THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (16)

REVELATION 7:9-17 KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)



The Seals (4) Great Multitude of Gentiles

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.



7:9 A great multitude is all the redeemed out of all people groups throughout all of history. White robes and palms symbolize righteousness and victory.

7:11,12 A sevenfold ascription of adoration.

7:14 They which came out of: Literally, "ones coming out," a present participle,

expressing a continuous and repeated action, not a once-for-all action. This is not a post consummation picture. Therefore, tribulation is to some degree taking place throughout the entire church age (*see 1:9; 2:9, 22; Matt. 13:21; John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Rom. 8:35, 36; 12:12*). The **great tribulation** describes the acceleration and intensification of troublesome times as this Age comes to an end, climaxing with the Rapture and Second Coming. **Made them white** represents the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7:15 Dwell: Literally "spread His tabernacle over them."

7:17 The Lamb is the shepherd. See Ps. 23:2; Is. 25:8; Ezek. 34:23....to be cont'd.



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