



CMBC Bible Study Revelation 7:1-17

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. 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; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 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, 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. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 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. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation of Jesus Christ – A Glimpse of Hope

We have heard stories of great miracles after tornadoes and hurricanes, after wild fires and massive floods, after earthquakes and the likes: a life spared in the middle of the rubble, a lone house standing in the midst of utter destruction, a daunting rescue from the raging waters ...

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V1-8 What does the vision of the four angels, standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds, signify?

John sees what seems like a cease-fire during the unfolding of the Wrath of the Lamb. Describe this divine reprieve, its biblical significance and results. What other biblical accounts support this John's vision?

V9-10 John sees an innumerable multitude, "*... of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*" What do you learn from this when you reconcile it to the statements in chapter 6:9-10?

V11-17 One of the elders explains to John that "*... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*" What if anything does this account tell us about the great tribulation, and their experience during that time?

At every mention of "worship" in the throne room, a ritual is described that is becoming rather unpopular in the modern church. Why do we seem to think that worshipping "*in Spirit and in Truth*" (John 4:23-24) and "*...falling before the throne on their faces*" are mutually exclusive rather than "one and the same"? And why do we tend to give the former a personal, different meaning?

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How does this temporary glimpse of hope fit in God's overall unfolding of the wrath of the Lamb? Support with biblical evidence.
