

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How many people receive the seal of God? (See 2 Corinthians 1:22)
2. How many types of praise were offered by the Heavenly host? (See verse 12 and Chap. 5:12.)
3. How might we evaluate the food and the drink referred to in verse 16 and 17?

### SUMMARY:

The four angels who had power to hurt the earth are asked to withhold their judgments until the 144,000 servants of God from the 12 tribes of Israel are sealed. After this, a view is seen of the great heavenly host comprised of those who have come through great tribulation, an innumerable company, and the angels, who together praise God. There are seven types of praise offered here to God. A similar reference in Chapter 5:12 give seven types of praise to the Lamb. This again denotes “completeness” or total praise. John apparently did not recognize the great host of the redeemed and thus desired an explanation.

May we diligently labor while on this earth so we can be counted among those who will be so wondrously cared for in the Heavenly kingdom. When we are comforted by Him on that great day then we can feel our trials in this life are really worth it all.

### NOTES:

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## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

November 22, 2020

Fourth Quarter

### VICTORIOUS SAINTS

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Revelation 7:1-17*

**LESSON SETTING:** John’s vision of the sealing of saints in the presence of God.

**TIME:** Approximately 96 AD

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**I. GOD SEALS HIS SERVANTS.** Revelation 7:1-8

- A. Power to Hurt Withheld (vs. 2, 3) Ezra 8:31; Daniel 6:22
- B. Servants Sealed (vs. 3) Ezekiel 9:4; 2 Corinthians. 1:22; Revelation 22:4
- C. Number of Servants (vs. 3-8)

**II. GOD’S SERVANTS PRAISE HIM.** Revelation 7:9-12

- A. The Heavenly Host (vs. 9) Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 5:11
- B. The Redeemed (vs. 9) Matthew 8:11
- C. God is Glorified (vs. 10) Matthew 15:31; Acts 4:21
- D. Praising God (vs. 12) Luke 2:13-14; Revelation 19:5-6

**III. GOD PROVIDES FOR HIS SERVANTS.** Revelation 7:13-17

- A. The Great Multitude Identified (vs. 13, 14)  
2 Corinthians 4:16-17; Revelation 2:3
- B. Divine Watchfulness (vs. 16) Psalm 37:28; Isaiah 25:4; 51:16
- C. Spiritual Drink (vs. 17) John 4:10; 7:37; 1 Corinthians 10:4
- D. Spiritual Food (vs. 17) John 6:51; 1 Corinthians 10:3;  
Revelation 2:7, 17
- E. Sorrow Removed (vs. 17) Isaiah 35:10; 51:11; Revelation 21:4

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE LAMB WHICH IS IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE SHALL FEED THEM, AND SHALL LEAD THEM UNTO LIVING FOUNTAINS OF WATER: AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES.*  
Revelation 7:17

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Revelation 19:4-21

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 45:1-17; Isaiah 11:1-5

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, The Triumphant Lord

**TOPIC:** THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:**

In our last lesson we began the study of the manifestation of God's wrath on those who do not serve Him. We pass over many of the great and terrible events and the final destruction of the wicked city of Babylon. When the wrath of God has been poured out against all wickedness the way is then made ready for the marriage of the Lamb. Satan's earthly kingdom had to be brought into subjection. Nothing could be permitted to mar this glorious occasion. The pouring out of God's wrath marks the end of His long-suffering toward rebellious mankind. It is a distinct event, separate from the great white throne judgment.

The bride is prepared for her husband. She is adorned in white linen—righteous acts and the Spirit-led works of saints—creating an array befitting the Bride. It is apparent that the Bride must be the Church as manifested by Christ's love for the church. (See Ephesians 5:22-32; 2 Corinthians 11:2)

As the Lamb prepares for this glorious occasion, there is yet one more conflict. He goes forth bearing the name "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" followed by His great armies. The beast, the earthly kings, and their armies seek war against Him and are utterly destroyed. The beast and the false prophet are both taken and cast alive into the lake of fire.

We wonder why people reject the loving mercy of God. Why do men rather toy with the possibility of eternal judgment? Why do they delay becoming a part of the Bride? What earthly joys or pleasures can satisfy man's real need? You who are reading this, if you have not yet surrendered to God, do so **today**. God's judgments are near!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Those who have suffered for the cause of Christ here will consider it worthwhile when they enjoy the fellowship of God on the other side.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I HEARD AS IT WERE THE VOICE OF A GREAT MULTITUDE, AND AS THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS, AND AS THE VOICE OF MIGHTY THUNDERINGS, SAYING, ALLELUIA: FOR THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH.* Revelation 19:6

Men and women who have lived for the Lord have longed for that time when the Lord God shall reign. We in our time long for His appearing just as past generations have done. When our trials become great, when our bodies are filled with aches and pains and when our sorrows seem to overcome us, our longing for Him is intensified. Perhaps all this is necessary else we would be too content in this world.

**But!** Very soon He IS coming! Perhaps we will yet be living when He comes! How wonderful if we are counted among those who will be in that great multitude praising God. The victory will belong to the King of Kings. He will reign supreme. All evil forces will be brought into His control. All who have suffered for His name will now be praising Him.

The angel host on high His endless praises voices,  
The cherub in the sky with seraph bright rejoices,  
And the exalted throng Beside the crystal sea  
Doth raise the glad new song:  
"The Lamb's high praise sing we!"

Z.H. 12:6

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 23 – 29**

- M. The Foundation for Triumphant Living. Matthew 5:1-12
- T. Man's Last Enemy Conquered. 1 Corinthians 15:12-26
- W. Evidences of the Victorious Life. Ephesians 5:14-21
- T. The Key to Personal Victory. 1 John 5:1-12
- F. \*Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Revelation 19:4-10
- S. \*Christ Comes with His Saints. Revelation 19:11-16
- S. \*Christ's Great Victory. Revelation 19:17-21

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