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The beneficiaries of the catastrophe

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Revelation 7 leads us to a new glimpse of worship in the heavenly court, so that we can see worship and salvation before the throne of God in the midst of tribulation. This shift is in response to the efforts of people seeking help in the midst of disaster during seal 6 in the previous chapter. Chapter 7 is to tell them where true salvation is to be found, and to inspire them to repent of their sins and be saved by the Lord in the midst of their afflictions when they see the heavenly song of salvation. This chapter is a pair of visions inserted between the sixth and seventh seals, each beginning with the words "thereafter," which answers the question posed by the people of the world in the sixth seal: "Who can stand" (6:17). It is likely that these visions coincided with the tribulation in the first six seals, demonstrating God's preservation of His people during the tribulation. The first six seals only bring out "the people against the people, and the kingdom against the kingdom; There will be famine and earthquakes in many places. These are the beginning of tribulations, and the seven trumpets (8:1-2) brought out by the seventh seal are the real tribulations: "When men are going to put you in tribulation, the Holy Spirit inserted two visions before the seventh seal was opened, so that the suffering believers could see that God would never leave his people behind while he was judging. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, he prophesied that there would be great tribulation in the last days. Matthew 24:21 "For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since God created all things until now, and there will never be again." If we refer to the second half of the last seven

years of the seventy weeks in Daniel 9, the exact definition of the great tribulation is the three and a half years during which Satan and the Antichrist fought against the saints. Later in Revelation chapters 11–13, there is a detailed description of what happened during this time.

God sent four angels to stop the winds of judgment, and a fifth angel came up from the land of the rising sun to take the seal of the living God and seal "the foreheads of the servants of our God." God puts His seal on the foreheads of His followers to prove that they belong to God and to ensure that their souls are protected. "Servants of God," the apostle Paul told us in Ephesians 1:13, "Since you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Christ, you have been sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." If we compare the people who are stamped with the mark of the beast in Revelation 13, we know that in the future, according to the seal, people will be divided into two categories: those who belong to God and those who belong to Satan. Every born-again New Testament believer has the seal of the Holy Spirit.

(1-3) suspend judgment until all the servants of God have been sealed, and the "seal" is sealed, and the "seal" is sealed; "Uh" between the eyes.

After this I saw four angels standing in the four corners of the earth, holding the winds of the earth in all directions, so that they would not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on the trees. And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun, bearing the seal of the living God. Then he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the foreheads of the servants of our God." Every born-again Christian, the Holy Spirit dwells in it, and after we are all born again, the Holy Spirit seals, and what is sealed is what God will save, and the rest of God will perish. When the world suffers a great tribulation, those who serve God will be spared. and today I will confess him before my Father who is in heaven; Whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33), "until we have sealed the foreheads of the servants of our God": "Servants of our God" is not only believers servants of God, but here we are told that the chosen Jews are also servants of God; "Printed... A man's forehead is stamped with a seal to indicate who is His person and is under His protection. In the future, Satan will also imitate God, and will put a seal on the forehead or right hand of those who belong to him. God's elect are sealed on their foreheads. There were 144,000 people among the tribes of Israel.

Four angels stood at the four corners of the earth: the four corners of the earth, and the phrase is that the influence of these angels is throughout the earth. Reign over the winds of the four corners of the earth: These winds are the destructive force of God's judgment.

It is said that these four angels, who rule over the four winds of the earth, "keep the winds from blowing on the earth, on the sea, or on the trees," and this seal includes the seal of 144,000 people. In any case, in general, the object of the seal is not limited to us, but is sealed by the Holy Spirit as a proof of our salvation, because God has paid the ultimate ransom for us so that we will finally be fully redeemed. Paul writes, "God..... He has sealed us again and given the Holy Spirit as a testimony in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:21–22). We are sealed with the Holy Spirit so that we can be comforted and encouraged. We are comforted because we are sealed by

the Holy Spirit to assure us that we belong to Him. Because we are remembered by the Holy Spirit, we are motivated to turn away from all evil deeds and to be united with God.

