

INTRODUCTION

1. Evil has a God-determined point of completion: Gn 15:16; Mt 23:32; 1Th 2:16
Gn 6 -> Flood; Gn 19 -> Sodom; last days is such a time -[Lk 17:30.
2. Rv 15:1 Discern "Progressive Parallelism"
 - i. On the one hand: parallelism - another cycle begins, layered over others.
Wrath is being revealed - Rm 1:18; Jn 3:36.
 - ii. On the other hand, progress - emphasis is given to jdgmnt as we move to
FJ. The bowls are the *last* in wh/ the revelation of wrath is finished.
3. Rev 15:1-6 literary hinging: joining 4th & 5th cycle. Literary "Selah"

1st: Another Observation About the Literary Structure

1. Note how Jn repeatedly shows how we are refreshed & renewed in worship in each cycle. Recall what we've seen thus far in the first 4 cycles.
2. We are worshipping warriors in a fallen world of demonic lies & idolatry - 2Tim 3:12-13. Like Habakkuk: "How long?" "Why?" We overcome: worship & witness & Jesus shows us our certain destiny in glory.

2nd: The Choir Takes Its Position to Sing - v2-3a

1. Ex 14:26-15:3 [-v18]. Songs of victory - prophetic & judicial - Dt 31:19-22.
2. Victors sing *sea of glass*, crystal sea
 - i. heaven => calm result of jdgmnt - associated w/ throne - Rv 4:5-6
 - ii. earth = realm of evil: chaotic antagonism against Christ - Ps 2:1-2; Ps 74:12-15; Rv 13:1; 21:21
 - iii. *mixed w/ fire* - Exodus: light for God's people & terror to Egyptians
3. Overcomers *had been victorious*. Our already & the not-yet victory.
4. Victorious over Beast & all associated w/ the Beast. Rv 13:15-17 - we need *wisdom* [v18] - 666. Interp *overcome*. Killed by Beast [Rv 11:7] but death issues into resurrection victory. Overcomers sing in Christ's choir.
5. *standing* [Rv5:6]: *on sea* - w/ *harps* - Rv 14:1-3 worshipping warriors.

3rd: The Title of the Song Sung - v3a

1. *Moses the bond-servant of God* - but no qualifier for *the Lamb*. Hb 3:1-6
2. *Song of Moses and song of the Lamb*: 2 songs or 1? The *song of Moses* was, the *song of the Lamb*. Passover Lamb - Exo 4:22-23. Typology: prophetic pictures pointing to the person & work of Jesus.
3. The Exodus - pt of reference in Rv 15.

Applic #1: Grapple With the Challenges of Interpreting Revelation

1. Rv 1:3 *read => understand* [13:18]
2. Progressive parallelism - and symbols in visions!
3. Already & not-yet:
4. earthly & heavenly:
5. *overcome*: defined by Bst = we die; defined by X = we die & rise in res victory
6. typology
7. Love Lord w/ mind: 2Pt 3:16b-18 - *hard to understand*

Applic #2: The Necessity of Churchmanship & Discipleship

1. Rv 15:1-4 - [our] heavenly worship; Rv 2-3; Gal 6:2
2. Corporate means of grace; personal piety. We're on a battlefield: a battalion. Our individual discipleship affects the group. Careless Xns are in grave danger & weaken fellow-soldiers. We overcome as worshipping warriors.
3. Review: 1] the Exodus. 2] How we overcome. By faith - Rv 17:14