

Revelations in Revelation - 7

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Tonight, it's always, and I thank the Lord for the thanksgiving as we come in to this study, and I know that thanksgiving He gives us is by His Spirit, and by His grace, and I know that we as this body of saints, and especially by His grace part of the body of the rib portion by His grace. As we go in tonight to see these, we'll turn back tonight and look at the three companies that make up the church and we rejoice. Last week we saw those companies clearly how they were brought in; the differences. I thought it was beautiful how the Lord continued to expand, and basically showed us His perfect faithfulness in placement of every life that's ever believed in the Lord. Whatever capacity, and how perfect He places them in the tribulation, in the millennium time, and then throughout all eternity. And how perfect the word of God is, it's just so glorious. But tonight, we're going to go back and turn and look at these three companies that make up this precious church that the Lord will rapture and resurrect to Himself. And tonight, we're going to compare and contrast the three companies, these of the church. And I pray as I started that it would always be in thankfulness to God. That there would never be any boasting of ourselves, nothing of pride in any way; just the gratitude, and the euphoria to the mercy of the Lord that You cause my eyes to see You. You cause my ears to hear You, you cause my heart to leap, and continue to leap more in passion for this magnificent grace to rule and to reign jointly together with You, to be the wife of the Lamb of God. How amazing.

Let's begin chapter four, verse one. John says after this I looked and behold a door was open in heaven, and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me which said come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. See, you want that trumpet voice speaking with you. See how personal this is, see how beautiful? And the trumpeter's voice, let me tell you, in this study tonight if you're listening to it, it speaks to you because that is His voice; it's the voice of the archangel, it's the voice of the bridegroom that's going to make this call and you hear Him. The Shulamite, she heard Him, didn't she? All those others didn't hear. They knew about Him, but they didn't hear him. She heard Him, she heard that wooing, she heard that calling and ran right through all of them, and she testified of what she heard, and testified of what she knew, and testified of what she saw, and who she loved, but it didn't mean anything to them. They had to hear it for themselves. You have to hear this, no one can hear it for you; you have to hear this.

Now we thank God, this voice that we hear here is the voice praise God of the first trump, and the bride praise God is called away to meet Him in the air. And to meet the Lord in the air with a great cloud of witnesses; those full overcomers of the Old Testament; that cloud praise God, the friends of the bridegroom. So, in that trumpet that has just blasted, heaven has just opened. John looks and sees that door wide open; we know what we're going to find. We know, don't we? And we know before we even read on because you think of this. The Apostle Paul knew

this because we know Paul's gospel. And what we're going to find at this first trump whether it's from First Thessalonians Four, or Romans Eight, or wherever it is we're going to find Jesus on the throne. And we're going to find Jesus on the throne because He's got His wife. So, we know what's going to be there, and praise be to God let's read verse two and three.

So, after this, after it said come up hither and I will show you these things which must be hereafter, and I'd like to make another comment on that. See brothers and sisters, for us to see this we got to be there. But see, we are seated in the heavens in Christ, aren't we? Amen? Remember how the Lord continued to just really impress upon us, He didn't say we're standing before Him in the heavens in Christ; He said we're seated together with Him; see, everything's with Him, with Him, with Him, and where is He? He's at that right hand, and what is He expecting? What is He longing for? He's longing for His wife to take the throne from His Father, and rule and reign with her. So, this is what is so beautiful is that you have to be there in that place to see that, and see it now, because if you're expecting to see it then, and you'll get it then you're going to get it from a different vantage point; you'll be standing before it looking at it as opposed to being in it and looking out, and we'll get to that here in a minute as well too.

