

Bereans Bible Institute
Module XI – Revelation
Lesson 21 – Revelation 7:9 – 8:1

I. The Saints of the Most High Inherit the Kingdom (Dan. 7:27).

A. Vs. 9

1. People from every nationality stand before the Throne and the Lamb

a. The reason the Gospel must be proclaimed to all nations before the end comes is so every nation can have a ruling class and a priest class in the Kingdom (Rev. 20:4-6).

b. These people are not in heaven during the tribulation, but on earth as the Kingdom is inaugurated.

1. “before” ἐνώπιόν means “in view of,” not necessarily in the immediate location. **It implies the subject’s [God’s] attention has been drawn to the object [the great multitude]** (See: LXX – Ex. 32:33; Num. 13:33; Deut. 1:8; NT – Luke 1:15,74-75; 1 John 3:22)

2. Dressed in white robes, wedding garments, immortality – resurrected (1 Cor. 15:51-54; 2 Cor. 5:4-5; Rev. 19:6-8).

3. Waving palm branches for the 7-day Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:33-36,39-43)

a. A wedding feast is 7 days (Gen. 29:27).

b. The wedding feast of the Lamb occurs after the tribulation (Rev. 19:6-8)

1. Isaiah 25:6-10

a. The wedding feast is “in this mountain” (Zion)

b. He will swallow up death in victory (KJV/LXX) quoted by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:54.

c. Anniversary every year thereafter (Zech. 14:16-21).

B. Vs. 10 The saints praise BEFORE the throne of God

C. Vs. 11-12 The angels SURROUND the throne of God

D. Vs. 13-15 The Identification of the Great Multitude

1. Who are they and where are they from?

a. They emerged from the great tribulation (Rev. 3:10)

b. They are now in view of the Throne of God, who dwells among them

c. They serve Him in His Temple, according to Jesus’ promise (Rev. 3:12)

d. The Throne of God will replace the ark of the covenant (Jer. 3:16-17 & Ezek. 43:1-7).

e. God dwells among men (v. 15; Rev. 21:3; Psalm 5:11 LXX).

E. Vs. 16 Quoting Isaiah 49:10

F. Vs. 17 The Lamb leads the sheep (Micah 2:12-13; 5:3-4; 7:14-15; John 10:1-5); & tears wiped from their eyes (Isa. 25:8).

G. Rev. 8:1 the silence in heaven for ½ hour symbolizes that the non-stop, day and night, worship described in Rev. 4-5 has ceased in heaven.