Rev28 - The Justice of God - Revelation 15:1-8

There's an Ancient proverb about the Wheels of Justice & THEN there is a Biblical Adaptation - that says,

The mills of God's justice grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine

This is speaking of the HUGE Grinding Wheel in an ancient Grain Mill

& It's <u>referring</u> to the <u>Seeming Slowness</u> of the <u>Justice of God</u>

BUT ALSO - to the Ultimate Exactness of the Justice of God

In <u>Gen Ch 3</u> - <u>Adam & Eve</u> we <u>DECEIVED</u>

<u>BY</u> the <u>Enemy</u> of <u>your Soul</u> - & <u>they</u> brought <u>Sin</u> <u>into</u> this <u>world</u>

& Since That Day - God has been at work to bring Justice - AND Salvation - to the World

God spent 1500 years in the O.T. - showing man

that his only HOPE of ESCAPE - from the Consequences of SINis thru a SAVIOR - a MESSIAH

& Then God brought that SAVIOR - into the world in the person Jesus Christ

& God has spent over 2,000 yrs since then

bringing the message of Salvation
thru FAITH in Jesus Christ - to the World

& <u>For those</u> who have <u>Received Salvation</u> thru <u>Faith</u> in <u>Jesus</u> as their <u>Own Savior</u>

God's Justice upon Sin - HAS BEEN 100% MET in the Sacrifice & Victory over Sin - of Jesus Christ

BUT - for the world that REJECTS
God's FREE GIFT of Salvation thru Faith in Jesus

<u>Justice STILL MUST COME !!</u>
& it <u>HAS been coming</u> - <u>SLOWLY</u> - for <u>thousands</u> of <u>years</u>

BUT - there is a Day - When God's Final Justice
WILL be brought

Upon The ENEMY of HELL
& upon the SIN OF THE WORLD

In Revelation - That Final Day - Begins in Ch 15

The mills of God's justice grind slowly -But ultimately - they grind exceedingly fine

Let's Pray

Rev 15 is the Shortest Ch in Revelation BUT it is a Very Powerful Turning Point in the Book

Today - is a Solemn - & Ominous Day in the Book of Revelation For all those who STAND AGAINST God

Revelation 15:1 (NLT)

1 Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the <u>seven last plagues</u>, <u>which would bring God's wrath to completion</u>.

There it is - The mills of God's justice grind slowly,

But ultimately - they grind exceedingly fine

This is the **Beginning** - of the **FINAL JUSTICE** of **God upon** the **Enemy of Hell** - & **upon** the **SIN** of **this World**

& <u>if we look</u> at <u>God's Judgment</u> thru-out the <u>Bible</u> we <u>see</u> the <u>same thing</u>

God's Mercy & Patience - SEEM to go on & on

BUT - when that day finally comes
God's Judgment is Swift & Complete

Think of **Noah & the Flood**

Sodom & **Gomorrah**

The Pharaoh in Egypt

ISRAEL being Conquered by Babylon

God is SO Longsuffering, & SO Merciful

But when the Day of Judgment finally Comes

It <u>comes</u> with the <u>full Righteousness</u> & <u>Justice</u> of <u>God</u>

H.A. Ironside says here

[God] has given us these revelations out of kindness to us, that we may be warned thereby to avoid what lies ahead [for] this guilty world

God <u>WOULD NOT BE</u> a <u>LOVING GOD</u> <u>If</u> he <u>Did Not WARN US</u>

Of the Justice that Must Come
Upon the Enemies of Hell - & Upon the Sin of Man

Revelation 15:2(a) (NLT)

2 I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire .

We <u>first saw</u> this "<u>Sea of Glass</u>" back in <u>Ch 4</u>

It's like a **Transparent Pavement around** the **Throne of God**

& <u>here</u> - the <u>Sea of Glass</u> is "<u>Mixed with Fire</u>" An <u>obvious reference</u> to God's <u>Judgment</u>

(cont'g) Revelation 15:2(b) (NLT) \rightarrow

Revelation 15:2(b) (NLT)

2. . . And on it (the sea of glass mixed with fire) stood all the people who had been <u>victorious</u> over the <u>beast</u> and his <u>statue</u> and the <u>number</u> representing his name. They were all <u>holding harps</u> that God had given them.