There's just so much, yet you see, this is endless in just one verse. But John said and immediately this is what we know happens in that first trump because He got His wife John says I was in the spirit; and the Spirit has to take you to these places doesn't He? And behold, a throne; all about that throne, that throne; that throne, that throne, alright? And behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *One* set on that throne. And He, or the One that sat was to look upon like jasper and as a sardine stone: isn't that interesting, He's like jasper our precious Jesus wanting that bride to descend from heaven? What does she look like? Jasper, it's amazing. Now remember, it's just one sitting on that throne. Are you wanting it, oh amen? Jasper borne praise God? Lord, come tonight. Praise the Lord. And the One that sat was to look upon like a jasper, and a sardine stone; that's the reddish, and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

So here we see Christ Jesus on His throne, and then next here what do we see? We see the twenty-four elders. Alright? Round about the throne, verse four. Round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats or thrones, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads, crowns of gold. Now it's beautiful to see these elders sitting round about that throne, and there's three real key clues that are here to tell you who they are, and what they are. First of all, we notice that they're sitting on thrones with crowns. So, we know that there is a deity there of a overcomer. There is a crowning that there was something that was finished within their lives. They have received this encouragement to have this place, but once again it is around the throne, or just the word means circled around; encompassed around. That's what that round about means.

The next clue that we have is there's twenty-four of them. Well, the number twenty-four is the number that is very exclusive to the priestly number of the Old Testament. So, we have full

overcomers, we have the priestly number of the Old Testament, and then it tells us that they're elders. And this word "elder" translates forefathers among the Jews. So, we have Jews that are elders that are full overcomers. I believe that we have right here very clearly, and we will see even more statements and clues even tonight defining I believe without any doubt that these are the full overcomers that are spoken of in Hebrews Chapter Eleven, and you see them round about this precious company with their heads of crowns of gold.

Now, as we move on here, I want us to also see a couple other things about this. There is deep love in the details; they matter to the lover, you know that, and I believe there are some lovers out here, and it matters to us. Now this white raiment, and this is an important thing. It says that they're clothed in white raiment. This white raiment if you look this up, this word white, the word in the Greek is "leukos," alright? It is a brilliant white, it is a glorious white, but yet it is also the white robe that is shared with the innumerable multitude. The innumerable multitude it says has this same leukos white. However, when we finally get to the garments of the bride and you read of her garments in Rev 19:8, that white that she wears is not the leukos; it's the "lampros" white, and that lampros white isn't just brilliant, it's splendid, and it's gorgeous. Splendid and gorgeous, it is translucent; it glows from within, truly a sun glory. The only other one that it speaks of is in Rev 15:6 Who wears that, and it's Christ Jesus Himself. Those are the only two that have that gorgeous white together. It's beautiful because the Lord shows us again through this seven angels in Rev 15:6, that angel has that same white, and that is why John bows down to the angel, and worships that angel believing it is Christ Jesus Himself, and as that brother in the Lord says to Him; John, see that you do it not, I'm your brother in the Lord.

Isn't that gorgeous? So, we thank the Lord for this, and we thank the Lord that these qualities mean great things to us. Now, who do the twenty-four encircle? Well, we know already that that twenty-four encircles the throne. Amen? And we know Who's on that throne now is Jesus, and the only way that Jesus can be on that throne is He's got to have somebody with Him. So, we already know who's going to be there they're encircling; His wife. So, praise the Lord, see, isn't it wonderful to know that these things that are spoken of John in Revelation, Paul through that gospel has revealed all these things. It's wonderful to see it again, but you'll never see that in Revelation without understanding the revelation that was given to the Apostle Paul, praise the Lord. Never see it, it'll just be a bunch of things said, and mighty and mysterious, but it's for the kings to search out a matter, and those kings that search it out and love it, they'll rule as king; oh yes, they will. We'll read about them in a minute, and I think some of them are here tonight God willing.

