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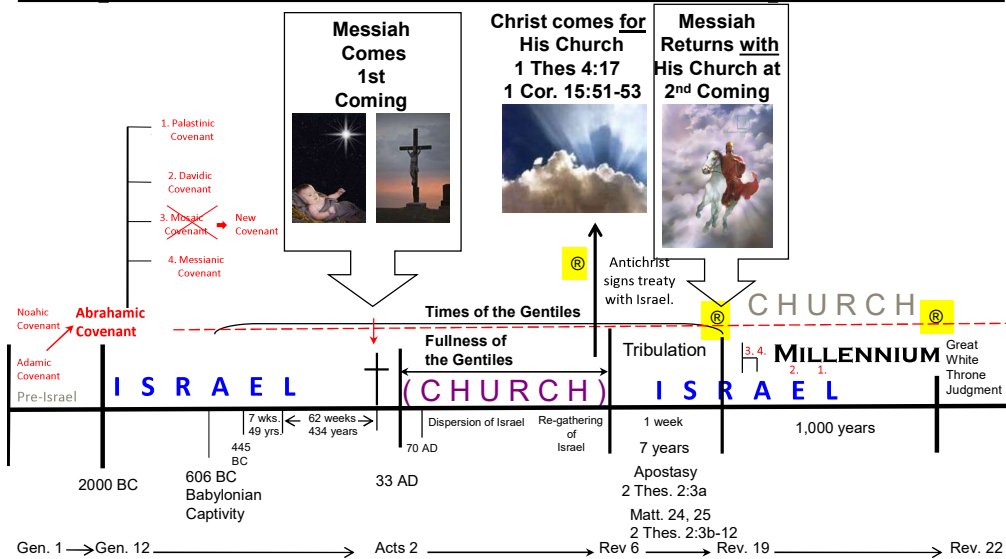
"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"Driven by the Glory of God"

