

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #39 - December 15th, 2024

- **Moderator:** Brother Chris begins with a review of last week's lesson (#38). We talked about the 144,000 chosen Jewish, virgin servants who were saved and sealed for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We spent much time talking about the marks and seals God uses on his servants. After describing all the tribes represented in verses 1-8, we now see something new for John: A scene of "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" standing before God's throne and his "Lamb" (Jesus Christ). They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands.

- Initial verses: Revelation 7:9-14

Revelation 7:9-14 "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; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 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, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 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."

- **#1 A NUMBERLESS MULTITUDE OF TRIBULATION SAINTS** (Rev. 7:9a)

- **Moderator:** After seeing the four angels holding back the four winds, we see another angel who has the seal of the living God who has the authority to hurt the earth, seas & trees telling the four angels to hold back the winds until the sealing of the 144,000. Now we are projected forward to see the "Numberless Multitude" who have believed the gospel and are clothed in white robes crying before God speaking of their Salvation by the blood of the Lamb:

Revelation 7:9 "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;"

Revelation 7:13-13 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 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."

- **#2 OUR GOD IS MERCIFUL & GRACIOUS TO SINNERS** (Rev. 7:9a)

II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Psalms 86:5 "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."

Psalms 86:2-15 “I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.”

• **Moderator:** We see that God is so gracious, loving and ready to forgive those who had rejected him before. The 144,000 are preaching all over the world the same gospel we hear now. God wants to save everyone but after the rapture of the church, it will be EXTREMELY DIFFICULT to be saved because the consequences of denying the anti-christ ruler and refusing his “mark” will mean they will be killed (beheaded) for their belief in Christ. Our human nature will try to reason a way to be saved without being killed. But the Bible says all the believers except a very small remnant will be killed and this “great multitude which no man can number” are those who would not deny Christ for any reason and will be murdered. THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO BE SAVED NOW, WHILE WE CAN WITHOUT THE THREAT OF DEATH! “Today is the day of salvation”

II Corinthians 6:2 “For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.”

Revelation 6:9-11 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

• **Pastor Rains:** Referring to people being saved in the tribulation, we have a scripture passage that must be considered:

II Thessalonians 2:1-12 “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: EVEN HIM, WHOSE COMING IS AFTER THE WORKING OF SATAN WITH ALL POWER AND SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS, AND WITH ALL DECEIVABLENESS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN THEM THAT PERISH; BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED. AND FOR THIS CAUSE GOD SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE: THAT THEY ALL MIGHT BE DAMNED WHO BELIEVED NOT THE TRUTH, BUT HAD PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

• **#3 TRIB. SAINTS WILL BE MURDERED FOR THEIR BELIEF** (Rev. 7:-9a)

Revelation 13:7 “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations”

Revelation 13:15 “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

• **Moderator:** Now a question is asked about God pouring out his Spirit upon all flesh and does that mean women will also be preaching to people?

Acts 2:17 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:”

Joel 2:28-32 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”

• **Pastor Rains:** To answer the question on “prophesying”, this word means revealing the future to others. Our Women teaching Sunday School are merely explaining what God’s word speaks of the future. They are not preachers or pastors per say, but they are allowed to teach the Bible as long as it’s not to adult men. The older women are to teach younger women the ways of God from the Bible.

I Corinthians 14:34-35 “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.”

• **#4 TRIB. SAINTS CLOTHED WITH WHITE RAINMENT (ROBES)** (Rev. 7:9a)

• **Moderator:** In closing we’ll take a quick look at Revelation 6:9-11 which is also about the “great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues” spoken of in Revelation 7:9:

Revelation 6:9-11 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

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