There’s an Ancient Greek saying - Adapted & Adopted many times

One of which - is this: The Wheels of Justice Turn Slow -
But they Grind Exceedingly Fine

This is actually speaking of a Grinding Wheel - As in a MILL

One of the original variations is: The Mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine

Speaking of the seeming “Slowness” of the Justice of God

& We see the Seeming “Slowness” of Justice even in our country - Don’t we?

The national average time on Death Row is 12 years
In CA the average time is 20 yrs

The Wheels of Justice turn slow - But eventually - they grind exceedingly Fine

& How MUCH TRUER is that - with God

In Gen Ch 3 - Adam & Eve brought Sin into this world & Passed that Sin Gene on - to every one of us

& Since That Day - God has been at work to bring Justice - in Response to the SIN of this world

God spent 1500 years in the O.T. showing man his only ESCAPE from the Consequences of SIN - is thru a SAVIOR

Then God brought that Savior - in Jesus Christ
& **God** has **spent** over 2,000 yrs **bringing** that message of **Salvation** - to the World

& **For those** who’ve made **Jesus Christ** their **SAVIOR** - **God’s Justice** upon Sin - Has been **MET** - in Christ

**BUT** - for the world that **REJECTS** God’s **GIFT** of Salvation in Christ - Justice Still **MUST COME** !!

& it **HAS** been coming - **Slowly** - for **thousands** of years

& **there is a Day** - Already in Place - **When** God’s **Final Justice WILL** be brought - **upon the Sin** of this World

And - **in Revelation** - That **Final Day** - Begins in **Ch 15**

*The Wheels of God’s Justice Turn Slowly - But they Grind Exceedingly Fine*

**Let’s Pray**

Our **last msg** was titled - **Remember, Jesus Wins!**

& **that** was a **great & encouraging** Msg **for all those** who are “In Christ”

But **Today** - is a **Solemn** - & **Ominous Day** in the **Book of Rev**
For **all those** who stand **AGAINST** God

**Rev 15** is the **Shortest Ch** in Rev
But it is a **Very Powerful Turning Point** in the Book

**So - Let’s Dive in . . .**
Revelation 15:1 (esv)
1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

This is an INCREDIBLY HUGE Event

Because this is the Beginning - of the FINAL JUDGMENT & JUSTICE of God - upon the SIN of this World

It’s like the Final Day for a Death Row Inmate - when that day begins
The Wheels of Justice - Will Finally Finish their Job

& if we look at God’s Judgment thru-out the Bible we see the same thing

His Mercy & Patience SEEM to go on & on - but when that day finally comes - The Judgment is Swift & Complete

Noah & the Flood
Sodom & Gomorrah
The Pharaoh in Egypt
Even ISRAEL being Conquered by Babylon . . .

God is SO Longsuffering, & SO Merciful
But when the Day of Judgment finally Comes

It comes with Righteousness & Justice -
& with the Full WRATH of God

The Great Preacher - 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 of this guilty world
& So - **TO THAT END** - John sees

another Great & Amazing SIGN in Heaven

Which is **the Beginning** - of God’s **Final Justice** being **METED OUT**

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& the Vision cont’s to unfold in Revelation 15:2(a) *(esv)*

2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire . . .

We **first saw** this “**Sea of Glass**” back in **Ch 4** - It **seems** to be a **Transparent Pavement** around the **Throne of God**

& **here** - the **Sea of Glass** is “**Mingled with Fire**”

& so **it seems** to be a type of a “**RED SEA**” (of glass)

**Cont’g in Revelation 15:2(b) (esv)**

2 . . . and **also** (John saw) **those who had conquered the beast** and **its image and the number of its name**, standing beside (or upon) **the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands**.

This **is another** - **Special Group** of **Tribulation Saints** - **Standing** beside this **RED-SEA** - **of glass mingled with fire**

**This group** are those who have **Conquered**

**THE BEAST** - & it’s **IMAGE** - & it’s **NUMBER**

We’ve **just seen** the **Antichrist** & the **False Prophet** do all they could to **get** the **Whole Earth** to **WORSHIP** the **BEAST**

They’ve **used** Deception, **Force**, & finally **Threat of Death** -

**to get the Worship** of the World

But **This Group** John sees in V.2 - **are those** who

**Stood Faithful** to God - **in the Fire** of **ALL** the **Devil’s Tactics**
They **Chose Life** with **God** - **Over 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 **DEATH** for **them**

**But please HEAR Me**

**What** the World thinks **IS DEATH** - Is Really **LIFE** - &
**What** the World thinks **IS LIFE** - Is Really **DEATH**