Rev. 15:1-4

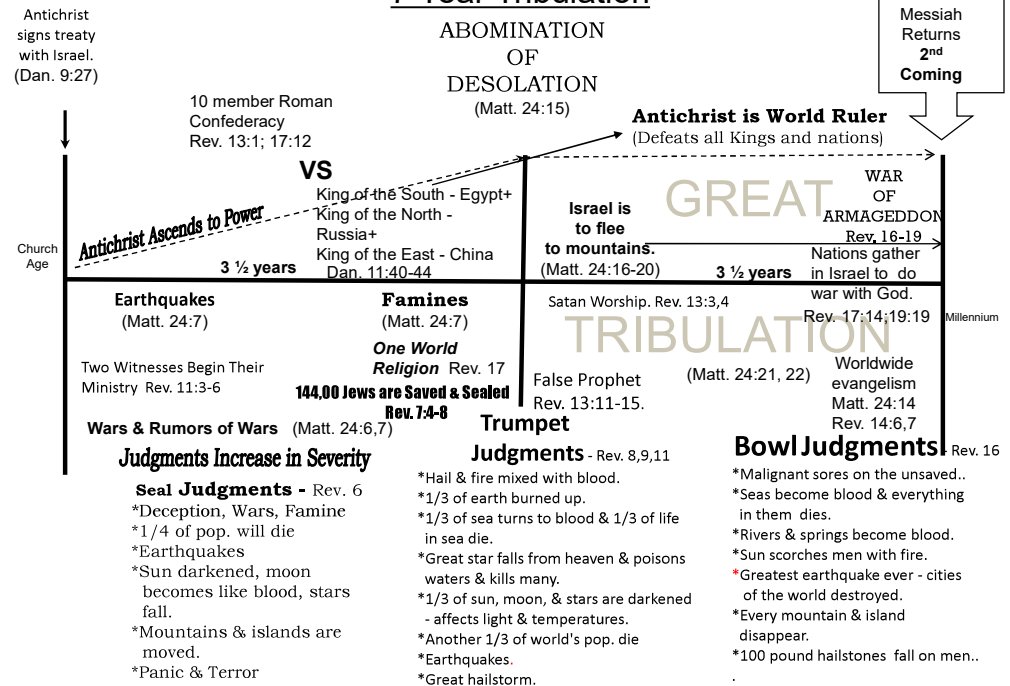
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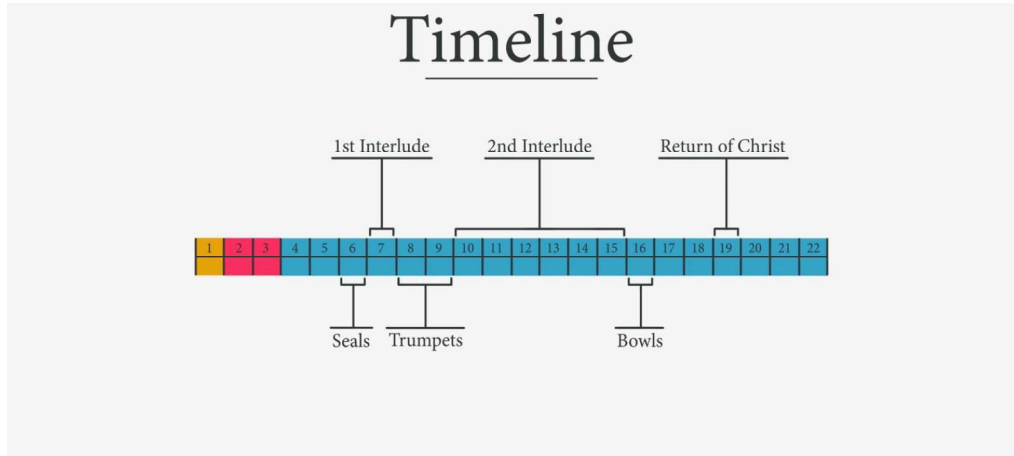
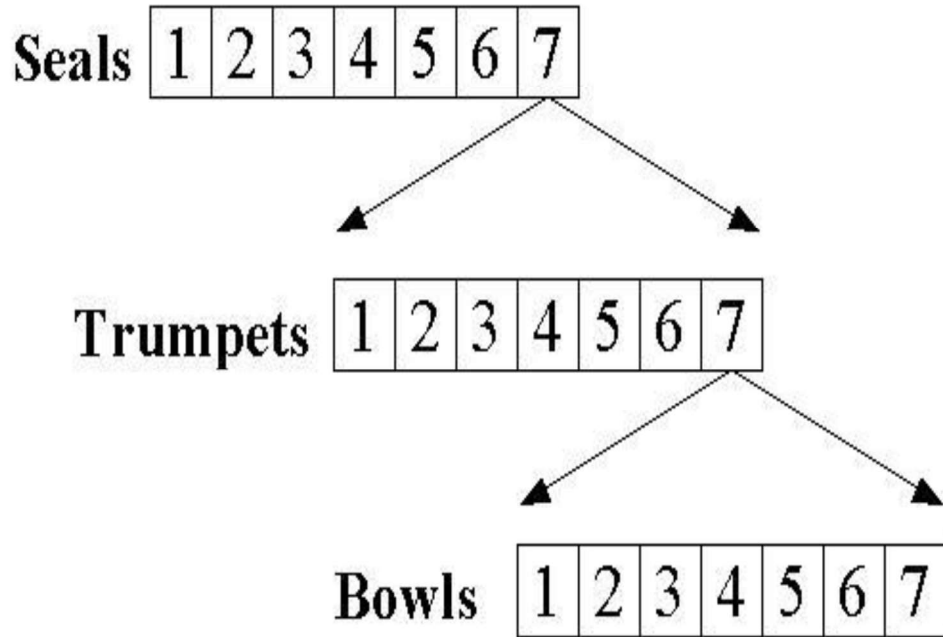
Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



® = Resurrection

7 Year Tribulation





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This is the 3rd sign:

#1 – The Woman – Israel.

Rev 12:1-2

- 1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
- 2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

#2 - Great Red Dragon – Satan.

Rev 12:3

- 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

#3 - Seven Angels with seven plagues – final bowl judgments.

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3 Responses to the 3rd sign:

1. John - "great and marvelous".

- The fact that the seven bowl judgments are about to begin, to John is an awesome and wonderful thing.
- John lived his life for God's glory. He's 95. He has been banished to the island of Patmos. He is in a dark, dank place. When John sees the wrath of God about to be poured out in the Bowl Judgments, he sees it as "great and marvelous." Why? Because he realizes this will further reveal God's glory. He is driven by God's glory.

