

THE REVELATION OF JESUS PART VI
REVELATION 7
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we opened the seals of judgment. Chapter 7 is interesting because; heaven is full.
- We see the believers in heaven.
- Revelation chapter 7:9-12, "...behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb..."

I. THE 144,000 WHO ARE THEY?

- Vs. 3 – Sealed by God - Ezekiel 9:4
- Vs. 4 - "I heard the number" 144,000 who are they? Jews, Church, Jewish evangelists?
- Revelation 14:4 - "Those purchased from the earth"
- Vs. 9 - Would seem to say – "great multitude"
- Or is this the Jews. Is this a picture of God fulfilling a mystery?
- Revelation 10:7, "...voice of the seventh angel...then the mystery of God is finished..."
- Ephesians 2:14, "...who has made the two groups one..."
- God has broken down the wall, but it is a mystery – Romans 11:11-12, 25

II. JESUS' SECOND COMING

- The Bible is full of pictures of Jesus' return.
- John 14:1-3, "...I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also."

- Matthew 26:62-64, "...hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."
- He literally went into the clouds and He will literally come again.

III. CAUGHT AWAY WITH THE KING

- The rapture of the church, the word is not in the Bible.
- The word comes from the Latin word to carry off - rapio.
- The Greek word is harpazo - seizing with suddenness, to take by force.
- John 6:15, "So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force..."
- With a suddenness and a violence that is swift.
- This will happen quickly - instantly
- I Thessalonians 5:9, "For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."

IV. THE FINAL OUTCOME FOR US

- Revelation 7:9-16 - Before the throne, after we are caught up!
- Vss. 9-10 - Believers honoring the triumph of God.
- Vss. 10,12 - "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb..."
- The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd.
- God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

CLOSE – For us it means

- 1st - He will gather His own.
- 2nd - He will deliver you or He will go through it with you.
- 3rd - You will not experience the judgment.