
Revelation 7:9-17

The Great Multitude in White Robes

From last week: The 144,000 are Jews, not gentiles. These will be Jewish witnesses chosen from the 12 tribes mentioned in the 7th chapter previously, chosen by God personally. We'll see them again in the 14th chapter.

Begin with Rev 7:9. The rest of this chapter deals with the group of the saved during the tribulation. A great multitude in white robes stood before the Lamb, palms in their hands. They are from all over the earth. The palms in their hands is a sign of joy, happiness, elation. These people have been killed (martyred) for Jesus, and they have been redeemed. They are saying 7 different attributes to our God: (Rv 7:12) "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." The number 7 in scripture means complete. An elder asks who are these people you are seeing in your vision? The answer: They came out of the Tribulation the Great. They were beheaded during the Tribulation for believing in Jesus Christ as our savior. France currently has a computerized guillotine.

All must be saved through the Blood of Jesus Christ, not by works or being good, since the beginning of the bible, when Adam and Eve covering themselves with leaves. Their works did not get them into heaven and neither do ours. Vs. 16: They shall hunger nor thirst no more. During the tribulation, believers will be hunted like a dog by the antichrist and killed. The believers will leave their homes and hide in the woods and mountains, trying to escape the antichrist, but he'll get them. Vs. 17: Jesus shall lead them to living fountains of water and God shall wipe away their tears. God will wipe away our memory of all the bad things that happened here on Earth.

LET'S SEE HOW THESE OTHER SCRIPTURES REFER TO THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

Acts 2:17-21 Last days means the last days of Man having control of the earth. God is talking to the Jews, not the Gentiles. God will pour his Spirit out on all his sons and daughters, and they will begin to prophesy. These will be the 144,000 Jewish witnesses. The sun will blacken and the moon will turn to blood. These are the signs of the end of the Tribulation.

Matthew 24:14 The gospel of the Kingdom, not of salvation, will be preached to all. Matthew is talking about the tribulation here.

Matthew 6:9 The Model Prayer. "Thy Kingdom come.." We want God's Kingdom to come to Earth. There will be no peace on Earth, no matter how hard we try, until the King of Peace comes back and takes over.

Luke 1:28-33 God tells Mary she will give birth to Jesus, and who He is and how great He is, and of His Kingdom that shall have no end.

Joel 2:30-32 The sun will blacken and the moon will be blood red before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Tribulation reference again.