

“Seeing the Next Scene”

Revelation 7:1-17

Intro:

- * Talk about watching something and seeing the next scene as the plot progresses.
- * Illustration: Movie or tv series
- * Revelation 7 is the next scene John sees as the plot of Revelation progresses.
- * Review what has happened up to this point and show how what comes next is the progression of the plot.

Reflecting on the Word: What scene does John see next?

1. The Sealing of the Protected on Earth (7:1-8)

- 1** After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.
- 2** And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,
- 3** saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”---**Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 9:4**
- 4** And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:---**Genesis 35:23-26**
- 5** From the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,
- 6** from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,
- 7** from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,
- 8** from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

2. The Saving of the Persecuted in Heaven (7:9-17)

- 9** 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(*symbols of victory*) were in their hands;---**Leviticus 23:40**
- 10** and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”---**Psalms 118:19-27**

11 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."---**Revelation 6:9-11; 20:4**

15 "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."---**John 10:1-5, 16**

Responding to the Word:

Revelation 17:1-17

Word Studies

Angels:

A supernatural being created by God to serve Him; often function as messengers.

Standing:

To stand or occupy a place or location

Perfect Participle Active

Holding Back:

To restrain (seize or arrest) or keep under control or in check

Present Participle Active

Blow:

To be in motion from one area to another often forcibly

Present Subjunctive Active

Having:

To have or hold in one's hands or grip and possess

Present Participle active

Seal:

Mark, inscription, proof, attestation

Granted:

To give, allow, bestow

Aorist Indicative Passive

Harm:

To cause injury or do harm

Aorist Imperative Active

Sealed:

To mark something especially with an identifying symbol left from the impression of a signet ring---Ezekiel 9:4

Aorist Subjunctive Active (7:3)

Perfect Participle Passive (7:4-8)

Great:

Remarkable or out of the ordinary in degree, magnitude or effect, many, great number

Nation (Ethnos):

Large people group based on various cultural, physical or geographical ties

Tribes:

A social division of people often based on lineage

Peoples (Laos):

Large people group based on various cultural, physical or geographical ties

Tongues (Glossa):

A distinct people group understood by the language associated with them

Robes:

Stately robes often reflecting positions of state or priestly functions---Revelation

Palm Branches:

The branch of a palm tree---Leviticus 23:40

Cry Out:

To utter loud often with surprise, horror or joy

Present Indicative Active

Salvation (Soteria):

The state of being delivered or preserved from harm (of judgment) especially as what that state entails, a safe haven in heaven---Revelation 2:10; 12:11

Fell:

To bow down, prostrate oneself

Aorist Indicative Active

Worshipped:

Conceived of bowing down to a deity

Aorist Indicative Active

Amen:

Blessing (Eulogia):

The speech act of praying for divine favor or protection especially with the idea that even the audience as well as the recipient receives a benefit from the utterance, praise

Glory:

A state of high honor, recognition

Wisdom:

The trait of utilizing knowledge and experience with common sense and insight

Thanksgiving:

The act of expressing gratitude or showing appreciation to someone

Honor:

The state of being highly respected, revered or valued

Power:

Possession of controlling influence often understood as manifesting influence over reality in a supernatural manner

Might:

Capability/strength and the possession of the qualities required to do something or to get something done especially the possession of physical qualities

Lord:

A title of respect for someone in a position of greater authority or stature

Know:

To be cognizant or aware of a fact or a specific piece of information, possess knowledge or information about and being able to understand

Perfect Indicative Active

Are:

To be identical to, be someone or something

Present Indicative Active

Great:

Remarkable or out of the ordinary in degree, magnitude or effect, many, great number

Tribulation:

Distress or oppressive state of physical, mental, social or economic adversity, affliction

White:

To cause to become white often used of the fuller's bleaching process

Aorist Indicative Active

Serve:

To worship a deity conceived of as serving the deity

Present Indicative Active

Will Spread Tabernacle:

To take up residence or dwelling in or as if a tent sometimes conveying temporariness

Be Shepherd:

To care for conceived of by the care and nurture typical of a shepherd for his sheep

Future Indicative Active

Guide:

To lead

Future Indicative Active

Life:

The condition of living or the state of being alive especially healthiness, happiness, exuberance, energy, vitality and the like

Wipe Away;

To remove or eliminate

Future Indicative Active