

The Song of the Martyrs

Revelation 15

I. The Setting (Revelation 15:1-2)

- A. Seven angels are seen ready to pour out the vials of God's wrath on the earth (15:1).
- **Why?** To avenge the blood of the saints
- B. Tribulation martyrs are seen standing on a sea of glass mingled with fire (15:2).
- In Scripture, "fire" is a picture of God's holiness and His judgment.
 - **Ex. 24:17** – The glory of God was seen as a devouring fire on Mt. Sinai.
 - **Lev. 10:2** – Fire from the Lord killed Nadab and Abihu
 - **Num. 26:10** – Fire from Lord killed 250 Israelite men who rebelled against God-ordained authority.
 - **Psalm 50:3** – *"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him."*
 - **Isaiah 29:6** – God's judgment on the enemies who fight against Jerusalem will be swift and certain.
 - **Heb. 12:29** – God is described as a "consuming fire."
 - **Rev. 20:8-10** – God will crush the final rebellion with devouring fire.

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II. The Songs (Revelation 15:3)

- A. **The Song of Moses** – A song of Triumph (Exodus 15)
- Jehovah has triumphed gloriously.
 - He is my strength.
 - He is my song.
 - He is my deliverer.
 - He is a Man of War — He has triumphed over His enemies (15:3-5).
 - They sank into bottom as a stone (15:5).
 - They are dashed in pieces (15:6).
 - They are consumed as stubble (15:7).
 - They sank as lead in the mighty waters (15:10).
 - He is glorious in power (15:6).
 - He is matchless — no other god even compares with Him (15:11).
 - He is "glorious in holiness" — distinct from His creation.
 - He is "fearful in praises" — "reverential awe" is the only appropriate response to His glory.
 - He does "wonders" (miracles).

- **Key Verse:** *“Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation.” (Exodus 15:13)*
- The promise to Israel will be fulfilled when Christ’s reigns as KING of kings and LORD of Lords (15:17-18).

B. The Song of the Lamb — A Song of Worship (Revelation 5:11-13).

- The Lamb triumphed over sin and Satan through His death and resurrection.
- He alone is worthy!
 - Worthy of power — All might belongs to Him!
 - Worthy of riches — He owns all things!
 - Worthy of wisdom — He not only knows all things, but He has the skill to work all things out according to His majestic plan!
 - Worthy of strength — All might belongs to Him! — *“nothing is too hard for Thee”*
 - Worthy of honor — He is the Preeminent One Who deserves our reverence
 - Worthy of glory – His majesty should command our esteem and unwavering allegiance!
 - Worthy of blessing – He is worthy of our continual praise!

III. The Summary (Revelation 15:3-4)

A. He is a Great God — “Great and Marvelous are Thy works”

1. *“Great”* — His works are majestic and miraculous.
2. *“Marvelous”* – His works cause amazement, wonder, and awe.

B. He is a Good God — “Just and True are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints”

1. *He always does what is right.*
2. *He is absolutely trustworthy.*

C. He is a Glorious God – “Who shall not fear Thee, O LORD, and glorify Thy name?”

1. He alone is Holy — He is separate from sin, and as the Creator, He is uniquely distinct from all His creation.
2. All rebellion will be put down — *“His judgments are made manifest”* (20:8-10).
3. All men, even sinners, will bow the knee and acknowledge that Jesus is LORD (Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 20:11-15).
4. All nations will come and worship before Him (Psalm 9:20; 46:10).

*“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved,
let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably
with reverence and godly fear:
For our God is a consuming fire.”*

~Hebrews 12:28-29~