



REVELATION

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

THE THEME

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MARCH MEMORY VERSE

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 NIV

MARCH CHALLENGE VERSE

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.”

Hebrews 1:8 NIV

MARCH 24 - LIFE APPLICATION

Even in hard times, we can find mercy from God.

NOTE TO PARENTS

Scripture: **Revelation 7:9-17**

In the **Book of Revelation**, John, the disciple loved by Jesus, is given words and visions of heaven and Jesus, and prophecies about the End of Times. Remind your family that **God has a plan**, is over all things, knows all things, and He is with us through all things. Please read the scripture and listen to the sermon, in person or online, before discussing with your family.

In this week's message we will look at **Revelation 7:9-17**. In **Revelation 6**, John saw Jesus the Lamb opening the seven seals. In the last few weeks, we learned about the first six seals. Now, in **chapter 7**, there is a pause in the opening of the seals and we will learn **what happened between the sixth and seventh seals**.

Before talking with your family, pray with them. Even though bad things will happen in the world during the End Times, and we are able to know about them, we will not have to worry. God has a plan to take us to heaven to be with Him before all of this even happens! It is called the Rapture. Therefore, Christians and their believing kids should never have to worry. Please emphasize God's great love for us. That's why Jesus came to the earth to save us!

REVIEW

John was brought to the throne room of God, and he saw that God had a scroll in His hand. **What is the scroll?** (*It is the deed of ownership to the earth. It is closed with seven seals.*) **Who was the only one worthy to open the scroll?** (*Jesus, the Lamb of God, because He sacrificed His perfect, sinless life and died for our sins.*)

What were the seals?

- **The First Seal:** The white horse: The *Antichrist* who brings peace for 3 ½ years, but lies and tricks everyone
- **The Second Seal:** The bright red horse, who brings *war*
- **The Third Seal:** The black horse, who brings *famine* and scarcity of food
- **The Fourth Seal:** The pale horse, who brings *death*, and one-fourth of the world dies because of war, famine, disease, or natural disasters
- **The Fifth Seal:** The *martyrs* who came to faith in The Great Tribulation and died for their faith
- **The Sixth Seal:** A great earthquake, the sun turned black, the moon turned red, the stars fell to the earth, a strong wind, the heavens receded, every mountain and island are moved from their place

Who did God choose to stand for Him during the Great Tribulation?

- 44,000 Jews (12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel) called to preach the gospel during the Great Tribulation
- A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language (**Revelation 7:9**)

DISCUSS

1. In **Revelation 7:9-17**, John sees that a great multitude, too numerous to count, came to faith in Jesus and many of them died as martyrs for their faith. Others came to faith during the Great Tribulation. This will be the greatest revival of all time because so many people will come to faith by the millions! They are in heaven, standing before the throne. **How do you think they came to faith?** *(They came to faith by hearing about Jesus from the 144,000 Jewish evangelists and others who became Christians during the Great Tribulation. Also, from books, other literature, videos, testimonies, and Bibles left behind after the rapture. We will find out about other ways people become believers in the weeks to come!)*
2. John saw these people standing before the throne in heaven. **What are they doing?** *(They are wearing white robes, and holding palm branches in their hands and waving them just like people did when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Then they believed He was coming to save them as a military hero, and now He really is!)*
3. **What else are they doing, in verses 9-11?** They are worshiping God and the Lamb because they have been saved! And the millions of angels, the 24 elders, and the four living creatures are worshiping as well, falling on their faces before the throne!)
4. In **verses 12-13**, one of the elders asks John if he knows who these people are who are wearing white robes. John asks the elder to tell him. **What did he say?** *(They are the ones who came out of the Great Tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.)* **What does this mean to you?** *(Pause for answers, then explain: Because of Jesus their sins are forgiven. Their robes are perfectly clean. Their sins are forgiven, they are clean from the inside out!)*
5. In **verses 15-17**, the elder explains how wonderful this is for the saints who died during the Great Tribulation. Let's read through the verses, and list.
 - They serve God day and night. What an honor!
 - They shall never hunger or thirst anymore
 - The sun will not beat down on them

These were probably some of the ways they died in the Great Tribulation. But no more! For the Lamb is their shepherd (**Psalm 23**). Therefore, they shall not want - ever again! And God wipes away all their tears, never to cry again!

- 6. What do you think? What do you think we have to look forward to when we get to heaven?** (*Serving God forever, worshiping Him, no suffering ever again! Jesus the Lamb will be our shepherd. And, God will wipe away all of our sorrows and tears.*)

Main Point from our Pastor, David Chadwick:

“Even in tough times, we can find God's tender mercy. Even in the greatest of all God's judgments, the day of the Lord, he will still reach millions of people during the Great Tribulation. For some, it will take the pain of God's judgments for them to come to faith. The same sun that melts ice also hardens clay. If anyone has any openness to the Lord, the Lamb, they just may finally find him in the Great Tribulation. And be saved forever. Present pain cannot begin to compare to eternal glory!”

PRAYER

God, we thank You for showing us the future through John in Revelation. Thank You that we know many millions of people will come to faith in You in the Great Tribulation because of Your mercy. Thank You that we don't have to worry because You have already made a plan for us - our faith in Jesus protects us! In the Name of the Lamb, Amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Play beautiful worship music and give your family art supplies. Ask them to draw what they think the throne room of heaven will look like. If you want, go back and find scripture describing this in **Revelation 4**. Then, be sure and include the believers dressed in white robes along with the angels, the elders, and the four living creatures! This could be a group project or individual. Remind everyone that they will all be waving palm branches and praising the Lord, like we did in church on Palm Sunday!

(Another option: If your family prefers not to do art, ask them to imagine and describe or act out what they think it will be like in the throne room of heaven: sights, smells, sounds, what it will feel like.)