

REVELATION, Chapter 7b

Facts to remember

1. Chapter 7 is an “interlude” between the 1st through 6th Seal of Chapter 6 and the 7th Seal of chapter 8.
2. The first 6 Seals cover from the Apostolic Church to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
3. This interlude is also found between the 6th Trumpet and the 7th Trumpet and the 6th and 7th Plague.
4. The “Seal in their foreheads” kept the 144,000 during the time of the “Great Tribulation”. (see, Jeremiah 30:7; Ezekiel 9:4; Daniel 12:1; Revelation 3:10)

I. Chapter 7:9 – 17

1. What are the four elements of vs. 9?

a. _____

b. _____
Revelation 5:9; 14:6

c. _____
Revelation 3:5,18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:14

d. _____
Leviticus 23:40; John 12:13

2. Who is the “great multitude”?

a. The same as the 144,000 (Revelation 7:4a and 7:9a)? YES! NO!

b. A different group from the 144,000? YES! NO!

i. vs. 2, 3; _____

ii. v. 9; _____

iii. v. 3; _____

iv. v. 14; _____

v. vs. 6:9 – 11; _____

vi. Daniel 12:1; Revelation 7:14 and Matthew 24:21, 29

“Nearest the throne are those who were once zealous in the cause of Satan, but who, plucked as brands from the burning, have followed their Saviour with deep, intense devotion. Next are those who perfected Christian characters in the midst of falsehood and infidelity, those who honored the law of God when the Christian world declared it void, and the millions, of all ages, who were martyred for their faith. And beyond is the "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, . . . before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Revelation 7:9. Their warfare is ended, their victory won. They have run the race and reached the prize. The palm branch in their hands is a symbol of their triumph, the white robe an emblem of the spotless righteousness of Christ which now is theirs.” {GC 665.2}

c. v. 10; What does this Great Multitude do and why? _____

“The redeemed raise a song of praise that echoes and re-echoes through the vaults of heaven: "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Verse 10. And angel and seraph unite their voices in adoration. As the redeemed have beheld the power and malignity of Satan, they have seen, as never before, that no power but that of Christ could have made them conquerors. In all that shining throng there are none to ascribe salvation to themselves, as if they had prevailed by their own power and goodness. Nothing is said of what they have done or suffered; but the burden of every song, the keynote of every anthem, is: Salvation to our God and unto the Lamb.” {GC 665.3}

3. vs. 11; Who joins in with the redeemed?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. vs. 12; What two things do they do?

i. _____

ii. _____

5. vs. 13, 14; Who asks John a question and why did he ask it? _____

a. What did he ask him and why? _____

b. What do we learn from the elders' answer? _____

c. vs. 15 - 17; What benefits do we receive from being faithful?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____

All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's redeemed. Unfettered by mortality, they wing their tireless flight to worlds afar--worlds that thrilled with sorrow at the spectacle of human woe and rang with songs of gladness at the tidings of a ransomed soul. With unutterable delight the children of earth enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. They share the treasures of knowledge and understanding gained through ages upon ages in contemplation of God's handiwork. With undimmed vision they gaze upon the glory of creation--suns and stars and systems, all in their appointed order circling the throne of Deity. Upon all things, from the least to the greatest, the Creator's name is written, and in all are the riches of His power displayed.

And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise.

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:13.

The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love. GC 677, 678