 help you to think this through?

Give thanks and pray

Repent; ask God for his forgiveness, and thank him for paying the price for your sin with Jesus' blood. Ask God to help you trust him more and more each day—especially in making daily decisions to follow him. Ask God to give you a deep concern and love for those who are still lost.