

Revelation 7:9-17

The Great Multitude
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The 144,000 Compared to the Great Multitude

Differences with the 144,000 (7:1-8)

1. The 144,000 are a definite number
The Great Multitude are an indefinite number
2. The 144,000 are from the 12 tribes of Israel
The Great Multitude are from every nation
3. The 144,000 are prepared for imminent peril
The Great Multitude are safe and secure

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The Great Multitude Before the Throne

Revelation 7:9-10 **After these things** I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, **from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues**, **standing** before the throne and before the Lamb, **clothed in white robes**, and palm branches were in their hands; **10** and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Rev. 6:17 ...for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to **stand**"

Rev. 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was **standing** on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**...

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The Great Multitude: Where Do They Come From?

Revelation 7:11-14 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 answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation**, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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The Great Multitude: Where Do They Come From?

Rev. 7:14 "These are they who **came out** of the great tribulation" (Marv Rosenthal, pg. 185).



Rev. 7:14 ESV "These are the ones **coming out** of the great tribulation."

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Matthew 24:21-22 For then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

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God Tabernacles With His People

Revelation 7:15-17 For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple and **He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.** 16 They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them **to springs of the water of life**; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

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The Feast of Tabernacles

Feast of Booths = commemorated God's "dwelling" with His people during their journey in the wilderness and proclaimed the future Messianic age.

1. Palm branches:

Look back: God dwelt with His people in the wilderness

Look forward: God will dwell with His people in the Messianic age.

2. Water:

Look back: God gave drink to His people in the wilderness

Look forward: God's Spirit would be "poured out"

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Will You Tabernacle With God?

Rev. 7:9 **Palm branches** in their hand

Rev. 7:15 God spreads His **tabernacle** over them

Rev. 7:17 Jesus leads them to "**living waters**"

Psalm 27:4-5 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble **He will conceal me in His tabernacle**; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

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