

Revelation 15 (NKJV)

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments

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3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:
“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways,
O King of the ^[b]saints!

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For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”

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8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

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Notes on Footnotes

The KJV / NKJV is based on the received text, the version where there exist most ancient Greek manuscripts.

NU - stands for Netsle-Aland Greek New Testament /United Bible Society. These are texts based on the oldest, but not the most numerous ancient manuscripts.

The NU-Text found in the footnotes represent the text found in Alexandria / Egypt, because this text is considered to be oldest version of the new testament still in existence. However, old does not automatically mean correct. Alexandria is known to be the seat of occult teachings in ancient times. Even in the 1st and 2nd century there were already incorrect versions of Paul's letters in circulation, but the majority of the copies (i.e. the received text) agreed with each other.

M - Masoretic Text - Traditional text of the Old Testament. Often compared to the LXX (Septuagint, which is the Greek version of the Old Testament.)

Psalm 7:8-17

- 8 The Lord shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness. And according to my integrity within me.
- 9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and [*Lit. kidneys, the most secret part of man*] minds.
- 10 [*Lit. My shield is upon God*] My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a just judge. And God is angry with the wicked every day.
- 12 If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready.
- 13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.
- 15 He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made.
- 16 His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on [*The crown of his own head*]his own crown.
- 17 I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

“Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both.” **Eleanor Roosevelt**

Proverbs 18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

Matthew 5:14 — Believers Are Salt and Light

- 13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- 14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mark 8:36 — Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

- 34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.
- 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?
- 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
- 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

John 1:29 — The Lamb of God

- 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
- 30 This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who [ranks higher than I] is preferred before me, for He was before me.’
- 31 I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.”
- 32 And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.
- 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’
- 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

Revelation Chapters 16-21 — The final judgment of God — is completely fair

Luke 21:36 The Importance of Watching

34 “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with [*dissipation*] carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may [NU have strength to] be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

37 And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. **38** Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

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Matthew 6:33

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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See: (at the end of this document): Deuteronomy 32 (The Song of Moses)

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Deuteronomy 32 (The Song of Moses)

1 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

3 For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God.

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

5 “They have corrupted themselves; They are not His children, Because of their blemish: A perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?

7 “Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you:

8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples

9 According to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For the Lord’s portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

10 “He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,

12 So the Lord alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.

13 “He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock;

14 Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.

15 “But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese! Then he forsook God who made him, And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.

18 Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you.

19 “And when the Lord saw it, He spurned them, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.

20 And He said: ‘I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith.

21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in My anger, And shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, And set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 ‘I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them.

24 They shall be wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, With the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 The sword shall destroy outside; There shall be terror within For the young man and virgin, The nursing child with the man of gray hairs.

26 I would have said, “I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,”

27 Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misunderstand, Lest they should say, “Our hand is high; And it is not the Lord who has done all this.” ’

28 “For they are a nation void of counsel, Nor is there any understanding in them.

29 Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would consider their latter end!

30 How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the Lord had surrendered them?

31 For their rock is not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom And of the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters are bitter.

33 Their wine is the poison of serpents, And the cruel venom of cobras.

34 ‘Is this not laid up in store with Me, Sealed up among My treasures?’

- 35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.’
- 36 “For the Lord will judge His people And have compassion on His servants, When He sees that their power is gone, And there is no one remaining, bond or free.
- 37 He will say: ‘Where are their gods, The rock in which they sought refuge?
- 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, And be your refuge.
- 39 ‘Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.
- 40 For I raise My hand to heaven, And say, “As I live forever,
- 41 If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me.
- 42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the heads of the leaders of the enemy.” ’
- 43 “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people.”
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