Countless people stood before the throne dressed in white, clothed in white and with palm branches in their hands (v.9), serving God and being shepherded and comforted by God and the Lamb. When the people of the world see these witnesses with their own eyes, they will confess the true identity of Christ and will be willing to wash their garments with the blood of the Lamb, which is to put on white garments. The Bible's "filthy garments" mean that "sins" must be washed clean. Zechariah 3:3-4 says: "Joshua stood before the messenger in filthy clothes. The messenger commanded: 'Take off his filthy garments.' Then he said to Joshua, 'I have delivered you from your iniquity and I will clothe you with beautiful garments.' In Christ's seven letters to the church, the Lord exhorts the believers in Sardis not to defile their garments, but to walk with Christ in white garments, and their names will be in the book of life.

"Every nation, kindred, people, and tongue": "Nations" means nations; "Races" means races; "Tribes" means tribes; The term "parties" refers to all languages. The "palm branches" are a sign of victory in the Bible (John 12:13), meaning that they are victorious over the calamity of suffering for the Lord. This verse rejects the traditional notion of the church-wide rapture, which says that if all believers are raptured before the rapture, who will preach the gospel to them? They must be those who have been "left behind," repented, and preached the gospel to others. If believers do not watch and prepare themselves for the Lord's return, they must be left in the great tribulation to repent of their sufferings and prepare themselves to avoid much suffering.

vs 14 includes the sufferings of believers in order to enter the kingdom of God. "Coming out" means that they are coming out continuously, which may mean continually martyrdom. "He washed his robe white with the blood of the Lamb," "washed," and "white." These overcomers relied on "the blood of the Lamb," not on their own works.

7:1-17 records the great suffering of unbelievers and the 144,000 who were sealed: emphasizing the faithfulness of God's salvation and promises; By stamping believers, they are assured that they will be saved in times of great tribulation. 144,000, the original text is twelve thousand; Twelve is a number that represents perfection, so 144,000 symbolizes perfection and represents the ultimate salvation of the entire family of Israel, as the apostle Paul said in Romans 11.

'Therefore' (v.15) indicates that the purpose of the redeemed believer is to serve God day and night 'before the throne of God' (v.15). The ultimate purpose of God's salvation is for us to serve Him forever (22:3).

'No more hunger or thirst' (v.16) refers to spiritual fulfillment. On the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the Lord Jesus declared, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me is as it is written, 'Out of his belly will flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:37). "Wipe away all tears from their eyes" is a quotation from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 25:8) that symbolizes comfort and deliverance from suffering.

Today, some people think that God is righteous in the Old Testament and God is loving in the New Testament, and since "God is love," he will not judge the world with disasters and hell. But

"the revelation of Jesus Christ": God is always loving and always just, but neither his justice nor his love is accommodating to human standards, but according to his own revelation of "holy truth." His righteousness will seek all who hate Him, and His mercy endures forever on those who love Him and keep His commandments.

No more hunger, no more thirst, and God wiped away every tear from their eyes. It is the beautiful scene that takes place after the Last Judgment (21:1-6), in which God pauses, waits, instructs, testifies of salvation, gives time for reflection, and gives people the opportunity to repent. It's all for the same purpose, because God doesn't want one to perish, but everyone to repent.

Let's pray:

Thank you, Father, for showing us your righteousness and love, and ask that those who protect us and follow you to the end, both in this world and in the future in the midst of great tribulation, stand before you and worship and serve you. We will no longer hunger or thirst, nor sorrow, but You Yourself will shepherd us for ever and ever.

In the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Revelation 7

7:1 Then I saw the four angels standing in the four corners of the earth, holding the wind in the four directions of the earth, and calling the wind not to blow on the earth, on the sea, and on the trees.

7:2 And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun, taking the seal of the living God. And he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given authority to harm the earth and the sea,

7:3 The earth and the sea and the trees, and ye shall not be harmed, until we have printed the number of our servants of the gods.

7:4 And I heard that the number of the Israelite walkers, and of the tribes, was one hundred and forty-four thousand.

7:5 There were twelve thousand seals of the tribe of Judah. There were twelve thousand of the tribes of the Rub . Of the tribe of Gad there were twelve thousand.

7:6 of the tribe of Asashi there were 12,000 . Of the tribe of Naphtali there were twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasseh were twelve thousand.