In the book of Revelation:

- Seven Churches – **1:4**
- Seven Spirits – **1:4**
- Seven Stars – **1:16**
- Seven Seals – **4:5**
- Seven Horns – **5:6**
- Seven Eyes – **6:6**
- Seven Trumpets – **8:2**
- Seven Angels – **8:2**
- Seven Thunders – **10:3**
- Seven Heads – **12:3**
- Seven Crowns – **12:3**
- Seven Plagues – **15:1**
- Seven Vials – **17:1**
- Seven Mountains – **17:9**
- Seven Kings – **17:10**

"Seven angels."

3 groups of angels that are numbered together:

Group of 4 angels:

Rev 7:1

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth,

Group of 7 angels:

Rev 8:2

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

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Rev 16:1

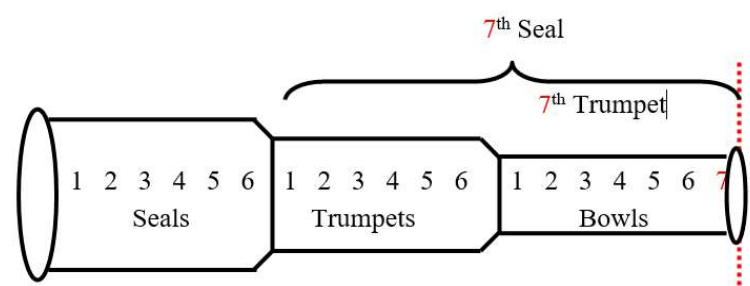
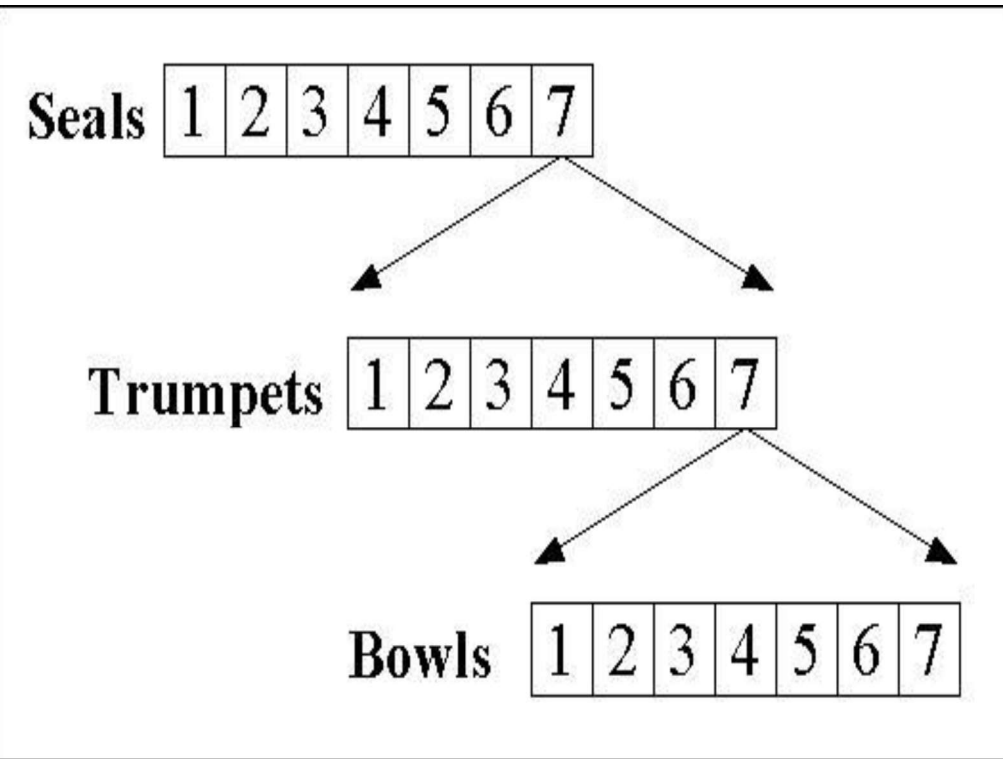
16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels,

Group of 12 angels:

Rev 21:12

12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels;

