15:1I saw in heaven **another great and marvelous sign**: **seven angels** with the seven last plagues—last, because with them **God’s wrath** is completed.

 **2**And I saw what looked like a **sea of glass glowing with fire** and, standing beside the sea, those who had been **victorious** over the beast and its image and over **the number** of its name. They held harps given them by God

***Verse 2***

***sea of glass glowing with fire*** *– not like the sea around the Throne in Chapter 4; this one is aflame*

***victorious***  *- victorious by faith even though trampled and slaughtered in their earthly lives*

***the number*** *– 666 – whichever beast (the land beast or the sea beast, Chapter 13) is active right now gets the number – here, the social-political beast*

***Verse 1***

***another great and marvelous sign*** *– the first “sign” was 12:1, the woman with the child; the second was 12:3, the dragon, this is the third and last “sign”*

*In the Gospels, the miracles Jesus did were called “signs” because they pointed to the coming Kingdom of the Messiah. What do these “signs” point to?*

***seven angels*** *– maybe the same 7 angels as the angels of the churches, and the angels with the trumpets (Ch.8). If this is so, does this tell us that God expects that the* ***churches*** *will be the ones to call people to repentance?*

***God’s wrath*** *– against the unrepentant* ***because*** *they are unrepentant and unbelieving**(the “sin against the Holy Spirit” which is the only one that cannot be forgiven, Matt 12:31)*

**3**and they sang **the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb**:

*v.3 -* ***the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb*** *– one song for both the Old Testament and the New Testament people of God*

*Here is another mile-marker / full-service-area closer to the judgment.*

*v. 4 -* ***your righteous acts****– He shows His anger and displeasure at the sins of all who refuse His invitation to believe in Christ; but also for the protection of His Church. At the same time, He makes His people righteous through the blood of Jesus, the Lamb.*

*v.6 -* ***the seven angels with the seven plagues*** *– more about them in Chapter 16; but see note on the angels on Verse 1.*

*v.8 -* ***no one could enter*** *– Brighton notes that so terrible will be God’s holy judgments in the form of the plagues that John is about to witness (Chapter 16) that no one could fully comprehend these inscrutable righteous actions of God until they were completed at the End itself. But see the accompanying presentation “Law and Gospel in Revelation.”*

“Great and marvelous are your deeds,
    Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
    King of the nations.
**4**Who will not fear you, Lord,
    and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
    and worship before you,
for **your righteous acts** have been revealed.”

**5**After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. **6**Out of the temple came **the seven angels with the seven plagues**. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. **7**Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. **8**And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and **no one could enter** the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.