So, let's see who these twenty-four encircle, and let's read from verse six. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal, and in the midst of the throne; so, this is right in the middle of the throne, right there in the center of it. And round about the throne, and we'll get to that here in a minute were four beasts, full of eyes before and behind; isn't that wonderful? And I'd like to just mention about the vision that these four living ones have. These four beasts, and that's exactly what these four beasts are, they're alive, they're lively, they're brilliant, they're

on fire. We see these same ones in Ezekiel, you see them in Isaiah and it's said that they were fiery ones. You see, they're like lighting, they come in and out of the throne. They come in and out pouring out prayers; they come out with the vials of prayer. It's amazing, they do rule and reign jointly together with Jesus Christ. But the eyes that are before and behind, these eyes fully see. They see Alpha Omega, they see all in the Old Testament, they see all in the New; the eyes of Him. There's nothing that is undisclosed, and I thank God that we have that vision, and we thank the Lord, we know that comes from the Holy Ghost. And then it goes on to say the first beast was like a lion, the second was like a calf, the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. Don't let this be something that you wonder why each one looks different; this company is the exact manifestation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Himself.

When the word of God says that we grow from glory to glory, and change from glory to glory into His very image, do you believe that? Do you believe that we speak truth in love? We grow up into Him in all things? Do you? I pray we do. Do you believe that the word of God says unto a perfect man? The word of God says that we could grow to the measure, and the stature, and the fulness of Him. Think about how the word of God emphasizes growth, but full growth, complete growth, exact growth to not just a reflected glory, but the very same sun glory. Do you believe that? Well praise be to God, then you're going to be like Him. And why would John, once again who knew Him, touched Him, felt Him, put his head upon His breast, John in the spirit, why would he be falling down and worshipping one unless he thought with all of his heart, with all of his might, with all of his conviction this is Christ Jesus Himself, and I have to worship? Because His wife will share jointly His glory; she has His glory. That's why they come and they bow down before her; even that synagogue of Satan, and they worship before her feet because she shares His glory, she is glorified together with Him. She is exalted to the same glory because it's His glory; there is no other glory. And if she descends from heaven having the glory of God, she's got that glory. This is why she is that absolute manifestation of Him; that's who these four beasts represent. We have the lion, praise God; we see Jesus the king in Matthew; there's your king. You see the calf, you see that in Mark, and right there you have that wonderful servant Jesus seen as the servant. And then you have the beast that look like a man. In Luke Jesus is depicted as the man. You had to be made man, and thanks be to God. And then finally in John we see, and as this fourth beast is the eagle; the overcoming of it all.

And praise the Lord, those four gospels, and once again four; that's that wonderful perfect weakness, and that's Him. When we completely dissolve of ourself; dissolve of anything of me, thanks be to God all that's left is Him. That is the lampros glory. That's all that is seen is just this beautiful sun glory Christ Himself in full maturity just shining forth. Praise His name. So, you see this, and then it says the four beasts had each of them six wings. Oh, what strength and they were full of eyes within, and this is what is so gorgeous is, I was studying this out in just a little study, and all these little things I seen so many different things with the eyes that are within, but these that are eyes that see from within. These are eyes that always have only seen from the new man. Isn't that something to see from the new man? Praise the Lord, see I don't want to see from

my human eye. I don't want to see from this, I want to see everything from that man I am, the man I hope to be, that man of Christ; Christ in me, the hope of glory; I'm seeing with those eyes within. Amen.

So, then there's this wonderful praise and glory, they rest not day and night. I know that one, how about you? Not necessarily not getting sleep; you sleep well, praise God but you're alert and alive. We don't rest at all about His coming. You're not slumbering, you're ready. There's nothing else to be ready for, there's nothing else that matters. All this stuff we do, it's an aftereffect of just being ready. Get up every day and go to work, whatever it may be, but it's all about being ready; all this is aftereffect. Doesn't have me ready to go, praise be to God. And saying holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Oh, how she knows Him, praise His name.