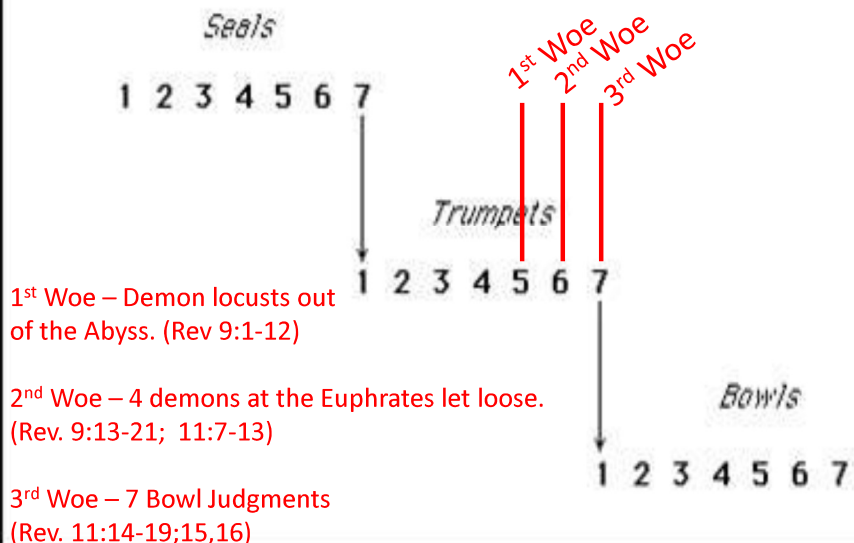
The Bowl Judgments are the last in the series of God's 3 major judgments of His wrath upon the earth.



The Bowl Judgments are also the last “Woe” of a series of 3.



The Relationship of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls



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- Here are angels who sing in exaltation to God, who praise God around the throne, who are messengers, who minister to believers, who serve God day and night.

Heb 1:13-14

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
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14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

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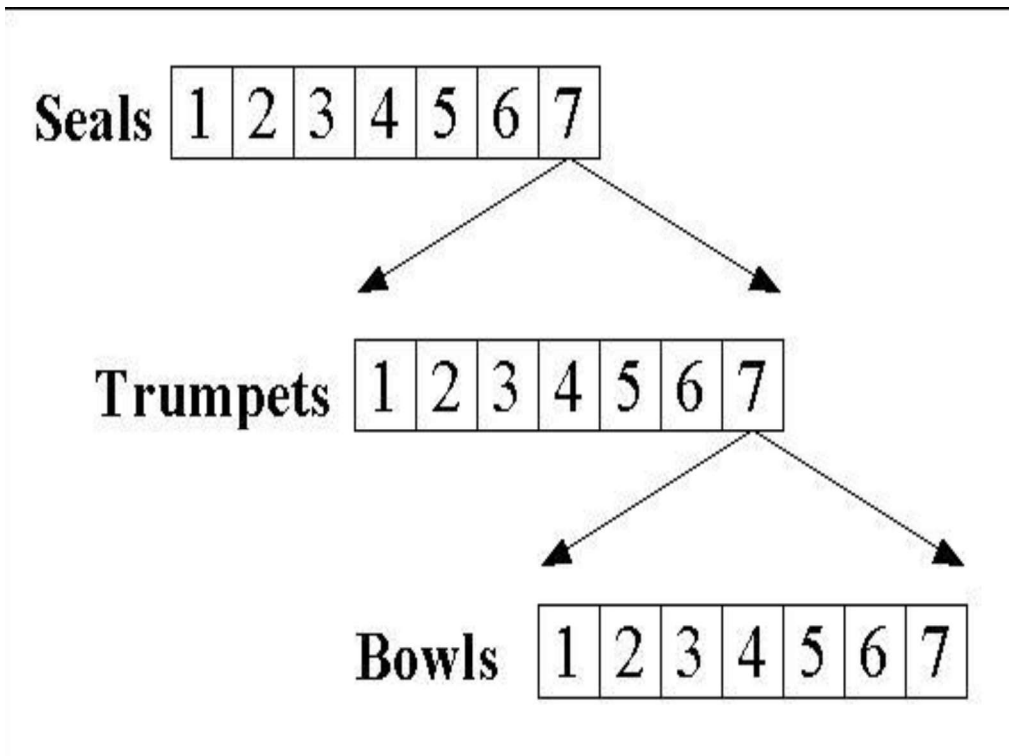
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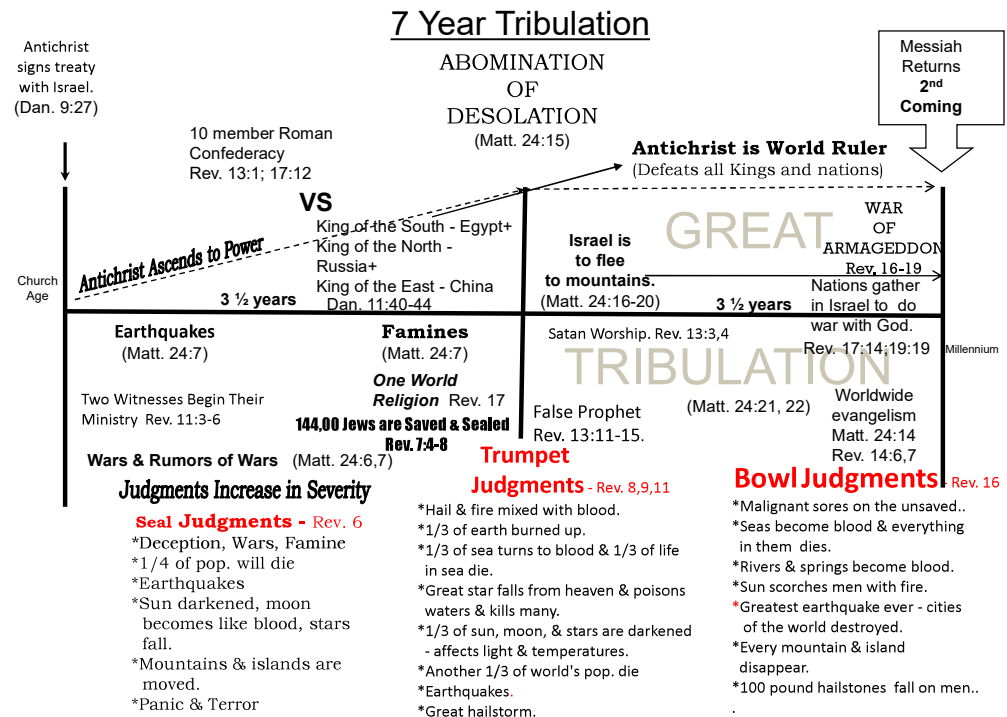
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Just a reminder –

