***God’s People: Exposed & Protected***

**Revelation 7**

**Canon City EFC 10-8-17**

MAIN IDEA: Those who have been washed clean by the blood of the Lamb are marked and protected

as His people and look forward to a perfect future in His presence.

SUPPORTING IDEAS:

144,000, vs 1-8

SEAL OF BELONGING People are being sealed – mark of belonging

God knows those who are His, II Tim 2.19, Jn 10.14

if God is sealing His people, NOBODY GETS LEFT BEHIND (Jn 6.39, 10.38

 SEAL OF PROTECTION, v.3

Seal of belonging, seal of protection – true in that day; true for you this day, if belong to Christ

GREAT MULTITUDE, vs.9-17

Massive – “multitude”, “great”, “no one could count”, v.9

From everywhere *from every nation, tribe, people and language,*

In God’s presence: *standing before the throne and before the Lamb.*

they know the King & praise Him, 9-10 & joined by all heaven, 11-12

 1question: *where did they come from?” v.14 they who have come out of the great tribulation;*

 they’re not there anymore – *come out of the great tribulation, they are before the throne of God*

 Had experienced ‘tribulation” – but past now – in the perfection of heaven, In the presence of God

 2nd question: *Who are they?* How they got here, before the throne

*they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

 *15 . . . Therefore, they are before the throne*

 That’s the ONLY reason they’re here – Only One can wash away their sin

the multitude had affirmed that *“Salvation belongs to our God . . . & to the Lamb, v.10*

 Saved to a perfect future, 15-17

 SERVE HIM, 15 - significance

 SHELTERED BY HIM, 16-17 - finally freed from all that destroys, steals, hinders, restricts

*the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;*

* Full provision given *‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’* Jn 7.38
* Old wounds healed, 17 *God will wipe away every tear from their eyes*

Implications:

 144,00 – BELONGING & PROTECTION, here & now, because you belong to Him

Whether endure the great tribulation or not, will face tribulation, whether natural or human

 Great Multitude – PERFECT FUTURE: significance, provision, healing

 In His presence forever, serving the King forever, full protection, provision & healing forever

 A CHOICE TO BE MADE: The Lamb shed His blood – invites you now to wash you robe

CONCLUSION / APPLICATION:

No matter what we each think about the debatable issues from this chapter, what from the truths about the 144,000 should shape how we live, 1-8? What from the Great Multitude, 9-17

As those washed by the blood of the Lamb, how should we view troubles today? How should we see eternity? How can we begin to taste eternity here & now?