<u>This Group</u> of <u>Tribulation Saints</u> - <u>Standing</u> on this <u>Sea Of Glass</u> - <u>Mingled</u> with <u>Fire</u>

Are those who have Conquered
THE BEAST - & his IMAGE - & his NUMBER

They Have Stood Faithful to God in the MIDST of the Fire - of ALL the Devil's Attacks

They **Chose Eternal Life** with **God Over Temporal Life** on this **Earth**

& they are Being Rewarded for that choice - right here

They **Refused** to **worship** the **BEAST**

They Refused to worship his IMAGE

They **Refused** to **take** his **MARK**

& it meant <u>DEATH ON THIS EARTH</u> - for them

BUT - When it comes to Life with God

What the World thinks IS DEATH - Is Ultimately LIFE - &

What the World thinks IS LIFE - Is Ultimately DEATH

The World THOUGHT - taking the MARK & Worshipping the Beast - Meant LIFE

But <u>Ch 14 Made</u> it <u>clear</u> - <u>what the World</u>

<u>THOUGHT</u> was <u>LIFE</u> - was <u>Actually DEATH</u>

& those who <u>SEEMED</u> to be <u>Choosing</u> <u>DEATH on this Earth</u>

By <u>NOT Worshipping</u> the <u>Beast</u>

Were Actually Choosing ETERNAL LIFE with God

THAT is the group we see here

& There is A HUGE Application for US here

WHO we give our ALLEGIANCE TO - HERE EITHER the World - or - Jesus Christ

<u>Determines</u> <u>Whether</u> we are <u>choosing</u> <u>Eternal Life</u> - or - <u>Eternal Death</u>

So - <u>The Saints</u> who had <u>Conquered the Beast</u> <u>BY their Faith in God</u>

Are **standing** on a **SEA** of **GLASS mixed** with **FIRE**

& v.2 says - they've been Given - HARPS of God

& V.3 says - they are SINGING PRAISES to God !!

Revelation 15:3(a) (NLT)

3 And they were singing the <u>song of Moses</u>, the servant of God, and the <u>song of the Lamb</u>: . . .

The **Song of Moses** is the **1st Song of Deliverance** in the **Bible**

Israel Sang it - Just **after** the **EXODUS** from **Egypt**

God's People Were Enslaved in Egypt - & that Slavery was a picture - of our Slavery to the World

- & <u>their Exodus</u> is a <u>picture</u> of <u>God's Deliverance</u> of His people <u>FROM</u> <u>Slavery</u> to <u>the World</u>
- & <u>these Saints</u> in the <u>Tribulation</u> <u>have also</u> made an <u>EXODUS</u> from <u>Slavery</u> to <u>the World</u>

Hear just a few vs's from Exodus 15 - The SONG of MOSES

Exodus 15 (NLT)

- 1 . . . "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously. . .
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him . . .
- 11 "Who is like you among the gods, O Lord— glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders? 13 "With your unfailing love you lead the people you have redeemed. In your might, you guide them to your sacred home.

This is a Powerful Song of Deliverance for God's People

Sung at the FIRST EXODUS from the World - in Egypt

& Sung at the LAST EXODUS from the World - in the Tribulation

& Isaiah Prophesied in ISA Ch 12

that when the Lord Brought His people back to Himself THIS would be the Song they'd sing

God's Promises of JUSTICE & VICTORY - Are Steady - Sure - & Guaranteed

From the <u>Days</u> of <u>The Pharaoh in Egypt</u> to the <u>Days</u> of <u>The Antichrist in the Tribulation</u>

AND - these Victorious Saints are also Singing
The Song of the LAMB

Back in Rev 5:9 - The 24 Elders (Representing the Church)
Sang a NEW SONG to the Lamb

Revelation 5:9-10 (esv)

9... "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

That is ONE PLACE that people call - The Song Of The Lamb

BUT - HERE - In Revelation 15:3

Is the song WE KNOW AS - The Song of the Lamb

[1st - LET ME PUT THE LYRICS of the Song Up]

Revelation 15:3(b)-4 (NLT)

3... "Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations. 4 Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed."