wrath - θυμος – thumos - God's intense rage, more of a sudden outburst. οργη - not as intense, less sudden in its rise but it lasts longer. It simmers.



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Rev 4:6

6 and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal;

- Is crystal glass smooth?
- The description here of "sea of glass" shows a calmness in heaven. Life will be smooth & serene.



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Scripture often depicts trials, suffering,
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“going through the fire.”

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Zech 13:9

- 9 "And I will bring the third part through the fire,
Refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My name,
And I will answer them;
I will say, 'They are My people,'
And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

Isa 48:10

- 10 "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

1 Peter 1:7

- 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Rev 3:18

- 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich,

These martyrs had 3 areas of victory:

1. Over the deception of the Beast (Antichrist).
 2. Over His miraculous image (energized by the False Prophet).
 3. Over the do-or-die world economic system (must have the mark of “666”).
- They were victorious because they did not submit.
 - They separated themselves.
 - They remained faithful to God and the Lord Jesus in spite of the pain and persecution.
 - At times, what appears to be a loss is really a victory.
 - The martyrs appear to lose to the beast, but they come back in a great victory.
 - They did not love their lives even unto death.

“The Antichrist thinks he is getting rid of his enemies down here, but what he is really doing is running a shuttle service to heaven! He is but an elevator boy in God's service, taking loads of saints up to glory. He does not realize that God is using him for the very purposes that He has ordained.”

- Ray Stedman

Rev 2:10

10 . . . Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 12:11-12

11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

- Their reward was heaven and the presence of God, unlike the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet who all will be cast into the Lake of Fire.
- That's why the early church described the day of martyrdom as a “day of victory”.
- How are we doing in the war over the world, the flesh, and the Devil? Are we seeing a measure of victory?
- **“harps of God”**
 - Only 2 instruments mentioned in Revelation – trumpets and harps.
 - Note they are “harps of God”. Probably has incredible sound and is used only for the worship and praise of God.



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"Singing is good for you. It can have physical and psychological benefits and help you to feel good. Singing improves the memory and can alleviate depression. It involves the mind, the emotions and the body. It's been said that, "Words make you think. Music makes you feel. A song makes you feel a thought". In ancient times, when few people could read or write, stories were passed down through song, because songs are memorable."

- George Hawke

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Ex 15:1-13

- 1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and said,
"I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.
- 2 "The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him.
- 3 "The Lord is a warrior; The Lord is His name.
- 4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; And the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea.
- 5 "The deeps cover them; They went down into the depths like a stone.
- 6 "Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- 7 "And in the greatness of Your excellence You overthrow those who rise up against You; You send forth Your burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff.