Now so, as we see this, we know who we were going to see, and we see right there it is His joint heir, it is His glorified together wife, because Romans Eight promised us that, amen? See, Romans Eight promised that; heirs of God and joint heirs together with Jesus Christ if so be we suffer together with Him, that we might be glorified together. Glorified together with Jesus does not mean we'll just go stand before me; no, we're talking Jesus. His glorified is not you're with Me, we're one in this. Praise the Lord, there're not two thrones, there's just one; it's you, it's ours together, and I thank God for that. Now, gets sweet so many things in here. We see this midst of the throne where these four living ones are; the only company that says that in the midst of the thrones; only one that rule and reign jointly together with Him. No one else; this company. But it also says round about, and I appreciate how Brother Joe Rogers brought this out so glorious, I'm so thankful to the Lord, and just to continue. You know that's the beautiful thing about the encouragement of the joints of the body and I thank God. The Lord does it through every joint of the body; there's no useless joints in this body; there really isn't. Sometimes I feel there is, but there isn't; it's all working together praise God. Sometimes it's got a little hitch in the get along, but they're all there, and they're all for a purpose so we have to trust God.

But we saw that the words in verse four about the twenty-four elders it said round about the throne; that means to encircle. Alright? But that is a different word in the Greek than this round about. Isn't that interesting? And once again I thank God, and it's not just to get out your bible and say well I'm going to search out every word in the Greek, and I'm going to do this, and I'm going to go study Greek, and I'm going to go learn Greek, because I'm going to know the word of God; you just missed it, you're not going to know anything better by doing anything of yourself, or with man's wisdom; you're not. Matter of fact it'll lead you away from the truth so you'll be confident in yourself or your knowledge, you don't want that. But as the Lord and the Holy Ghost ministers to you, it stops you, and when He stops you, then you're going to hear something. You see? So, I thank the Lord, and I know the Lord stopped Joe to go in there and look at some things, and search some things out. Well, this round about is a different word, a different meaning. It does mean to be around, but the true word of it is a ring. "R I N G," and why wouldn't that be a

ring? Amen, and as we know that ring, that ring is the ring of marriage. And we thank God that this is that inner ring of the wife.

Now we have sweet Tammy over here that encouraged in so many other ways as the Lord divinely took her to work for a Jewish family for many, many years. She saw all of these different customs, and went to all these different things, and she could be witness in those things. Not just of the word of God, but even of the bridal message. Well, an ancient custom in the Jewish wedding which is practiced today, the bride circles the groom seven times. She circles him, so not only is she in the throne, she's circling him with a ring and that's seven times, isn't that a glorious thing? Perfection, and isn't that a beautiful thing because how many angels are there? I mean my skin might just pop right on off, and it's the truth; it's so wonderful. All the little things that add up to everything, and this is all about the love of Christ for the Lamb's wife.

Now it even gets another sweet part of this is when she's doing this, there is like an awning over them. It's a "chuppah"; the hupa, huppa. I don't know if we're going to do that up here, but It's spelled "CHUPPAH." So, for us ignorant, we'd say it's a chuppah. But it's a hoopa; hupa, I don't even know how to spell it, but let me just tell you what it means. It means a home; it's the home. So, as she does that, she's circling about him and circling the home; the throne is home; it's a home, everything about everything. We will reside in that throne with Him. It is so glorious. And I'll even tell you; well wait for Sunday if you care to because we had Sunday pouring out in the mist, I said oh my, you're just too much. How can I even get up off the floor?

Now, she encircles him with the wedding ring, and she's home. These are the same beasts that were seen in Ezekiel, and Isaiah, the same ones that are seen on the mercy seat with cherubim, and you thank Him brothers and sisters. You thank Him, and how they thank Him is they say holy, holy, holy. That complete sanctification, the word of His grace that has done this in our lives, the word of His grace that has built us up into this masterpiece, and given us an inheritance among all them, those that are sanctified; set apart. We will thank Him forever and ever. Lord that You set us apart, and it's You, You're the Holy one; You did it all. We go into Him out from among the camp. We don't separate ourselves and then go to Him; that doesn't work that way. You just go to Him, and He takes you out. You go in this gospel, He'll take you out. We keep going in this gospel I'll tell you it gets real tight out how He takes you out, and it hurts, and I'm hurting and I want you to pray for me, so we're going to stand by God's grace. Thank You Jesus.