7:7 There are 12,000 of the tribe of West Myanmar . Of the tribe of Levi were twelve thousand. of the tribe of Issachar there were twelve thousand.

7:8 of the tribe of Zebulun there were twelve thousand . Of the tribe of Joseph there were twelve thousand . Of the tribe of Benjamin were twelve thousand.

7:9 After that I looked, and behold, there were many men, not to be numbered, who came from every nation, tribe, people, and tongue, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white, and holding palm branches in their hands.

7:10 And he cried out with a loud voice, "To salvation be to our God who sits on the throne with the Lamb."

7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and about the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne, and worshipped God.

7:12 said , amen . Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, authority, might, all return to our God forever and ever. Amen.

7:13 One of the elders asked me who these white robes were and where they came from.

7:14 I said to him, "I lord, you know. He said to me, "These are men who have come out of great calamity and have washed their clothes with the blood of the Lamb."

7:15 Therefore they served him before the throne of God, day and night in his temple. And those who sit on the throne shall cover them with a tabernacle.

7:16 they are no longer hungry , no longer thirsty . neither the sun nor the heat will harm them.

7:17 For the Lamb of the throne shall shepherd them and bring them to the fountain of water of life. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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John saw people from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, standing before the throne and the Lamb, dressed in white, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice,

"Salvation be to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" "

Then an elder asked John who these people were, to which John replied that he did not know. The elders explained that these people had come out of the Great Tribulation and that they had washed their clothes with the blood of the Lamb. They serve God before the throne of God and are in the temple of God day and night.

Then John saw the Lamb himself, who was in the middle of the throne. The Lamb will be their shepherd, guiding them to the fountain of living water, and God will wipe away all their tears.

Chapter 7 describes the seals of God's servants and the people who have been saved from all ethnic groups. It also emphasizes the Lamb as a source of living water for shepherds and believers, and God's promise to wipe away their tears.

The key verses of the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation are in the Chinese version in the Union Version.

1. Revelation 7:9 - After this I looked, and behold, there were many people, whom no one could number, from all nations, kindreds, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.
2. Revelation 7:13-14 - One of the elders asked me, "Who are these who are clothed in white?" Where did it come from? I said to him, "You know, my lord." He said to me, "These are men who have come out of great trouble, and have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb." "
3. Revelation 7:16-17 - They will no longer be hungry or thirsty, neither the sun nor the heat will harm them, for it is the Lamb who walks in the middle of them, bringing them to the fountain of the water of life. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation chapter 7 continues to explore eschatological events and God's plan of salvation. This chapter deals with the imprinted people, the multitude, the great tribulation, and spiritual comfort. Here are some of the highlights of the theological significance, theological thinking, and spiritual impact of chapter 7:

Sealed People: Describes 12,000 people from all tribes of Israel who were imprinted to symbolize their spiritual protection and salvation. This expresses God's care and protection for those who are spiritual.

The Crowd: Describes an uncountable crowd of people, from all nations, tribes, peoples, and peoples, standing before the Lamb, symbolizing those who have been redeemed by God in the midst of the troubles of the last days.

Great Tribulation and Salvation: This chapter mentions great tribulation and tribulation, but it also depicts those who are sealed receiving spiritual comfort and protection. This underscores the fact that God's plan of salvation is still alive and well in the end-time environment.

Spiritual Comfort: Describes those who come out of the great tribulation, who stand before the throne of God, where the Lamb will guide them to the fountain of the water of life, and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. This expresses the spiritual comfort and peace that God will give in the last days.

Spiritual Victory: This chapter depicts believers ultimately triumphing in God's salvation, free from suffering, death, and suffering, and forever with God.

In terms of theological thought and spiritual influence, Revelation chapter 7 emphasizes God's protection, salvation, and spiritual comfort for believers. This chapter reminds us that no matter how dire the difficulties of the last days, God's plan of salvation is always there, and He will keep those who trust in Him. At the same time, this chapter encourages us to persevere in our faith and seek God's comfort and guidance no matter what difficulties we encounter. This chapter also shows the ultimate triumph of faith, enabling us to have hope in the midst of adversity, trusting that God will lead us through all difficulties.