8 "At the blast of Your nostrils the waters were piled up, The flowing waters stood up like a heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 "The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be gratified against them; I will draw out my sword, my hand will destroy them.'

10 "You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 "Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?

12 "You stretched out Your right hand, The earth swallowed them.

13 "In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.

* ***Exodus 15 is sung in every synagogue. The ancient synagogues sang it every Sabbath day of the year in the afternoon.***

Rev 5:6-14

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Song of Moses

The song of Moses was sung at the Red Sea.

The song of Moses was sung by Israel.

The song of Moses was a song of triumph over Egypt.

The song of Moses told how God brought His people out.

The song of Moses was the first song in Scripture.

The song of Moses celebrated the deliverance from and execution of their enemies.

Song of the Lamb

The song of the Lamb is sung at the crystal sea.

The song of the Lamb was sung by the Tribulation martyrs.

The song of the Lamb was a song of triumph over Babylon.

The song of the Lamb tells how God brings His people in.

The song of the Lamb is the last song of Scripture.

The song of the Lamb celebrated deliverance and the future judgment of all in the kingdom of darkness.

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"King of the nations!"

- This looks forward to His reign as **King** in the millennium.
- From the fall to the beginning of eternity future man has been in rebellion to God and resisted His Kingship.
- In the Millennium He will reign over the entire earth and all of its inhabitants.
- No one will escape his rule. Some will want to.
- He will deal with the rebels at the end of the Millennium.

"Great and marvelous are Your works,"

"**Great**" because of the incredible scale of His judgments.

"**marvelous**" because God's judgments display His glory.

"O Lord God, the Almighty;"

God is to be praised for His omnipotence to accomplish the execution of His judgments. The destructive power of His judgments comes from His infinite wealth of power.

"Righteous and true are Your ways,"

"**Righteous**" – to be morally right all of the time. The word means "standard." It is out of this righteous character that His judgments flow. A righteous, true, holy God must judge sin and sinners and a fallen world. His character demands that He do it. If he lets sin go unpunished, He wouldn't be righteous.

"**true**" – αληθης – to be consistent with reality, with what is. His judgments are always according to the truth.

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Jer 10:7

7 Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?

Indeed it is Your due!

For among all the wise men of the nations

And in all their kingdoms,

There is none like You.

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

3 reasons why we should fear God and glorify His name:

1. "For You alone are holy;"

God is unique. God is the only standard of holiness. We don't make up our own standard. Everything will be judged by His standard of holiness. This is black and white. God's holiness demands wrath. He has to hate sin, it is His nature. It is His nature to destroy sin forever from His presence and that is what He will do.

2. "For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU,"

When? In the Millennial Kingdom.

Ps 86:9-10

9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord,

And they shall glorify Your name.

10 For You are great and do wondrous deeds;

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- Once God has revealed the righteous acts of judgment and they are done, He will set up His Kingdom in the earth and all nations will come and worship Him.
- These judgments have two results. 1. every individual who refuses to turn to God in faith will be removed from the earth. 2. the remainder who are believers will be left to inherit the Kingdom of God.

Isa 26:9

For when the earth experiences Your judgments
The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Eternity will be filled with praise to God for things we never praised Him for during our time on earth.

Why? Because in eternity we will know clearly. We will see clearly. We will understand clearly.

1 Cor 13:12

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

5 things we will know, see and understand clearly in eternity:

1. God's glory.
2. God's plan.
3. God's purposes for His plan.
4. How it all worked together for His glory.
5. How it all glorified God perfectly.

For now we strive, by faith, to reach a maturity on this earth that reaches a place where we accept all of life as that which will in some way bring God maximum glory.

This song does not focus on the martyrs but on God Who is declared to be:

1. Powerful in His works.
2. Omnipotent in power.
3. Righteous and true in His ways.
4. Sovereign in His control over the nations.
5. Deserving of reverence and glory.
6. Perfectly holy in character.
7. Deserving of the worship of all nations.
8. One who has revealed His righteous judgments.
9. The King Who will establish His kingdom'
10. The only and unequalled God of the universe.

We walk a thin line between

God's ultimate purpose
in all things to glorify
Himself, in which we rejoice
and praise Him.

Seeing and feeling the
reality of the effects of sin
causing pain, suffering,
injustice, oppression,
unbelief, and every form
of evil manifested in a
fallen world.

and holding to both as we journey through life.