Now, going over to chapter five, verse eight, oh my. How sweet, how sweet. It says there and when He had taken the book; this is our precious Lord, the four beasts *and* four and twenty elders they fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. So, we see there, we see these wonderful, the jointly reigning rulers together with Him, the four living ones. We see the elders there; vials, full of prayers, worship praise be to God, these ones are in love. Abraham was in love, Moses was in love, David was in love. Oh my, thank You Jesus, the worship has come forth all because of the

grace of God. Now verse nine in case there's any doubt, and so many just again ignorantly say well, these beasts are just beasts, and you know they're just this. Well let's read who these are. So, it says when the four beasts, and when the twenty-four elders fall down before the Lamb having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours which are the prayers of the saints, they sung new song saying Thou art worthy to take the book to open the seals thereof, for Thou wast slain, and here it is, and has redeemed us to God by Thy blood, and that's the mercy, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. They're people, they're not some, yeah extraterrestrial whatever you're thinking, or whatever, and it is. I thank God we know the word of God. And here is another sweet encouragement that we have here about this is; well, let's read the next verse, and then we'll come back and touch on that. We see the differences in the company of the four beasts, and the twenty-four elders. Alright, there's more here in verse nine and ten we'll talk about here in a second, and it says and hast made us. So, this again is the four living ones, and the twenty-four elders has made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign over the earth. Alright?

Now it's beautiful here, because where you go back and it says has redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. If you really absorb that and read through those words, "kindred" specifically is speaking about the twelve tribes. So, this kindred is specifically about Israel. Alright? You understand this, this wondrous truth of the bridal message is there for all people. Jesus Christ said I would that all men be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth. Amen? But we also know that this bride is going to be the Gentile bride. Amen. Alright? So, what we have here and the reason kindred is there is because of the twenty-four elders. There is your Jew, those are the full overcomers of the Old Testament, and that is the representation, and that's why you will see and have that revelation of all of those tribes within that, is that is that company of the twenty-four elders; that's their representation. Then, as you go and it says hast made us unto our God, and notice; it's kings first. Very interesting isn't it. You read back through the Old Testament it was the priests that was first and then the kings, but not here, the kings are first and then the priests.

Now we talked about the jointly ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ coming, which is the four living ones. We know that as the word of God has told us that we are born, and born in this truth: Lord of all. We have this wondrous truth that the Lord wants us to grow up into Him in all things to rule and to reign jointly together with Him as a king as that ruler jointly with Him. Now go on back if you will, and let's turn to Exodus 19:6. This is a beautiful portion of scripture here where the Lord is speaking to Moses. We'll back up to verse three, and it says Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain saying thus shall thou say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel; ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bear you on eagle's wings and brought you unto Myself. How beautiful. Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant. So see, as the Lord brought them to Him, faithful to them, revealed Himself to them just like He does to those that receive Christ as Saviour. Amen?

But we know that there's more, there was more to these Old Testament saints. So, He had brought them to Him, He bear them on eagle's wings; He had brought them to Himself. He says now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed; "indeed" means that passion, come after Me. Alright? Come fully after Me, keep My covenant. And see, we have this covenant praise God of a marriage covenant. That's our covenant today praise the Lord, but in keeping their covenant, and we talked about the covenant that the Lord had given to them, and how beautiful and it's coming forth, and it would come forth with that Abrahamic covenant of what God had given them, and what God would give to them, praise the Lord in Canaan and all of that. But it says now therefore, if you'll obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is Mine, and what does He say? And you be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and they were made unto God kings and priests. Praise the Lord. So, where I'm emphasizing if the Lord continues to get more and more emphasis, and definite encouragement as to who and what these two companies are. Alright. So, it's a magnificent thing there.

