

“What John Hears in Revelation Chapter 7”

Revelation 7:1-10

Introduction: I started with a question about the difference between *seeing* and *hearing*. And then I pondered more deeply: *What does John actually hear in these verses?*

- I. A note about *hearing* in the Bible
 - a. Jesus said, “Whoever has ears, let them hear”
 - b. “To hear” means to listen, hear, and *comprehend*
 - c. Romans 10:17: “Faith comes by *hearing*” (not seeing!)

- II. Most of us do not hear what John heard in Rev. 7:4-8
 - a. We hear numbers; John heard Numbers
 - b. We hear “people”; John heard “an army”
 - c. We hear a *total*; John heard a perfect *representation*

- III. Now about that number 12
 - a. Like the number 7, 12 finds its significance in Creation
 - b. Now about that word “govern” in Genesis 1:16, 18
 - c. John was one of the New Testament “Twelve”

Conclusion: After John *heard* “the number...from all the tribes of Israel,” he looked and *saw* “a great multitude that no one could count...standing before the throne.”