

20211010 – THOSE SAVED DURING THE TRIBULATION

Sunday AM – Revelation 7:9-17

I. THE GREAT MULTITUDE

A. Who are these (vs. 9)?

1. Their Sainthood in the Tribulation
 - a. No one could stand before the throne without Salvation!
 - b. No one can fake their way in! No bribes will work
 - c. Only open to those who are under the BLOOD of the LAMB
2. Their Number in the Tribulation
 - a. No man could number them – GOD could, but not man
 - b. That means these are not from Chapter 7 (vs. 8)
 - c. Those could be numbered, but not these!
3. Their Nationality in the Tribulation
 - a. From all:
 - i. Nations – political and upbringing
 - ii. Kindreds – classes and families
 - iii. Peoples – race and ethnicity
 - iv. Tongues – language and dialect
 - b. Cannot be those from Chapter 7:4-8 – we know their nation!
 - c. These are from ALL nations!
4. Their Place in the Tribulation
 - a. Standing before the Throne and the Lamb!
 - i. That places them before God the Father
 - ii. And before them before God the Son
 - b. But look at REV. 7:17 – Fountains of Living Waters
 - i. JOHN 4:14 – “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”
 - ii. We know that His word is the Water of Life
 - iii. But this is a FOUNTAIN – or the SOURCE
 - iv. Which speaks to me of the Holy Spirit
 - v. The Bible demonstrates the Trinity of God even here!
 - c. This is a different group from Chapter 7 – sealed on Earth
5. Their Clothing in the Tribulation
 - a. Dressed in white robes of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - b. No sin (flesh) may stand unjudged in God’s throne room
 - c. Those in Ch. 7 were SEALED (protected until the mission’s over)
 - i. These were no longer physically alive on Earth
 - ii. The Bible shows us they are two different groups
6. Their Action in the Tribulation
 - a. They had palms in their hands! A sign of VICTORY!

- b. JOHN 12:13 – “Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.”
 - c. We call this the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY into JERUSALEM
 - d. Once again – not those from Ch.7
 - i. They would not have to be sealed and protected
 - ii. If they had already triumphed
 - B. These are a different group from those in previous chapters
 - 1. They not from chapter 7 nor did they appear earlier!
 - 2. John didn’t know who they were – He asked (vs. 13)
 - a. He already knew the previous groups REV. 6:9
 - b. This is a LARGER group
 - 3. They “came out of great tribulation” REV. 7:14
 - a. These are all of those who will be Saved after the Rapture
 - b. It will include those who are specifically killed for the Gospel
 - c. And those Saints killed by the catastrophe and violence REV. 6:9
 - C. Let us investigate further into this group of Believers!
 - 1. We will hear their Great Cry and see their Great Worship
 - 2. We will understand a Great Declaration
 - 3. And we will witness their Great Satisfaction!

II. THE GREAT CRY

- A. We’ve seen many great cries in the Bible
 - 1. When God used Gideon to defeat the Midianites
 - 2. They CRIED “The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.”
 - 3. The Bible tells us that Jesus cried to the Lost
 - 4. JOHN 7:37 – “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”
 - 5. We’ve even heard the cry of Abel’s blood against Cain
 - 6. GEN. 4:10 – “And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground.”
- B. This rejoicing and praise to God and to the Lamb
 - 1. But perhaps, this is the greatest cry of Worship ever seen!
 - 2. Think of these souls – lost and undone at the Rapture, left behind
 - 3. Terror and pain and destruction on every side!
 - 4. No hope – and THEN they get Saved!
 - 5. That Pale Horse and its rider find them and they are killed
 - 6. But then, PRAISE GOD, they wake up in Heaven!
 - 7. If you don’t think they raise such a shout!
- C. With LOUD voices (vs. 10)
 - 1. Don’t let Satan steal your praise!
 - 2. We Christians have been silent in our praise too long!
 - 3. Praise Him, Praise Him – JESUS! Our blessed Redeemer!

4. Creator of Everything! Conqueror over Death! CHAMPION of my soul!

III. THE GREAT WORSHIP

- A. All of those in Heaven join in this Worship (vs. 11)
 - 1. And the Angels heard their queue to WORSHIP!
 - 2. And the Beasts and the Elders couldn't hold back!
 - 3. Ever been around someone who just praises God all the time?
 - 4. It does something to your spirit! You leave their company "better"
- B. OH! The world is terrible out there and getting worse
 - 1. In here – WE can PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME
 - 2. In here – WE can Name HIM our Priest and King
 - 3. PSA. 107:2 – "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;"
- C. The Words of the Heavenly praise (vs. 12)
 - 1. Seven things mentioned – the number of completeness
 - 2. Complete praise to God - Bookended with an AMEN!
 - 3. And why not? He IS the Amen!
 - 4. REV 3:14 – "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;"

IV. THE GREAT DECLARATION

- A. Two questions are asked (vs. 13)
 - 1. One of the Elders asks a question
 - 2. And then answers his own question
 - a. Almost like the young child who gives a gift
 - b. And is too excited not to tell what's in it
 - c. And John is all too happy to let him!
- B. The answer declared (vs. 14)
 - 1. The redeemed out of GREAT TRIBULATION
 - 2. How are they redeemed? By the Blood of the Lamb!
 - 3. HEB 9:22 – "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."
- C. Are you happy to be called one of His? To be declared HIS OWN?

V. THE GREAT SATISFACTION

- A. Their Position (vs. 15a) – They are before the Throne of God
- B. Their Privilege (vs. 15b) – They Serve Him and God dwells among them!
- C. Their Posture (vs. 11) – They have fallen upon their faces in praise to Him!
- D. Their Peacefulness (vs. 16) – No hunger, no thirst, no discomfort!
- E. Their Provision (vs. 17)

1. The Lamb of God shall lead them
2. The Lamb of God shall feed them
3. God shall wipe away all their tears!

PSALM 23 - A Psalm of David.

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

VI. THE GREAT SALVATION

- A. He offers escape! Not just during the Tribulation, but NOW!
- B. HEB. 2:3 – “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;”
- C. Be Saved Today!