

WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION
REV. 7:9-12

Introduction:

- A. We have seen the opening of the seals.
 - 1. White horse = "conquering and to conquer."
 - 2. Red horse = took peace from the earth.
 - 3. Black horse = a pair of balance scales, starvation.
 - 4. Pale horse = green, to kill, death and hell.

- B. The opening of the fifth seal.
 - 1. The martyrs under the altar.
 - 2. Their cry. v10, "How long?"

- C. The sixth seal is opened.
 - 1. Universal shaking.
 - 2. "Fall on us," rocks and mountains.

- D. The 144,000 are sealed.
 - 1. 12,000 from every tribe.
 - 2. They are sealed in their foreheads.

- E. The continuation of the pause before the seventh seal is broken continues.
 - 1. These are saved people, a multitude.
 - 2. They worship God.

I. THE MULTITUDE THAT JOHN SAW. v9

- A. "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number."
 - 1. multitude = a tumultuous throng of people.
 - 2. number = arithmeo = arithmea - to number.
 - 3. An immense vocal throng of people.

- B. "of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues."
 - 1. nations = ethnos = living under common government.

2. Kindred = phule = a tribe , a community.
 3. people = laos - the mass of any people.
 4. tongues = glossa = a language.
- C. "stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."
1. stood = histemi - to cause to stand, to place.
 2. lamb = annion = a lamb.
 3. clothed = periballo - to cast around.
 4. white = leukos =
 5. palms = phoiniks - palm branch, a sign of festive joy.

II. THE CRY OF THE NUMBERLESS THROG. V10

- A. "And cried with a loud voice, saying, salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."
1. cried = drazo - to cry out, cry of raven.
 2. loud = megas - great.
 3. salvation = soteria - safety, preservation from danger, to be kept from destruction.
 4. These words are said to God and Jesus.
- B. All of these people know how they got to heaven!
1. Salvation is of God and of Jesus.
 2. God loved, Jesus gave.
 3. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God."

III. GOD PRAISED BY HIS CREATURES. V11,12

- A. "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts."
1. angels = aggeloi.
 2. round about = kuklios == in a circle.
 3. The angels encircled all the beings.

- B. "and fell before the throng on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."
1. They fell on their faces and worshipped God.
 2. What did they do? They didn't dance, etc.
 3. saying = they said the truth about God.
 4. Blessing = eulogia = good speaking, praise.
 5. glory = doksa = II Peter 1:3, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us (by) glory and virtue."

Philo = "the unfolded fulness of the divine manifested powers and co-incides with His self -revelation!

John 1:14, "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth."

(In Ex. XXXIII 18 Moses asked, "show me thy glory," and God replies, ver. 19, "I will make all my goodness pass before thee..and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy," etc., cf. v. 22.) Hence as it comprises, all that God is for us for our good, the fulness of all that is good in Him, so is it the form in which He reveals Himself in the economy of salvation, and becomes the means (2 Pet. i.3,) and the goal of the Christian vocation and hope (1 Pet. v.10; 1 Thess. ii.12,) for its disclosure belongs to the future and the close of the history of redemption.

6. wisdom = sophia - right application of knowledge.
7. thanksgiving = eucharistia = thankfulness, giving of thanks.
8. honour = time - intrinsic value, esteem, worth.
9. power = dunamis - natural capability, inherent power, ability to perform.
10. might = hischus = physical strength.

- C. "be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."
 - 1. ever and ever = eis tous aionas ton aionon - unto the ages of the ages.
 - 2. amen = amen, a Hebrew word [] a verbal adjective; firm; metaph., faithful; adverb, verily, truly, certainly, (from [] to prop, stay, support.) Intransitive, to be durable, lasting, permanent, such as one can lean upon; hence to be faithful, trustworthy, sure, certain, true.

IV. HOW DO I MAKE SURE I'M IN THIS MULTITUDE?

- A. We know you won't be if:
 - 1. You aren't born again.
 - 2. John 3:3,6.

- B. These people have "come out of great tribulation." v14
 - 1. It is assumed that born again people will obey God.
 - 2. You should be baptized.
 - 3. You should be faithful.