3 Responses to the 3rd sign:

1. John - "great and marvelous".

- The fact that the seven bowl judgments are about to begin, to John is an awesome and wonderful thing.
- John lived his life for God's glory. He's 95. He has been banished to the island of Patmos. He is in a dark, dank place. When John sees the wrath of God about to be poured out in the Bowl Judgments, he sees it as "great and marvelous." Why? Because he realizes this will further reveal God's glory. He is driven by God's glory.

2. Angels – obedient.

- Here are angels who sing in exaltation to God, who praise God around the throne, who are messengers, who minister to believers, who serve God day and night. These same angels are also those who will be used to deliver the wrath of God. Why? Because they realize this will further reveal God's glory. They are driven by God's glory.

3. Martyrs – sing.

- Here are the martyrs who come out of the Tribulation and they sing, not only for their deliverance but for God's outpouring of wrath and judgment on Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet and all those who followed them and carried out their will. Why? Because it reveals God's glory. They are driven by God's glory.



Judson W. Van DeVenter
(1855-1939)

Many believers struggle with yielding their will to Christ, to be fully surrendered to Him. Songs of personal commitment to Christ often stem from a particular experience in the life of the author. The author of this hymn, Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter, definitely struggled. However, from his struggles came a beautiful hymn that shares the sentiment of so many.

Judson was born on December 5, 1855 in Dundee, Michigan to a farmer, John Wesley and his wife, Eliza Ann Wheeler Van DeVenter. Judson had an older brother, Virgil. He had at least two younger siblings, Nelson and Fanny. At the age of 17, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. After graduating from Hillsdale College, he married Malissa Miller, in 1880. Judson lived with his in-laws and worked as a painter, before teaching art in the public schools of Sharon, PA. The couple had a daughter, Cleo Iva, a year after they married. They also had two sons, Paul Dorel and Judson.



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Life wasn't always easy for the Van DeVenter's. Their daughter, Cleo Iva, died in 1902 at the age of twenty. In 1924, Malissa Miller died at the age of 65 in Florida. The following year, Judson married 47-year-old woman named Carolyn. She was a music teacher and pianist.

Over the years Judson mastered thirteen different musical instruments, along with singing and composing music. He became very involved in the music ministry at the Methodist Church he attended.



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But Judson began to struggle with the call upon his life. He was torn between continuing his teaching career or leaving and entering evangelistic ministry. His friends greatly encouraged him to enter evangelism, because of his fervent faith. Judson describes the day he finally surrendered to God's call on his life. "The song was written while I was conducting a meeting at East Palestine, Ohio, and in the home of George Sebring (founder of Sebring Camp Meeting Bible Conference . . .). For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, he caused me to sing."



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The song born in his heart was the hymn we are looking at tonight. Of the more than sixty hymns he wrote, this hymn is his best known. Judson teamed with Winfield S. Weeden and they had a partnership that lasted for years. Weeden, who was born in 1847 in Ohio, taught in the singing schools before he joined the call of evangelism. He was a noted vocalist and song leader. Weeden put the music to this hymn. He loved the hymn so much that the words were put on his tombstone after his 1908 death.

This hymn was first published in a compilation of hymns by Weeden in 1896, *Gospel Songs of Grace and Glory*. The book was published by Sebring Publishing Company.



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Judson retired to Tampa, Florida and was a regular professor of hymnology at Florida Bible Institute in the 1920s. After his retirement, he was a regular visitor to the Bible Institute. He remained active with speaking and ministry engagements even after he retired. Billy Graham credits Judson Van DeVenter with influencing his life and ministry. Billy's account appeared in *Crusade Hymn Stories*, edited by Graham's chief musician, Cliff Barrows:

“One of the evangelists who influenced my early preaching was also a hymnist — the Rev. J. W. Van de Venter. He was a regular visitor at the Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity Bible College) in the late 1930's. We students loved this kind, deeply spiritual gentleman and often gathered in his winter home at Tampa, Florida, for an evening of fellowship and singing.”

Judson Van DeVenter died in Florida on July 17, 1939 at the age of 83. He was buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Dundee, Michigan. The hymn he wrote was

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I SURRENDER ALL

1. All to Jesus, I surrender;
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain

***I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessèd Savior,
I surrender all.***

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

3. All to Jesus, I surrender;
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

4. All to Jesus, I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and
power;
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
Now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to His name!

Refrain