



REVELATION

Revelation 7:9-17 | David Chadwick | March 24, 2024

Genesis 1-2: Creation

Genesis 3: The Fall

Satan as the squatter/usurper. The title deed to this world is in his hands.

God's response:

1. His call to Abraham

- **Genesis 12:1-3**

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- **Isaiah 49:6**

He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

- Israel's failure to be a light to the nations

2. God's call to the church

- Daniel's 70th week
- Palm Sunday!
- Israel set aside, later to be engrafted

- The book of Acts: the fullness of the Gentiles seen in **Acts 1:8**: be Jesus's witnesses to the ends of the earth (**Revelation 2-3**)
 - **Matthew 28:19-20**
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
 - God's call to take the gospel to all the nations
3. Why does God seem to be delaying?
- Scoffers are scoffing even today
 - **2 Peter 3:9**
9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
4. Jesus appears to John (**Revelation 1**). The church takes the gospel to the world (**Revelation 2-3**). Between **chapters 3-4**, "after this," there is the rapture of the church to heaven. Worship in heaven: **Revelation 4-5**
5. **Revelation 5**: The scroll that is in God's right hand is given to the Lamb, Jesus
- It's now time for the squatter to be removed and evicted and God's judgment to begin on a rebellious humanity
6. The scroll has seven seals that need to be broken for seven judgments and the Great Tribulation to begin:

Revelation 6

- **Seal 1**: A false peace: led by the antichrist
- **Seal 2**: War
- **Seal 3**: Famine and scarcity
- **Seal 4**: Death: one-fourth of the world dies

- **Seal 5:** Martyrdom (those who have come to faith during the Great Tribulation)
 - **Seal 6:** Disasters all over the globe
7. There is now a lull/interlude that occurs (**chapter 7**) between the 6th and 7th seal judgment. God moves with a massive worldwide revival during the Great Tribulation through:
- **144 thousand Jewish evangelists** from 12 tribes of Israel are called and sealed/protected from the antichrist and his mark (**Revelation 7:1-8**). Many Jews were reached for Jesus and were engrafted into the church!
 - **A huge number of Gentiles** are also reached for Jesus:

Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **11** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." **13** Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" **14** I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **15** "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 shelter them with his presence. **16** They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. **17** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs

of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Gentile believers:

- These believers are too numerous to count
- From every tribe and nation, every people and language – all the nations
- Standing before the throne of God and the Lamb (saved!)
- With white, dazzling robes
- Waving palm branches
- Praising and worshiping God and the Lamb
- Followed by millions of angels, then the elders, and the four winged creatures

8. An elder asks John if he knows who these are and from where they came. John respectfully asks for an answer. The elder says:

- These are those who have come *out of the great tribulation!*
- Their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (saved and forgiven!)

9. These tribulation saints who endured to the end:

- Worship God day and night
- Serve God day and night

10. God gives them:

- Shelter with his presence
- No more hunger or thirst (Is this how some of them died?)
- The Lamb is their shepherd
- They will have springs of living water
- No more tears

The key question today: Are you saved?

Your worship? Your serving? Your plus one (Easter weekend!)