



# Crescendo

Revelation chapters 15 and 16

# I. God's Judgment is Righteous Because He is Holy vv. 1-4.

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

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“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!  
<sup>4</sup> 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.”

# I. God's Judgment is Righteous Because He is Holy vv. 1-4.

- A. John sees a sign in heaven: God is worshipped because He is holy.
- B. Because God is holy His judgment is not tainted by sin.

## II. God's Judgment is Righteous Because He Offered Forgiveness to Sinners vv. 5-8.

<sup>5</sup> After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, <sup>6</sup> and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.

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<sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> 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.

# The Ten Commandments Are Righteous Laws, But They Prove That We are Sinners in Need of Salvation

**Romans 3:20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

**Galatians 2:16** know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified

### III. God's Judgment is Righteous Because Rebellious Hearts Reject Salvation 16:1-9.

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." <sup>2</sup>The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.



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<sup>3</sup>The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died. <sup>4</sup>The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say:

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“You are just in these judgments, O Holy One,  
you who are and who were;  
<sup>6</sup> for they have shed the blood of your holy people and  
your prophets,  
and you have given them blood to drink as they  
deserve.”

<sup>7</sup> And I heard the altar respond:  
“Yes, Lord God Almighty,  
true and just are your judgments.”

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<sup>8</sup> The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. <sup>9</sup> They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, Who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify Him.

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- A. Those on earth who were judged refused to repent and give God glory.
- B. Because God is not willing that any should perish, He made salvation available.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

## IV. God's Judgment Of Sinners is Righteous Because Sinners Are Oppose God vv. 10-21.

<sup>10</sup> The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony <sup>11</sup> and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

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<sup>12</sup>The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. <sup>13</sup>Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

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<sup>14</sup> They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

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<sup>15</sup> “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.” <sup>16</sup> Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. <sup>17</sup> The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!”



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<sup>18</sup> Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. <sup>19</sup> The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

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<sup>20</sup> Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. <sup>21</sup> From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

- A. Here God's judgment reaches the crescendo.
- B. The nations gather at Armageddon to oppose Christ & it is there that they meet their end.