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

But **Ch 14** Made it clear - what **the World**
**THOUGHT** was **LIFE** - was **Actually DEATH**

& **not** just **DEATH** on this earth - But an **ETERNAL DEATH** -
**Where** the Torment of Judgment never ends

& **those** who **SEEMED** to be Choosing **DEATH**
By **NOT Worshipping** the Beast - **were** Actually **Choosing LIFE**

**Not Life** in this **Temporary World** -
But **Eternal Life** with **God** - With **Eternal Rewards**

& **THAT** is the **group** we are **seeing** here
**Standing** at the **Throne of God** - On the **Sea of Glass**

**DO NOT** give in to **this World** for the **Fleeting Pleasures** of the Day

**Cling to Christ** - **Hold Fast** to Him - **NO MATTER** the Consequences
& the Reward will be **Eternal** - & it will be **Unimaginable**
So - The Saints who had Conquered the Beast BY their Faith in God

Are standing on (or beside) a RED-SEA (of glass mingled with fire)

& v.2 says - They even get to be part of the Worship team Because they’ve been Given - HARPS of God

AND - they are SINGING PRAISES to God !!

Revelation 15:3(a) (esv)
3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, . . .

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

The Jewish Nation Sang it - Just after the EXODUS from Egypt

& in our next msg - we’ll see - these Final 7 Bowl Judgments Are very SIMILAR to the Plagues God used to Judge Egypt

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

& their Exodus is a picture of God’s Deliverance of His people FROM Slavery to the World

& these Saints here in the Tribulation - have also made an EXODUS from Slavery to the World

In a way that’s very similar to the Exodus of God’s people from their enslavement in Egypt
In the **Final Plague** in **Egypt** - **God’s People** were **Delivered** by being **Under** the **Covering** of the **Blood of the Lamb**

& they were **FREED** from **Slavery** - thru the **RED-SEA**

& - on the **Other Side** of the **RED-SEA** They **Sang** “The Song of Moses” as their **Praise to God**

Hear just a few vs’s from Exodus 15 (esv)

1 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously . . .
2 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him . . .
7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

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

**& we saw** that **initially fulfilled** when **Israel** Left the **Babylonian Captivity** - & **returned** to **Jerusalem**

**But That** Prophecy will be **ULTIMATELY Fulfilled** when **God’s People** Leave the **Ultimate Babylon** . . .

**& Return Permanently** to the **City of God**

Where they will **Dwell Forever** with **Him**
Exodus - Isaiah - Revelation
ALL Connected - ALL Saying the SAME thing

God will BRING JUSTICE - & He will FULFILL His Promise
to ALL of His PEOPLE

Which includes YOU today - If you have JOINED
the Family of God - thru Faith in Jesus Christ

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

From the Days of The Pharaoh in Egypt
to the Days of The Antichrist in the Tribulation

& if THAT is SO - Can YOU & I Trust God
to bring Justice & Victory - into OUR LIFE ?

We CAN - & We SHOULD - Because HE WILL !!!

& it’s NOT JUST the Song of Moses - that these Victorious Saints
are Singing - it is ALSO - The Song of the LAMB

Warren Weirsbe points out - on the Mt of Transfiguration
when Moses & Elijah appeared with Jesus

Luke 9:31 says (Literally) that the 3 of them were speaking of the
EXODUS of Jesus - which He was about to accomplish
the Greek Word is actually EXODUS

Because our Salvation in Jesus Christ is a Spiritual EXODUS
from the Bondage of Sin & Death in this World
& so - **God provides** both - a **PHYSICAL** Exodus - **AND**
a **SPIRITUAL** Exodus - **For those** who **Put their Faith** in Him

The **Song of the Lamb** doesn’t **seem** to **relate** to any **One Scripture**

But **instead** to the **Ongoing Praise** to **Jesus** Christ -
for **Salvation** from Sin - & for **Ultimate Victory**

**Back in Rev 5:9** - The 24 Elders (Representing the Church)
**Fall down** in **Worship** before **The LAMB**

They’re **each given** a **Harp** & a **Golden Bowl** of **Incense**
& they **Sing** 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.”

There are the **Two Main Subjects** of the **Song of The Lamb**
1) **SALVATION** for people from **every Tribe & Nation**
2) The **Guaranteed VICTORY** of **Jesus Christ** on this Earth

& So - **Back in Rev 15:3** - These Overcoming Saints are singing
The **Song of Moses** - & The **Song of the Lamb** . . .

