

## INTRODUCTION OLD SONG SUNG ANEW - Rv 15:2-3

1. Choir enters & is seated.
2. Rv 15:1-4 = hinges 4th & 5th cycles: heavenly worship
  - i. Continuation of 14:1-5; 11:15-17; 7:9-12; 5:8-12; 4:8-11
  - ii. Where does our worship transpire? Hb12:22-24
  - iii. We are in that choir & Jesus as well! Heb 2:12 [Ps 22:22]
3. Choir seated [v2]: worshiping warriors. Song title. Recalls Exodus.
4. Recall several challenges in interpreting Rev.

**1st: A Song That Extols the Works and Ways of The Lord - v3**

1. Surprising: the lyrics are not taken from Exo 15, but gleaned from a variety of OT texts. Praise for Lord & His judgments & deliverances.
  - i. See Dt 28:58; 32:4; Jer 10:7; Ps 86:9; Ps 98:2.
  - ii. So too, *the song of the Lamb* is not found in one passage as a single hymn.
2. What does this tell us about our God & our worship of Him? We worship the God of the Bible in the light of the whole Bible.
3. *Great & marvelous are Your works*: [v1] - Ps 111:2; 139:14. Ps 86:8-10. Works of creation [Rv 4] & works of salvation [Rv 5].
4. *O Lord, the Almighty* - YHWH: Exodus; *Almighty*: Abraham. Used in Prophets
  - i. Repeated in Rv 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22
  - ii. Don't overlook "O"! Exclamation - 249x in Pss; also hymns
5. *Righteous & True are Your ways* - Dt 32:4. Creation is *good* & His works of salvation & judgment are *righteous & true* - Rv 16:7; 19:1-2.
6. *King of the nations!* Rv 11:15-18 - Jesus - Rv 19:16. All authority.

**2nd: A Song That Extols the Name of The Lord - v4**

1. The fear of God that is characteristic of salvation: Ps 130:3-5. But in Rv 15:3-4, the enemies of Christ experience a fear characteristic of damnation.
  - i. Jer 10:6-7 note context! V1-5 & v8ff idolatry; v10-12; v13-15 - v16.
  - ii. As Jer, so in Rv 15:3-4. The context is judgment on idolaters. v4.
2. *for You alone are holy*: moral & ontological holiness [God's being].
3. *for all the nations will come & worship before You* - Ps 86:8-10.
4. *for Your righteous acts have been revealed* - Rv 15:2-4 concludes 4th cycle of Enmity 2 Seeds w/ FJ as Harvest [14:14-20]. God's *righteous acts* = His judgment on idolaters.
  - i. Rv 19:11 *in righteousness*
  - ii. Ps 96:13-97:3 righteousness & justice.
5. Yet, Rv 15:2-4 celebrates our salvation. Who is singing? Ps 98:1-3; 99:3-5
6. Rv 15:2-4 our salvation is a revelation of God our Savior: 2C 5:21; Rm 1:16-17; Jer 33:16. Vindicated & delivered from wrath.

**Applic #1: Fear the Lord Now in Salvation, Not On that Day in Damnation**

1. v4a. All will fear the Lord: in salvation or damnation.
2. Reverential fear of the forgiven - Ps 130:2-5.
3. Rv 15:3-4 - context of Judgment. Many will answer the question of v4 in the fear & terror of hell.
4. If you are not trusting in Christ, I call you to repent & walk in the fear of reverent awe & praise of the God of mercy & grace in Christ.