

Revelation 15:1-8



The text – Revelation 15:1-8

1. Read Revelation 15. The first verse functions as an introduction to what will occur in the visions of Revelation 16. In Revelation 15, there are two scenes – the first is 15:2-4 and the second is 15:5-8. Read these and discuss what John saw and heard in these two visions.
2. The song of 15:2-4 is described as “the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb”. What does this mean? How can it be both the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb?
3. Carefully consider the words of the song. What attributes of God are celebrated? Compare these with the descriptions of the dragon and the beast in, for example, Revelation 12:9 and 13:14.
4. The heavenly temple is described as “the tabernacle of the covenant law”. Discuss what this means.
5. In Revelation 14:7 we again read of the four living creatures. What do these creatures represent?
6. The seven angels are given bowls that contain plagues which represent that wrath of God (15:1). Discuss God’s anger. What is God angry about? With whom is God angry?

The Scriptures – Revelation 15:1-8 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. This chapter of Revelation is very much shaped by the events of Israel’s exodus from Egypt. Read and discuss the Song of Moses in Exodus 15:1-18, which celebrates God’s victory over the powers of Egypt.
8. The OT Scriptures often speak of God as being “slow to anger”. See, for example, Exodus 34:6-7, Numbers 14:18-19, and Psalm 86:14-16. Discuss the meaning of these texts.
9. In Revelation 15:5-8, John sees the temple in heaven open. This is very similar to the vision in Revelation 11:19. Compare and contrast the two texts, both of which precede the final judgement of God and the end of history as we have known it.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Revelation 15:1-8 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. How do you praise God, particularly when life is difficult? What practices have you developed in prayer and praise that you can share with the group?
11. How can we encourage you in your faith, hope and love as a result of this study?