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Revelation 7 — Verse-by-Verse Study Notes

The Sealed Multitude (LSV).

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Verse-by-verse Bible study through Revelation 7 (Chazon Yochanan), read aloud from the Literal Standard Version with Greek manuscript evidence under every verse.

THE NAMES: YudHeyVavHey (יהוה) — the Father's personal name, printed as "LORD" in most English Bibles. Yehoshua ("YudHeyVavHey saves") — His Son, "Jesus" in English. HaMashiach — "the Anointed One" ("Christ"). Ruach — Spirit. Elohim — God. We use these Hebraic forms in reverence.

STUDY NOTES — [brackets] mark helper words; Hebrew verbatim from the Tanakh.

7:1 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "And after these things I saw four messengers, standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind may not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree;"

Heb, Dan 7:2: אִמְשׁ יְחִזֹּק עֲבָרָא

7:2 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "and I saw another messenger going up from the rising of the sun, having a seal of the living God, and he cried with a great voice to the four messengers, to whom it was given to injure the land and the sea, saying,"

7:3 — SBL GNT.

Lit: ""Do not injure the land, nor the sea, nor the trees, until we may seal the servants of our God on their foreheads.""

Heb, Ezek 9:4: תִּזְכָּרְמֶלֶע וְתִיָּוְתָהּוּ

7:4 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "And I heard the number of those sealed - one hundred forty-four thousand, having been sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel:"

7:5 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;"

7:6 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;"

7:7 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;"

7:8 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed."

7:9 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no one was able to number, out of all nations, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, having been clothed [in] white robes, and palms in their hands,"

Heb, Lev 23:40: מִירְמָת תִּפָּכּ

7:10 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "and crying with a great voice, saying, "Salvation to our God, the [One] sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb!""

7:11 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "And all the messengers stood around the throne, and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces and worshiped God,"

7:12 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "saying, "Amen! The blessing, and the glory, and the wisdom, and the thanksgiving, and the honor, and the power, and the strength, [are] to our God through the ages of the ages! Amen!""

7:13 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These having been clothed with the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?""

7:14 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "And I have said to him, "Lord, you have known"; and he said to me, "These are those who are coming out of the Great Tribulation, and they washed their robes, and they made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb;"

7:15 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "because of this they are before the throne of God, and they do service to Him day and night in His temple, and He who is sitting on the throne will dwell over them;"

7:16 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "they will not hunger anymore, nor may the sun fall on them, nor any heat,"
Heb, Isa 49:10: וְאֶמְצִי אֵלַי וּבְעָרֵי אֵל

7:17 — SBL GNT.

Lit: "because the Lamb that [is] in the midst of the throne will feed them, and will lead them to living fountains of waters, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.""

Heb, Isa 25:8: מִיְּנִפְּלֶיךָ לֶעֱמֹד הָעָמֶד

THEN AND NOW — how they lived it (Revelation 7)

7:1 — "the four corners of the earth"

In John's day this was everyday language for "everywhere, in all directions" — the way we still say "the four corners of the earth." Isaiah uses the same phrase: "He will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth" (Isa 11:12). It is not a science lesson; it is ordinary speech for the whole world.

7:1 — "the four winds of the earth"

Winds from the four directions. In the prophets, winds scatter peoples and winds carry judgment — "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea" (Dan 7:2). Four messengers holding the winds back means judgment held back, paused, waiting.

7:2 — "having a seal of the living God"

A seal in that era was a signet ring or carved stamp pressed into clay or wax. It marked ownership and carried authority — a decree "sealed with the king's signet ring" could not be undone (Esther 8:8). Sealed goods were protected property. To be sealed by God meant marked as His own, under His ownership and His protection.

7:3 — "seal the servants of our God on their foreheads"

The mark goes on the forehead, where all can see whose they are — reaching back to Ezekiel: "set a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry" in Jerusalem (Ezek 9:4). The high priest wore a golden plate across his forehead engraved "Holy to YuhVavHey" (Exod 28:36-38). And in the wider Roman world John lived in, slaves and soldiers were marked or branded to show whose they were. John's readers understood instantly: a forehead seal is a public mark of belonging.

7:4-8 — "one hundred forty-four thousand, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel"

Your tribe was your identity — your family land, your inheritance, your people. Twelve tribes, twelve thousand each: the whole people of God counted and complete. Judah is named first — the royal tribe, David's tribe, the tribe of Yehoshua's birth. Note the roll as John gives it: Dan is missing from the list, Manasseh is named, and Joseph stands in for Ephraim. These were the historic tribal territories of ancient Israel — the land known today as Israel and the Palestinian territories. Levi is listed here, though Levi was given no land allotment — "YuhVavHey is their inheritance" (Deut 18:2) — the priests lived scattered among the other tribes.

7:9 — "a great multitude, which no one was able to number, out of all nations, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues"

After numbered Israel comes the uncountable rest — every kind of people in the world as John's readers knew it. "Clothed in white robes": white garments were festive dress, worn at celebrations and by those honored — "let your garments always be white" (Eccl 9:8). "Palms in their hands": palm branches were waved at the Feast of Tabernacles, the week-long harvest feast of rejoicing before YudHeyVavHey (Lev 23:40), and crowds waved palm branches to welcome a king (John 12:13). This is a victory celebration.

7:14 — "they washed their robes, and they made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb"

In John's day, fullers — professional washers — whitened cloth by trampling it in water with cleansing agents; it was hard labor, and as Mark says of Yehoshua's garments, "no fuller on earth could whiten them" (Mark 9:3). Blood stains; every washer knew that. The picture is startling on purpose: the one thing that stains is what makes these robes white.

7:15 — "they do service to Him day and night in His temple"

The temple in Jerusalem ran on round-the-clock priestly service — morning and evening offerings, lamps tended, duties ordered by shifts around the clock (Exod 29:38-39; 1 Chron 24). "He who is sitting on the throne will dwell over them": the Greek word for "dwell" here is the tabernacle word — God's presence pitching His tent over them, the way His glory filled the tabernacle.

7:16 — "they will not hunger anymore, nor may the sun fall on them, nor any heat"

John's readers lived in a dry, hot land. The midday sun and the burning east wind could kill; hunger and thirst were never far away — "they shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun strike them" (Isa 49:10). This promise was written for people who knew real hunger and real heat.

7:17 — "the Lamb... will feed them, and will lead them to living fountains of waters"

"Living water" meant running water — springs and streams — the most precious thing in an arid country, unlike still cistern water (Gen 26:19). The shepherd leading his sheep to water was the daily picture of life. And "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" — Isaiah's own promise: "He will swallow

up death forever, and YuhHeyVavHey will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isa 25:8).

WHERE THIS HAPPENED: John received this on Patmos (Rev 1:9) — a small rocky island in the Aegean Sea, off the coast of what is today Turkey, where Rome exiled him.