" This next series of visions seen by John will reveal the final retribution poured out on the enemies of the gospel. These "Bowls of Wrath" soon to be emptied will present a dread experience in the world. The faithful, persecuted Christians have need of fortification for it; they need to see how it is viewed in Heaven. Therefore, they are given this vision to show the condition of those who have fallen in the persecution and, hence their own condition if persecution unto death overtakes them. The exultant saints in Heaven are pictured to cheer and comfort the saints on earth as they are in the midst of evil days."   (Quote taken from Ray Summers book "Worthy is the Lamb" pgs. 184,185)

CHAPTER 15

   Chapter 15 is a sort of pausing place on the way to the next scene of God's wrath. A kind of lookout at the side of the road on a long journey. Something to focus on but just for a moment, to take your mind off the events that lie just ahead. This scene is something "Great and Marvelous" to behold.

1. **Describe what John sees here.**
     a. **Vv1-4-**

2. **Why are these plagues mentioned in v1, referred to as "last"?**

3. **What words are used to describe God, and his ways?**

4. **What point do you think this song is trying to make?**

5. **Would this vision be one of encouragement or discouragement to the readers of that time? Explain.**

6. **Describe what John sees here.**
     a. **Vv5-8-**

7. **Why was the "temple of the Tabernacle" opened?**

8. **When would someone be able to enter into this temple? V8**

The scene is now set for these "Bowls of Wrath" to be poured out. V1 The time of repentance has passed, and now the wicked and unfaithful will be punished with the full force of God's wrath.

1. Describe in detail what happens when each bowl is poured out .
    a. 1st- (vv1,2)-

    b. 2nd- (v3)-

    c. 3rd- (vv4-7)-

    d. 4th- (vv8,9)-

    e. 5th- (vv10,11)-

    f. 6th- (vv12-16)-

    g. 7th (vv17-21)-

2. What similarities do you see between these bowls of wrath and the trumpets of the previous chaps.?

3. What are some of the differences?