Now, let's go on quickly to the second rank. So, we've spoken about you know obviously, you can't speak about the church without the twenty-four elders being there, because that's remember the twelve stars of the crown upon the woman in the wilderness? There they were in representation of the twelve tribes. So, the friends of the bridegroom are always going to be involved in that precious communion in that encouragement that the Lord has with His wife. So, she's seen throughout praise God, and the twenty-four elders are seen throughout, praise God, Revelation because they're there. Matter of fact, they took off there in Matthew Twenty-seven, so there they are. Alright now, the second rank. We go into the tribulation in chapters six just to let you know, and it's a brief recount of almost the entire seven years of one chapter. And we'll come back, and touch upon those things if the Lord tarry, but we get to chapter seven now. After seeing those things, John is going to be taken here and there in the spirit; the Lord's showing him lots of things to write at different times, but now in chapter seven John sees these four angels that are holding back the four winds of the earth; this is in verse one. And that the wind shall not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on the tree. So, we are in the tribulation time now. Alright? And those four angels praise God, right there is the bride again holding back this destruction jointly ruling and reigning together with Jesus Christ. But see, we were already doing that right now till he that hinders is taken out of the way, and you haven't done a thing but believe. And you won't do a thing but believe. Praise God, it's just what the bride does. Praise God it's just what we do. We trust Him by His grace to do it in us, and it's going to be done. I believe Him like that, He wills and does of His good pleasure, does He not? I love living that, and that is; that is such a blessed life, hallelujah.

Now so, after these things you see the four angels holding back the four winds. And the bride's doing that. Those four angels, that's the representation of the bride at that time again; you've seen the beasts, you've seen the four angels, then you're going to see the seven angels. Nothings hard for God, and she's such an in folding and folding out of all these revelations of what the Lord is doing through her. Now those winds are not going to be unleashed until the

hundred and forty-four thousand are sealed, so there's your third company. Right? And when He says sealed, they're going to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, but at the same time that the hundred and forty-four thousand are being converted you know in that conversion is coming, and when I say that they're being sealed, and saved, and filled, the innumerable multitude is taken up, so let's read verse nine. So, we're into the tribulations. So, John says after this I beheld and lo, a great multitude which no man could number. So, here we've got this new big company in heaven of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and they're not in the midst of the throne, are they? They're standing before the throne, and before the Lamb. So, if they're standing before the throne and the Lamb, we know who's there with the Lamb; we already read that back in chapter four. The bride's there, alright?

So, she's with Him seeing all these things. And they're clothed with white robes. Once again that is the leukos white, that's not the lampros of the bride. That is the same white the twenty-four elders wear, and it says they have palms in their hand. These things mean everything, and it's not a crown that's in their hand, it's not hold that fast which thou has that no man take thou crown, they don't have a crown, they have a palm, and they're waving a palm. And they don't rule and reign jointly together with Him; they're not worshipping in that. Their cry is this with a loud voice, thanks be to God. What they knew and what they took; salvation. Salvation to our God. I thank the Lord we're after salvation with eternal glory; that's what the bride took. Alright? So, they cry salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And it says all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and about the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God. What a site that's going to be. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, sir, thou know. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation. See, this company came out of the tribulation. They weren't there at the time of that first trump when John said I heard a trumpet speaking with me. That moment, right then the bride was there. Out of the tribulation now comes this innumerable multitude. Alright? And have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. So, they're taken out of tribulation not like the four living ones at the beginning of the trumpet voice, and we find ourselves about a year and a half into the tribulation at this time.

