

The Seven Seals

Rev 7:9-14

Ref	Description	Speaker	Matthew 24
6:1-8	Four Horsemen 1. Antichrist 2. War 3. Famine 4. Death & Hell	Four Living Creatures from the throne room	1-12 the beginning of sorrows (24:8)
6:9-11	5. Martyrdom	The martyrs	14-24 the abomination of desolation ... great tribulation
6:12-17	6. Great day of God's wrath	Important, impotent people	29-30 Final judgments at the Lord's return
7:1-17	(Answer to 6:17)	Angels, believers	
8:1-5	7. Epiphany	Trumpets	



Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Question (6:17): Who shall be able to stand?

Answer (ch. 7): Two Groups

Feature	7:4-8	7:9-17
John's Experience	4 I heard ...	9 I beheld ...
Number	144,000 (12 x 12,000)	a great multitude, which no man could number
Ethnicity	all the tribes of the children of Israel	all nations, and kindreds [tribes], and people, and tongues
Location	Earth? (v. 3 hurt not the earth ... till we have sealed ...)	Heaven (before the throne)

What's added in Rev 7:9?

Dan 3:4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O **people, nations, and languages**,
5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: [cf. 3:7, 29; 4:1; 5:19; 6:25]

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all **people, nations, and languages**, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

More Helpful References on 7:9

... **white robes** ...

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in **white raiment**; ...

Rev. 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment**, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;

Rev. 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in **white raiment**; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Rev. 6:11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them;

Rev. 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and **white**: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. ... 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, **white** and clean.

... **palms in their hands** ...

Le 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, **branches of palm trees**, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. ... 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: 43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. (cf. Neh 8:15)

Great Tribulation ~ Wilderness

Trials and Deliverance

Two numberings of the people

- Num 1, 26
- Rev 7, 14

Palm branches in grateful celebration

- Lev 23:40-43
- Rev 7:9

Doxologies in the Revelation

(Speaker)	1:6 John	4:9, Living Creatures	4:10-11, Elders	5:9-10, Elders: The slain Lamb is worthy , for he has redeemed us...	5:12, Angel Host	5:13, All Creation	7:10, Many People	7:11-12, Angel Host	12:10 Voice from Heaven	19:1 People in Heaven
(Recipient)	Jesus Christ	God	God		Lamb	God & Lamb	God & Lamb	God	God & his Christ	Lord our God
(Form)	to ...	to ...	Worthy		Worthy	to ...	to ...	to ...	Now is come	Alleluiah; to ...
Glory	1	1	1		6	3		2		2
Honor		2	2		5	2		5		3
Thanks		3						4		
Power δύναμις G1411			3		1			6	2	4
Blessing					7	1		1		
Riches					2					
Wisdom					3			3		
Strength, might ἰσχύς G2479					4			7		
Power κράτος G2904	2					4				
Salvation							1		1	1
Kingdom									3	
Power ἐξουσία G1849								4		
(Response)	Amen				Amen	Amen →	Amen			

Helpful References

Educating the Angels

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; **which things the angels desire to look into.**

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now **unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places** might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

14 My lord, thou knowest

Eze 37:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, **O Lord GOD, thou knowest.**

Who washes what?

Exo 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and **let them wash their clothes**, 11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

Rev 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and **washed us** from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness **[righteous deeds]** of saints.

1Jn 3:2 we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.