

**Lesson 14 – Revelation 7:1-17**  
**The Lord's Tribulation** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. The 144,000 (v1-8):**

a. Who are they?

1) 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Why 12,000?

1] 12 = Divine \_\_\_\_\_.

2] 1,000 = Divine \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

3] These individuals under divine \_\_\_\_\_ will be used of God to \_\_\_\_\_ His promise to \_\_\_\_\_ and thereby manifest His \_\_\_\_\_.

b) They comprise a \_\_\_\_\_ and not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the promised \_\_\_\_\_ (see Rom 9:27-29 & Rev 7:9-14).

2) Why all \_\_\_\_\_? What does this say about God's focus and purpose during the Tribulation?

a) *Read* Mark 5:18-20 - Why did Jesus say no to this man?

b) *Read* Rom 11:1-5, 25-32 and Zech 13:8-9.

3) Who is missing and why?

a) Option 1: The tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ is missing because it was the first tribe to introduce \_\_\_\_\_ into Israel on an \_\_\_\_\_ basis – see Jud 18:30-31.

b) Option 2: As believed by the earliest interpreters of Revelation, the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ is missing because the \_\_\_\_\_ will come from this tribe.

b. Why these 144,000?

1) Option 1: These are \_\_\_\_\_ who are purposely \_\_\_\_\_ after the \_\_\_\_\_ so that they could \_\_\_\_\_ to their fellow \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Option 2: These are \_\_\_\_\_ who come to \_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tribulation during which they \_\_\_\_\_ their worthiness for this special mission (see Rev 14:4-5).

c. What is the time and length of their commission?

d. What prophecy personally delivered by Jesus during the Olivet discourse will they fulfill?

**2. The Great Multitude (v9-17):**

a. Who are they and where did they come from?

b. What are they wearing and how did it become that color? “Even their own sacrificial death could not \_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_” (Walvoord, p147).

c. Why are they presented at this time?

1) They are presented at this time because they represent the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of the \_\_\_\_\_.

2) What does it mean that they are before the throne instead of under it?

3) Why do they have palms in their hands? (see John 12:12-13a)

a) They were used to mark His \_\_\_\_\_ victory over sin and evil during His \_\_\_\_\_ Advent.

b) Now they are being used to mark His \_\_\_\_\_ victory over sin and evil at His \_\_\_\_\_ Advent.

4) What is the irony of their proclamation? (see John 12:13b)

d. What is the result of their presence?

1) All of heaven falls down in \_\_\_\_\_.

2) All of heaven breaks out in a \_\_\_\_\_-fold \_\_\_\_\_ of the One who made their presence there possible.

3) This is Luke 15:10 on steroids.

e. This is a picture of heaven right before the \_\_\_\_\_.

f. Verses 15-17 contain an amazing glimpse of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that awaits His children in heaven, especially those who have \_\_\_\_\_ because of their faith in Him – I.e., this is a picture of the literal fulfillment of the promise given to us by Paul in 2 Cor 4:17-18.

**3. Conclusion:** This chapter represents the epitome of His \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The first half of the chapter depicts the lengths that He is willing to go to extend His \_\_\_\_\_, especially to those who deserve it the least.

b. The second half of the chapter, especially verses 15-17, is an amazing depiction of the unmerited merciful favor that is the essence of His \_\_\_\_\_.