

## Revelation 7:9-17 - 12/10/17 - Study 35 - Study Notes; Good News in the Midst of Bad News

In the midst of the 6 seal judgements:

- When total chaos of world wide war, famine, inflation, pestilence, super bugs, earthquakes, cataclysmic event, meters bombing the earth, fires all occur resulting 1/4th of mankind totally destroyed.
- When there is only bad, bad news and the people of the world cry out, "For the great day of His wrath has come, **and who is able to stand?"**

When the world physically has the worst of times as 1.75 Billion people are killed - Spiritually it will be the best of times- as millions get saved!

**Chapter 7 we get, not just good news, we get great news; the greatest revival has yet to come.**

1st - In the midst of this mess, God has saving and raising up an army of 144,000 Jewish Evangelists, who will be following Christ, to lead the largest and greatest revival that man has ever known.

In addition to the 144,000 messianic Jews, 2 witnesses and an angel, will be used to save many! Rev 11:3; 14:6-7

**It will be the worst time, physically, but it will be the best time spiritually!**

**It will be great tribulation. But it will also be great salvation.**

**It will be an intense time of trouble, it will be an immense time of revival and spiritual harvest!**

**Will people be saved during the tribulation Period. The answer is an emphatic YES!**

**Rev 7:9--14** <sup>9</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, (worldwide) standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

<sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

**11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Revival is when the Spirit of God is released, convicting all of their sins and opening their eyes to their need for a savior. Examples of revivals:

- The early Church in the book of Acts-
- Great Awakening-swept the American colonies (1730s & 1740s), Jonathon Edards, George Whitfield.
- The Second Great Awakening, (1800-1840) James McGready, Charles Finney
- The Urban Revivals, (1875-1885). Dwight L. Moody, Chicago. Hundreds of thousands were converted.
- Welsh Revival (1904-1905) Welsh-speaking settlers in North -Billy Sunday, estimated 1,000,000+ conversions.
- Jesus movement Revival of the 60's/70's.
- Modern day revival - Tammy, Africa-over 8,000 saved in one day/ over 9,000 were saved a few days later.

-However, these revivals pale in comparison to the revival that will occur during the tribulation period.

**How many will be saved? Who will be saved?**

No one could count total saved-innumerable, world wide-from every nation, tribe, people and language Came out of the Great tribulation. So in the midst of Bad News.....there is great news!

Many times we go through horrendous, excruciating painful experiences, yet when new look back at it, it may have been the time of greatest spiritual growth in our lives.

The door of salvation will not be closed during the time Tribulation; the Spirit of God will be working powerfully and moving through many different ways to wake people up to His saving grace!!!

-This innumerable multitude of saved tribulation saints are now seen in heaven-Worshiping God and Jesus

-They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;

**Rev 7: 15-16 <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup>They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;**

During the Great Tribulation - The world had rejected them; they suffered hunger, thirst, and brutal persecution for standing up for the truth and not falling prey to the antichrist lies.

But now: They will never hunger or thirst- nor endure scorching heat from the sun!

Then we have an incredible Promise

**Rev 7:17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will shepherd us, will feed us, will tend to our every need even in heaven.

In the presence of God, God will wipe away every tear from their eyes!

<sup>17</sup>For the great day of His wrath has come, **and who is able to stand?”**

**Two groups will be able to stand! Good News in the Midst of Bad News**

1. A Jewish group of 144,000 (12,000 from 12 tribes) sealed by God - they are saved Messianic Jewish Evangelists and are protected (will not suffer any harm) during the tribulation period and are used to save the second group (innumerable/great multitude)
2. An innumerable multitude of tribulation saints, from every nation, tribe, language and people. However, these tribulation saints are not sealed by God and thus, are unprotected. Therefore, they will suffer harm from the catastrophic judgements thrust upon the earth by God, and the persecution/chaos from the Antichrist and satan/demons.

This is the heart of God; It's not God's heart to judge, it is God's heart to save!

2Pe 3:9 The Lord.....is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

When the World will be experiencing the greatest MESS....God will be preaching the greatest MESSage!

Give your garbage, your burdens to the Lord, 1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.