



THE GREAT MULTITUDE

“With this I looked, and saw **A GREAT MULTITUDE, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER, OF ALL NATIONS**, and tribes, and people, and tongues, **STOOD BEFORE THE THRONE**, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms **IN THEIR HANDS**”. (Revelation 7:9).

WHO IS this great multitude?

THAT is the question that **most pre-tribbers answer incorrectly** and **post-tribbers simply CANNOT answer.**

TRIBULATION MARTYRS

The prophecy establishment has told us for years that they are the “tribulation martyrs”, people who die for their faith DURING the tribulation.

There are FOUR MAJOR problems with that FALSE and ILLOGICAL view:

1. That’s IMPOSSIBLE.

The multitude APPEARS IN HEAVEN under **the 6TH SEAL** BEFORE tribulation judgments HAVE even BEGUN.

Tribulation judgments BEGIN ONLY when the **7TH SEAL** is opened (Revelation 8:1-6).



2. There's NO INDICATION anywhere that these people have died.

3. Tribulation martyrs **ARE NOT CAUGHT UP to heaven at all, but ARE RESURRECTED TO RULE HERE ON EARTH at the start of the millennium, AFTER** the **7TH SEAL** has been opened and the **7TH TRUMPET** has been blown. That is UNDISPUTED (Revelation 20:4).

The multitude appears in heaven under THE **6TH SEAL**, **BEFORE** the 7th seal is opened and **BEFORE** any trumpets have been blown.

It's utterly impossible.

THE 7 SEALS IN REVELATION						
SEAL 1	SEAL 2	SEAL 3	SEAL 4	SEAL 5	SEAL 6	SEAL 7
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	YELLOW HORSE	SOULS UNDER ALTAR	BLACK SUN, RED MOON, QUAKE 144,000 SEALED RAPTURE INNUNERABLE MULTITUDE APPEARS IN HEAVEN SUDDENLY	TRIBULATION 7 TRUMPETS 7 BOWLS SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

4. There may be A LOT of martyrs who die for their newly found faith in Christ during the tribulation, **but a “multitude that NO ONE can number”?**

Give me a break!

The Book of Revelation gives some pretty large numbers like **200 MILLION** missiles from the Euphrates (unlike the multitude, **they CAN be numbered**, Revelation 9:16).

Even satan and Antichrist **can't kill THAT MANY PEOPLE in 42 months.**

The 42 months begin under the **7th seal and 6th trumpet** (Revelation 9:13).

As already noted, the multitude appears in heaven – **IN PHYSICAL BODIES – BEFORE** the 42-month reign of Antichrist begins (Revelation 7:9, 16-17; Revelation 11:2).

Therefore, there's NO WAY they could have been killed by the Antichrist.

SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR

The other theory often postulated is that the multitude refers to the “souls under the altar” mentioned under the 5th seal, and that they are all the people who have died for their faith in Christ throughout the centuries.



There are **THREE INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS** with that theory:

1. The great multitude **CANNOT be NUMBERED**: The SOULS under the altar, as Scripture clearly says, **CAN BE NUMBERED** (Revelation 6:11).

Therefore, **NO WAY** can they be the same group.

2. The SOULS under the altar are **DISEMBODED SOULS**.

The great multitude is not **JUST SOULS**. They have **PHYSICAL BODIES**, as proven by the fact **they can STAND, HAVE EYES AND HANDS**.

And, if they **WERE** the souls, which now **SUDDENLY** appear in heaven in **RESURRECTED BODIES**, **wouldn't that PROVE they were RAPTURED?**

Isn't that PRECISELY what happens at the Rapture? (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

3. Revelation 7:14 clearly tell us that this **GREAT MULTITUDE**, that **NO ONE** can

number, **has “COME OUT OF** the great tribulation”.

Since they **CAME OUT OF** the great tribulation, they **CANNOT BE the Christian martyrs that died PRIOR TO** the tribulation.

Nor CAN they be “tribulation martyrs”, for the reasons already listed above (the tribulation judgments and reign of Antichrist **HAVE NOT EVEN BEGUN** when they appear in heaven).

We have JUST PROVEN -- CONCLUSIVELY and BIBLICALLY -- that the multitude **CANNOT** be comprised **of martyrs who died EITHER BEFORE OR DURING** the tribulation.

The big question then becomes:

WHO are they?

WHAT GROUP OF BELIEVERS COULD – REALISTICALLY -- comprise a multitude **SO GREAT** that it cannot be numbered, and who appears suddenly before God’s Throne in heaven, **IN PHYSICAL BODIES?**

**WHAT GROUP OF BELIEVERS COULD –
REALISTICALLY -- come from EVERY
NATION, tribe, people and tongue?**



**WHAT GROUP OF BELIEVERS COULD --
REALISTICALLY -- COME OUT OF THE
GREAT TRIBULATION, and yet NOT BE
tribulation martyrs?**

The ONLY possible answer is:

They are the Church, the Body of Christ, His spiritual Bride, who is CAUGHT UP to heaven AS THE TRIBULATION BEGINS, BEFORE any judgments are poured out on the earth, and BEFORE the reign of Antichrist.



The Church **INCLUDES** those who died in Christ **BEFORE** the tribulation (the **SOULS** under the altar, in the 5th **SEAL**), **plus ALL born-again believers who are ALIVE** on earth when Jesus appears in the clouds...

...**Plus ALL** those on earth who **TURN TO HIM WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS**, even in the final moments, **when He appears in the clouds with power and great glory** (Joel 2:32; Luke 21:27).



THAT IS WHY they CANNOT be counted.

As far as post-tribbers are concerned, I have only ONE question **which I KNOW -- IN ADVANCE – (glory to Jesus!) that they CANNOT answer:**

If this GREAT, INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE ISN'T the Church, **then WHO THE HECK are they?**

Here's ABSOLUTE PROOF – 100% IRREFUTABLE – that the Rapture occurs BEFORE the tribulation judgments.



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