This is a Song of VICTORY

As God begins to POUR OUT his Final Judgment on ENEMIES of HELL - AND - on the SIN of the World

Please <u>believe me</u>

You want to <u>be</u> on the <u>RIGHT SIDE</u> of <u>this Song</u>

Guys - We need to realize

God's JUSTICE - & His FINAL JUDGEMENT
are JUST AS TRUE AS - AS His GRACE & MERCY

& Now - <u>ALL of Heaven</u> - is going to 'Come to Attention' <u>IN AWE</u> of <u>what</u> is about to <u>happen</u>

Revelation 15:5 (NLT)

5 Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God's Tabernacle, was thrown wide open.

This is as HOLY & POWERFUL as it gets

John First Wrote about this moment
At the Blowing of the 7th Trumpet In Ch 11

Because the 7th Trumpet
BRINGS ON - THESE Final 7 Bowl Judgments

So - Rev 11:19 is Speaking of this SAME MOMENT

Revelation 11:19 (NLT)

19 Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and roared, and there was an earthquake and a terrible hailstorm.

THIS - is THAT MOMENT
& it is a HUGE Moment in Heaven

Cont'g in Revelation 15:6 (NLT)

6 The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests.

Out of the HOLY of HOLIES - Seven Angels come

In <u>Spotless, White Linen</u> - <u>Representing</u> God's <u>Righteousness</u> With <u>Golden Sashes</u> - <u>Representing</u> God's is <u>Deity</u>

They come FROM the Inner Presence of God to begin the ultimate work of JUSTICE on the Earth

& as Heaven is "Standing at Attention" - in AWE

Revelation 15:7 (NLT)

7 Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

We first met these 4 Living Creatures - Back in Ch 4

They are UNIQUE Heavenly BEINGS
Created for WORSHIP around the Throne of God

& it is **one** of **these Beings** - (who were **Created for Worship** around the **Throne of God**)

Who <u>Gives</u> to the <u>Seven Angels</u>

<u>The seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God</u>

Heaven KNOWS - **THIS** is the **BEGINNING of the END**

The Final JUSTICE of God

upon the Enemy of Hell - & upon the Sin of the World - Is about to be POURED OUT

The mills of God's Justice grind slowly -But ultimately - they grind exceedingly fine

This is an Ominous, Powerful, & Holy moment

Revelation 15:8 (NLT)

8 The Temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.

The GLORY & POWER of God

has **Filled the Temple** in **Heaven** like **Smoke**

All of Heaven is Involved - & Watching

The Grinding Mill of God's Justice, has reached the Day of Sentencing

& the <u>Final Day</u> of <u>God's Judgment</u> on the <u>Powers of Hell</u> & on the <u>Sin of the World</u> - *has begun*

A Man may sit on Death Row for 20 Years

But <u>when</u> the <u>day</u> of his <u>Execution</u> finally <u>comes</u>
<u>Justice</u> is <u>Swift</u> - & <u>Complete</u>

& The <u>Bible says</u>
This World is under a <u>Death Sentence</u> -

Because God MUST Judge Sin - or he CANNOT be God

But <u>Jesus Christ</u> has <u>come</u> to this "<u>Death Row</u>" we are <u>living on</u>

& He has offered a Full & Complete PARDON

to ALL who will Receive it - Thru Faith in him

But - to those who REJECT it

<u>Instead</u> of <u>Accepting</u> the <u>Full Pardon</u> of <u>Christ</u>

To those - The Final Day of JUSTICE is Ultimately Coming

Our Sin MUST be Judged by God
OR God cannot be a Holy & Just God

& so God - in His Mercy & Grace - Has given US the CHOICE

<u>in our place</u> - to <u>have Jesus Christ take</u> that <u>Judgment</u>

OR - for us to pay
that Entire Judgment Ourselves

On the Final Day of God's Judgment - that MUST COME

THIS is the Beginning of the End - in the Book of Revelation

<u>Please</u> - <u>don't</u> be <u>SO FOCUSED</u> on <u>trying</u> to <u>IMPROVE your condition</u> on <u>Death Row</u>

that you MISS - the FREE & COMPLETE Pardon
that Jesus Christ is offering you - thru Faith in Him

Allow Jesus - to Move You from DEATH ROW - To ETERNAL LIFE in Glory - With Him

Let's Pray

(close prayer with song lyrics)