

White Robes and Red Blood

Revelation 7:9-17

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I. The Description of the Multitude – verses 9-12

A. Two things about this multitude

1. Clothed in white robes – verse 9
2. Palm branches in their hands

B. Two Doxologies

1. By this mass of people – verse 10
Word ‘salvation’ means victory or deliverance
2. By the angels and its sevenfold – verse 12
Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, Thanksgiving, Honor, Power, Might

II. The Identification of the Multitude – verses 13-14

A. Two things we should note:

1. John does not recognize them
2. Verse 14 says they come out of the great tribulation

B. Who are these people?

1. Some say it is the souls of saints now in heaven
2. Some say it is the resurrected saints in heaven
3. Some say it is the same group of people in chapter 7:9
4. Some say these verses are to be taken figuratively
5. John says these are people who are going to be martyred for Jesus Christ during the tribulation

For these reasons:

- a. John says they came out of the great tribulation – verse 14
- b. Word ‘come’ or ‘came’ Greek verb – present participle: means constantly coming
- c. These verses relates to the first half of the chapter

III. The Explanation of the Multitude – verses 15-17

KJV – “Therefore are they...”

NAS – “For this reason...”

A. For what reason?

1. The reason that's stated in verses 14-15
2. Word 'Temple' – 2 Greek words – verse 15a
 - a. Naos – looks only at the temple building/sanctuary
 - b. Hieron – looks at the whole temple area

B. Three negatives in the reward – verse 16

1. Hunger no more
2. Thirst any more
3. Neither shall the sun beat down on them or any heat

Three negative great blessings!

C. Three positives – verse 17

1. Lamb will be their Shepherd
2. Shall lead them to springs of the water of life
3. Shall wipe away every tear