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January Bible Study (1/13/21)

SCRIPTURE TEXT: *Revelation 7:9-17* SUBJECT TITLE: "When WE ALL get to HEAVEN"

I. What do we know about the book of Revelation?

- 1. LAST book in the Bible.
- 2. LISTS the letters to the 7 churches.
- 3. LOOKS closely at the reality of heaven & hell.

II. What do we know about the writer John?

- 1. PROPHET Received a vision from God about the apocalypse.
- 2. PENMAN Wrote down what God said about the end times.
- 3. PATMOS Sentenced in isolation to die on the island Patmos but heard from God.

III. <u>Main Points</u>

Pt. 1 - VISION from God about heaven (v.9)

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Pt. 2 - VOLUMES of people in heaven (v.9)

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Pt. 3 - VARIETY of nationalities around God's throne (v.9)

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Pt. 4 - VOCAL celebration about salvation (v.10-12)

(10) And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12) saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Pt. 5 - VICTORY over tribulation & the enemy (v.13-17)

(13) Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" (14) I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (15) Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. (16) 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, '[a] nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"