Revelation 15

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read Revelation 15.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

1a Then I saw another sign in heaven,

1b great and marvelous,

1c seven angels

1d who had seven plagues,

1e which are the last,

1f because in them the wrath of God is finished.

2a And I saw

2b something like a sea of glass mixed with fire,

2c and those

2d who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name,

2e standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

3a And they \*sang the song of Moses,

3b the bond-servant of God,

3c and the song of the Lamb, saying,

3d  “Great and marvelous are Your works,

3e O Lord God, the Almighty;

3f Righteous and true are Your ways,

3g King of the nations!

4a “Who will not fear, O Lord,

4b and glorify Your name?

4c For You alone are holy;

4d For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU,

4e FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.”

5a After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, 6a and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple,

6b clothed in linen,

6c clean and bright,

6d and girded around their chests with golden sashes.

7a Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls

7b full of the wrath of God,

7c who lives forever and ever.

8a And the temple was filled with smoke

8b from the glory of God

8c and from His power;

8d and no one was able to enter the temple

8e until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

1. What were the previous signs John saw? How are these to be understood?
2. How is this sign described?
3. Where else in Revelation is the word “plagues” used? What is the biblical significance of this word?
4. How are the plagues described here? Where does this fit on the timeline of the book of Revelation and in relation to chapter 14?
5. Who is described in v. 2? How are they described? How is their description related to the point of the book?
6. What songs did they sing? How does this reflect a pattern we’ve seen in Revelation?
7. What is the content of their song? Of what are they singing? Why?
8. How do vv. 3-4 fit within the context of the chapter?
* Day 2

Read Revelation 15 again.

1. Describe the scene of vv. 5-8.
2. Where is v. 5 describing? Why is this significant?
3. What is the tabernacle of testimony? Why does John describe it this way?
4. How are the angels described in v. 6? What is the significance of this description?
5. How are the bowls described in v. 7?
6. How are the bowls of wrath connected to the plagues?
7. Why is God described as the one “who lives forever and ever” here?
* Day 3

Read Revelation 15 again.

1. What temple is being spoken of in v. 8?
2. Where is the smoke coming from?
3. Why would no one be able to enter the temple?
4. What other passages throughout the Bible sound like v. 8? What is their connection?
5. What is the function of this chapter in the book?
6. How should this passage fuel your worship? Inform your understanding of eschatology? Drive your life this week?

In preparation for Sunday, pray through the sermon passage. Focus on the character of God and respond appropriately in praise, confession, petition, and thanksgiving.