

20220501 Love prevails – God never gives up

Revelation 7:1-3, 9-14

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³ “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,

who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor

and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

THE PROBLEM: SIN (OUR NATURE)

Isaiah 64:6

⁶ **All of us have become like one who is unclean**, and **all our righteous acts are like filthy rags**; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

SOLUTION FOR SIN PROBLEM: A NEW REPRESENTATIVE FOR NEW RACE

1 Peter 1:20

²⁰ **He was chosen before the creation of the world**, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Luke 1:35

³⁵ “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Romans 5:17

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

GOD’S HEART FOR ALL PEOPLE

1 Timothy 2:4

⁴ God wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Revelation 6:9

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

Revelation 6:11

¹¹ Then each of them (talking about those who are killed during the first half of the Tribulation) was given a white robe, and **they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.**

THE GREATEST EVANGELISM

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Galatians 1:15-16

¹⁵ But when God, **who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace,** was pleased

¹⁶ **to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles,**

WHO ARE THE 144,000 PEOPLE IN CHAPTER 7?

(3 characteristics of them)

1. They will be sealed by God.

⁴ Then I heard the number of **those who were sealed:**

2. There will be 144,000 of them

⁴ ...the number: **144,000**...

3. They will be from the nation Israel. They will be Jewish people just like apostle Paul was.

⁴ **...from all the tribes of Israel.**

THE OUTCOME OF THE GREATEST EVANGELISM

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