Now, these ones do not reign, they don't have a crown, there's no attributes of the likeness of Jesus Christ like the four living ones that look like the lion, the calf, the man, and the eagle. How descriptive it was of them, amen, but not this company? And they're not in the throne, and they're waving Palms. And more importantly we're going to read here in a minute it wasn't a joy unspeakable and full of glory, and a bridal embrace when they got to heaven. Something else occurred when they got to heaven. Let's read from verse fourteen, and I said unto him, Sir thou knowest, and he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve. Once again, what you take here in faith you will have over there. This is the innumerable multitude. This is the innumerable multitude of Christianity today. You go into 99.999 percent of any Christian church today you will hear the gospel of serving. You will be encouraged to be a servant, and a good servant, and a wonder servant, and it is a good

thing, but it's not acceptable, and it's not the perfect will of God. And if that's what you choose there's an innumerable amount of palms to be handed out to those. And they serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sits on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them. So, think of this, there's a feeding and leading, and here that wonderful bride is with Him to rule and to reign jointly together She knows His leading praise God. And not only does she drink of Him, He drinks of her. She gives Him a kiss that is the sweetest one.

It goes on to say here, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and here's the saddest part. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. It's an immediate thing, there'll be no more sorrow after that point, but there was a sadness and a tragedy that they had to go into the tribulation. There was a sadness and a sorrow it'll be known. Those that will miss this will know in different magnitudes, but there will be a sorrow. that will have to be wiped away. So, you have to reject truly to not see just the difference in these two companies wouldn't you say? You don't care? You either don't care to know, you don't want to know, or you just reject no. But it's here, and it's obvious they're not in the same place, they don't come in the same time, they're different companies of reigning. One comes in at the very beginning at the first trumpet, the other one comes out of tribulation.

Now we're not done yet, let's go to the third rank which are the hundred and forty-four thousand. For this we go on over to chapter fourteen. Now, more time has elapsed between the rapture of that innumerable multitude, and now here comes the hundred and forty-four thousand, and matter of fact that time is almost to the midpoint of the tribulation. We're almost tipping into the great tribulation time, and we read of this precious company how they were birthed, and the enemy wanted so to destroy that and to stop that, but the Lord just plucked that precious company up; took them home, hallelujah, and here they are in chapter fourteen, home with the Lord. These are precious ones, they're not fully mature though, but they're powerful because as we read last week in chapter twelve, verse five they're a man child. They're passionate and strong in what they know, but they're not to that capacity of the bride.

Now, let's go ahead and read verses one through five of chapter fourteen. It says and I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him a hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. See all the different names and how they're written in different ways, and that again speaking of the Jew in Israel bringing back God the Father in their forehead. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty-four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth, and you see there again they're standing before the throne. They're not in that midst of the throne, in that glory; they're standing there amongst the ones of the innumerable multitude, and seeing and looking to that throne. It says these are they which were not defiled with women; these are those wise virgins as we spoke of. They do make it and they do go to the wedding feast, praise God. For they are virgins, yes, they are. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Once again we speak of this first fruits; again it speaks of

Israel being those first fruits to God, and they were the ones that again the Lord turned; He came to His own.

That was the first fruit, but His own received Him not and then He turns from that, and in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne day and night. So, once again these are not in the throne, or sitting on thrones. They stand before the throne, they sing a wondrous song, but the worship as we will see is always the continued possession of the four living ones; they're the worshippers. They're just a voice drawn nigh, and fervent love to kissing. They're doing it here, and they do it over there, and now right after this point we saw how the devil was cast out of heaven went after that woman in the wilderness. That was the fourth rank there that the Lord would witness, and those people would be saved during that time, but oh what a situation that's going to be. But next week God willing we'll now turn to examine the events as the Lord brings these fourth of the events that will go on after the bride is taken. We'll start to see the events of the world how the world will start to shape up, and the Lord in His faithfulness He's bringing us signs. I mean it's upon us, we're starting to see these things come in, and they're coming in fast, aren't they? And we see so much of the world turning in fear, but yet not turning to God. Matter of fact it's turning more and more away from God. It's amazing, but when you're blind and you don't want to see, and when you have ears and you don't want to hear, as the Lord said, He turned them over to a lie, and oh is it a lie. But thanks be to God we know it's true, and I thank the Lord, He poured it forth again to us. Hallelujah, let's stand and be dismissed.