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INTRODUCTION

1. Jn toggles back & forth from earth to heaven to reveal biblical realities.

2. *Who is able to stand?* Rv 7:9 - review [v1-8]; preview [v9-17]: *rest* [6:11]

1st: The Activity of the Disembodied Saints: Worship - v9-12

1. 144K = symbolic number - full tally of those *killed* in this age for Jesus.

2. *after these thgs*

3. *multitude* - innumerable: *from every nation, tribe, people, tongue* - Pentecost reverses tower of Babel - 2C 5:16-17

4. Same position: *standing before the throne/Lamb*: 1] resurrected [*1st res* in Rv 20]; 2] legal standing: justified

5. Same dress: *clothed in white robes* - 7:14 - 6:9-11. Activity? pray/worship

6. Same symbols of celebration & victory: *palm branches*. 1] feast of Tabernacles; 2] military victory [v10].

7. v10 *loud voice - salvation!* Delivered: victory of Lion/Lamb [cf. Jon 2:9-10]

8. v11-12 Same vocab as Rv4 & 5 - worship Creator/Redeemer: *Amen!*

9. Remind: we are in this scene [*incense* - 5:8].

2nd: The Identity of the Disembodied Saints: Robed in White - v13-14

1. *ans'd saying* [*asked; addressed*] - conversation; v14 [Ezek 37:3] - humble teachable posture - [Isa 66:1-2]

2. Their identity: *who are they?* Ans: *clothed in white robes*.

i. Sardis - Rv 3:4-6 live *worthy* [correspond w/; integrity]

ii. White robe - *washed in Jesus' blood*: atonement. *They have washed*. They are actors: points to faith -> justified now standing before the throne having lived life of good works - Rv 19:8

a. Evidence of living, active faith - overcomers

b. Jms 1:22 *prove yourselves doers of the word & not merely hearers who delude* [pres act ptc: are deluding] *themselves*.

3. Their history: *where have they come from?* Ans: *out of the grt trib*

We Need to Wash and Weave our Robes...

Applic #1: By Upholding NCov Worship Which Occurs in Heaven

1. Remember the importance of our worship. March thru wilderness of this age in Sabbath cadence.

2. Love to Jesus is expressed in worship [1st table].

Applic #2: In a Day of Apostasy

1. Mat 24:4-13 Satan wants to get you to apostatize: seduce or persecute

i. Lk 18:8 - the faith. 2Th 2:10-12 the morality of true knowledge of the truth [Hb 11:24-26].

ii. Letters to churches: fidelity in context of apostasy.

Applic #3: In a Day of Doctrinal Confusion Regarding Salvation

1. Beware of "just justification" mentality that soft focuses on sanctification.

2. 1C16:22 Jn 14:15.

WORSHIP, WASH, AND WEAVE - Rv 7:9-14

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3. Preservation [sealed] & perseverance [*wash & weave robes*]: *wash* - live united to Jesus' death & res [bapt/LT] - but live: by faith - active service.

4. Final Judgment - according to works [Rm2].

5. Wedding banquet - man *not dressed in wedding clothes* - [Mt 22:12-14].

i. This is not "salvation by works", but if regenerated, faith is living & works - *You will know them by their fruits* [Mt 7:16].

ii. Hb 12:14 *pursue peace & sanctification*

6. *Who are these?* Rv 7:14. They lived life of love.