

Rev. 7:1-8:5 Jan. 13-14

Dwell: Take a moment to think back through this passage. Make a note of any questions/reactions you have.

Dig: How do the “four corners” and “four winds” in v. 1 connect to “from every nation, from all tribes & peoples and languages” in v.9? What might this be showing us?

2. We know that what John hears and what he sees isn’t always the same. Compare what John hears and sees in our passage in the chart below. Consider how what he saw in chpt. 5 informed what heard (the chpt. 5 reference is not connected to chpt. 7, but may be useful in helping us understand the connection between his hearing and seeing).

What John heard 	What John saw 	How might this help us understand the 144,000?
5:5	5:6	
7:4	7:9	

3. In v. 9 the saints are holding palm branches. Read John 12:13 and Lv. 23:40 on the back. What might these palm branches be telling us?

4. What 7 things are ascribed to God by the heavenly host in v.12? What prompts their worship?

5. What is the response to the Lamb opening the seventh seal in v. 8:1? What might this response indicate? Consider Hab. 2:20, Zeph. 1:7, and Zech. 2:13.

6. The end of v 8:5 reads a lot like Rev. 4:5. What might this be telling us about the coming judgement?

7. What are you learning in this passage about God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

Deepen: Describe a time of suffering in your life. How did you respond? How does this passage encourage you to respond when you suffer?

2. What are some ways you try to save yourself or believe that you can save yourself? Spend time repenting and praising God that your salvation belongs to Him.

3. How does the scene in heaven give you hope? How might it change the way you worship?

4. What do you typically pray for? How does this passage encourage you to change the way you pray?

John 12:13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

Lv. 23:33-43 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. ³⁵On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. ³⁶For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is ³⁷“These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day, ³⁸besides the LORD's Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.” ³⁹“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. ⁴⁰And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. ⁴¹You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴²You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, ⁴³that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Hab. 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Zeph 1:7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

Zec. 2:13 Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.