

D. The temple is closed. Rev 15:8 *And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.*

What Will Take Place Later - The Temple Scene in Heaven
Revelation 15
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I. The Sign in Heaven. Rev 15:1a *I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous*

“As we study the use of the word ‘sign’ which is used over 70 times in the New Testament one recognizes that the word ‘sign’ really means a ‘symbol of revelation.’ That is, it is a symbol, picture, or prophetic event that conveys some great truth or principle of God that he wants to convey to His people. As one studies this book and begins to understand the meaning of these signs, he or she receives the fulfillment of Rev 1:3 *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”*

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They will be marvelous, which means they will pass human comprehension. They will be great as clearly described in chapter 16 which speaks of 7 great things.

great voice—16:1

great heat—16:9

great River Euphrates—16:12

great day of the Lord—16:14

great earthquake—16:18

great city, Babylon—16:19

great hail—16:21

A. The 7 angels and 7 plagues. Rev 15:1b “... seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

They are called the “last” plagues because they are the last series in the sequence of the seven seals and the seven trumpets; no others are to follow, for no more are needed.

II. The sea in Heaven. Rev 15:2 *And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.*

Dr. R. L. Thomas notes, "The intermingling of fire suggests the punitive providence to materialize shortly as the seven angels pour out the terrible contents of their bowls."

IV. The Temple in Heaven.

A. The temple is opened. Rev 15:5 *After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,*

B. The angels clothing. Rev 15:6 *and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes.*

III. The Song in Heaven. Rev 15:3-4 *And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,*

The historical setting for the song of Moses comes from the time of the Exodus.

Great and marvelous are Your works,
O Lord God, the Almighty;

Righteous and true are Your ways,
King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy;

FOR ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE
YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

C. The angels prepare. Rev 15:7 *Then 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.*