

THE REVELATION gives us 14 SONGS OF HEAVEN

1. ANTHEM OF THE TRIUNE GOD: (Revelation 4:8) Holiness - the quality most basic to God's essential nature. Holiness - from a root word meaning "separateness", indicating that God is self-existent and independent from all other beings. Listening to the chatter of songs today, it is all "me centered" - and humanistic-love centered. God is love but it is not cheap love; God's love is holy love. And God's love is always against evil - as the Revelation shows.

2. THE CREATION HYMN: (Revelation 4:11) Affirms the incomparable worthiness of our Lord... Calling us to the expressed purpose of creation! *"Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."* This song affirms that God deserves all our heart's adoration.

3. THE NEW SONG of REDEMPTION: (Revelation 5:9-10) Christ's worthiness rests upon His sacrificial death. The cross is the basis for adoration.

4. THE ANGEL'S CHORALE (Revelation 5:12) A seven-fold tribute of attributes which belong to Christ; and our attitude toward Him.

5. THE CRESCENDO of the UNIVERSE (Revelation 5:13-14)

The praise of God never ends! Amen!

6. THE MARTYR'S CHANT: (Revelation 6:10) SINCE the Captain of our Salvation learned obedience through His sufferings, how can we expect to understand Calvary love on beds of ease? (Heb. 2:10, 15:8; 2 Tim. 2:12; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; Rom. 5:3-5) God is interested in the blessedness of these sufferings! They help us experience neither the depths of His character & the sufficiency of His grace.

7. THE SONG of SALVATION: (Revelation 7:10) Saints may be bruised and threadbare from struggles on earth, but now in heaven they are clothed in the clean, white robes of victory. Old things are passed away. The saints rejoice forever more!

8. THE ANGELIC 'AMEN': (Revelation 7:12) AMEN - a word used to affirm that which is certain or reliable, that which can be trusted without question. These are they who come out of great tribulation. Like Paul and Silas, they doubtless sang in their prison cells and/or... on to their fiery deaths! **Now in heaven, they are still sure it was worth it! They still sing!** And (7:12) the angels agree!

9. THE KINGDOM CAROL: (Revelation 11:15) The essence of this declaration is that the rule of this world has passed into the hands of the rightful King! It matters not what our lot be here on earth - it only matters on the day of Revelation 11:15, **THAT WE WILL** be rejoicing and not angry! (Revelation 11:18)

10. THE PSALM OF JUDGMENT: (Revelation 11:17-18) This is a hymn of thanksgiving to *GOD* who has with mighty power, taken charge of the situation!

11. THE SHOUT of the OVERCOMERS: (Revelation 12:10-12) The secret is in the inner experience of the cross— that joyous dedication to fulfill the will of God, whatever the cost. Our understanding of the meaning of the cross deepens as we follow our Lord! (Galatians 2:20)

12. THE SONG of Moses and the LAMB: (Revelation 15:3-4) Attention focuses entirely on the excellency of the King. In the perfect vision of God, self is wholly forgotten. *The glory of the Lord so overwhelms the saints that the difficulties over which they are triumphed seem as nothing.*

13. THE HALLELUJAH Chorus: (Revelation 19:1-4) *"Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the Heavenly King may speak their joys abroad!"* The choirs of heaven are singing and shouting the praises of God— can't you hear them! **LET US JOIN THEM!**

14. THE SYMPHONY of the Marriage Feast: (Revelation 19:6-7)

Imagine the majestic crescendo of heaven's great multitude, (19:1; 5:12; 12:1, 10); United as a single voice of praise. (19:6; 5:10; 19:1)

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