& **as Part** of their **PRAISE** . . .
Revelation 15:3(b)-4 (esv)

3 . . . (they were) saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

We’re looking at the Wheels of God’s JUSTICE Grinding to COMPLETION

& We need to realize
   God’s JUSTICE - is AS Holy - AS His Grace

We Worship God - NOT JUST for His Grace & Mercy
   But just as much for His JUSTICE & RIGHTEOUSNESS

& the World WILL know
   Either by FAITH - Or by God’s Just Judgment

Exactly what these verses Proclaim

Great and amazing are God’s Works
Just and true are His ways
The world will have a Reverent FEAR of God,
and glorify His name? For He alone is holy.
& there WILL be a day - when All nations will come and worship Him, for His righteous acts have been revealed

We need to see God’s HOLINESS - & RIGHTEOUSNESS
   Both in His GRACE - & in His JUSTICE upon Sin
& Now - **ALL of Heaven** - is going to ‘**Come to Attention**’
**IN AWE** of **what** is about to **happen**

**Revelation 15:5 (esv)**
5 After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened,

The NLT helps us here - **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

The **Last Time** God’s **Temple in Heaven** was **Opened** was in **Ch 11**
& it was **AT** the **Blowing** of the **7th Trumpet**

& **Remember** - The **Blowing** of the 7th Trumpet
Actually **BRINGS ON** the Final 7 Bowl Judgments

The **last Vs** - re: the **Blowing** of the **7th Trumpet** in **Rev 11**

**Revelation 11:19 says (esv)**
19 Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

& From **That Point** - To **This Point** in **Ch 15** -
**John** has been **journaling** other **critical events**

But **now** - He brings us **BACK** to the **Awesome Power** & **Holiness** of the **Opening** of God’s **Heavenly Temple**
The **Inner Sanctuary** of the **Temple** is **Thrown Wide Open** & it **seems** - all of **Heaven** is **taken back**

**I believe** - At this point - you **could hear** a **Pin Drop** in Heaven

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**& Revelation 15:6 says (esv)**

6 and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.

**Out** of the **inner dwelling place** of God

**Seven Angels** Come - **Clothed** like the O.T. Priests

In **Pure, Bright Linen** - Representing God’s **Righteousness**

With **Golden Sashes** - Representing His **Deity**

**They come** - **Direct** from the **Inner Presence** of God

**to begin** the **ultimate work** of **JUSTICE** on the Earth

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& as **Heaven** is “**Standing at Attention**” - in **AWE** . . .

**Revelation 15:7 says (esv)**

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever,

We **met** these **4 Living Creatures** back in **Ch 4**

**They** are **UNIQUE Heavenly BEINGS**

**Created** for **WORSHIP** around the **Throne of God**
Revelation 4:8 tells us (esv)
8 And the four living creatures . . . never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

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

Who Gives to the Seven Angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God

Heaven KNOWS - THIS is the BEGINNING - of the END

The Final JUSTICE of God - upon the Sin of the Earth
Is about to begin

The Justice of God Grinds Slowly - But it Grinds Exceedingly Fine

This is indeed - an Ominous, Powerful, & Holy moment

& we read in Revelation 15:8 (esv)
8 and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

At Two very Special & very Powerful moments in History
The GLORY of God - Filled the Sanctuary like SMOKE

Once in the TABERNACLE - Once in the TEMPLE
Now - in the Heavenly Reality - of what those places “Pictured”

John is describing the Awesomeness - And (if you will) the HORROR - of what is about to take place
The GLORY of God has Filled the Temple in Heaven like Smoke
All of Heaven is Involved - & Watching

The Wheels of Justice, have reached the Day of Sentencing

& Justice can no longer WAIT

& in Revelation 16:1 - we read (esv)
1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”

& with that - The Final Day of God’s JUSTICE - has begun

A Man may sit on Death Row for 20 Years

But when the day of his Execution finally comes
Justice is Swift - & Complete

& This World is under a Death Sentence
The World is on Death Row for its SIN Against God

But Jesus Christ has come to this “Death Row” - & He has offered a Full & Complete pardon to all who will Receive it

But - to those who reject it . . .

To those who try to IMPROVE their time on Death Row
Instead of Accepting the Full Pardon of Christ

To those - The Final Day of JUSTICE is Coming
The Sin that we are guilty of - MUST be PAID FOR

Either by Jesus Christ in our place
   Or by us - on the Day of Judgment

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

& This World may very well be - at the Beginning of the End

Please - Don’t try to Improve your stay on Death Row
   Accept the Free & Complete Pardon of Jesus Christ

& Allow Him - to Move You
   from Death Row - To an Eternal Mansion in Glory

Let’s Pray