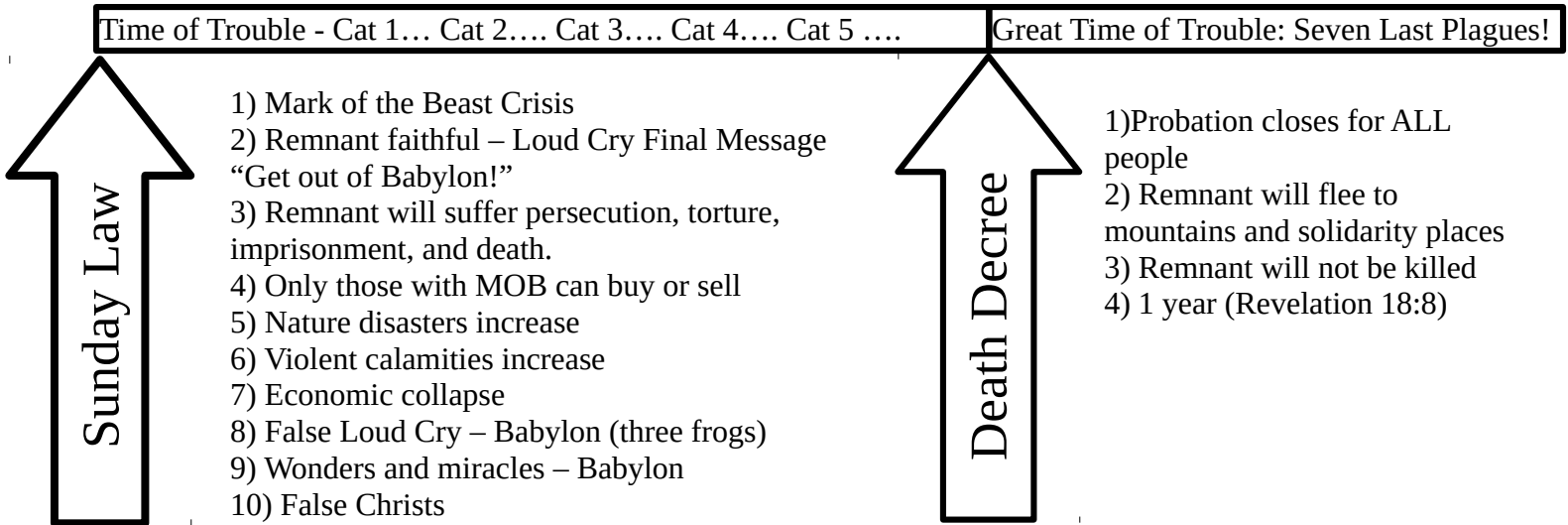


Great Controversy Series
Final Delivery Timeline
Chapter 40 - God's People Delivered
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Review: "Time of Trouble" summary of events



After Sunday laws are passed and enforced throughout the world, the Loud Cry of the three angels’ message will get louder and louder uplifting the true Jesus Christ, his testimonies, His commandments, the seal of the living God, the seventh day Sabbath, and exposing the Satan’s counterfeit system, Babylon, the beast, and image of the beast. The call to “GET OUT of Babylon, MY PEOPLE,” will grow louder and louder. **This call to repent and GET OUT will be a blessing to those who take heed to the calling but a nagging irritation to those who reject it!** The message will cause a deeper divide and enmity between the remnant and those who reject TRUTH. **The GREAT CONTROVERSY between TRUTH and LIE will intensify to its greatest level against the God’s true remnant.**

During the mark of the beast crisis millions will be pricked and convicted by the loud cry message worldwide but a great majority will reject it. What will they agree to do to stop the faithful remnant from giving it?

Acts 5:27-33

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,
 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.
 29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.
 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.
 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
 32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.
 33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and **took counsel to slay them.**

Revelation 13:15

15 And he [USA] had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast **should be killed**.

Revelation 13:15 is describing a universal death decree that will be targeted to get rid of all the true remnant of God who reject Satan's counterfeit Sunday "sabbath" and embrace ALL of God's truth including the obedience of God's true seventh day Sabbath.

"When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof." GC 635

What will the faithful remnant do when an official death decree is given to kill them?

"The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still **plead for divine protection**, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen." GC 635

Why is a death decree issued to kill God's remnant? What reasoning did the Jewish leaders give to try to "justify" the death decree against Jesus Christ?

John 11:47-50

47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

This will be the exact same reasoning that will be used to issue a death decree worldwide to exterminate a small minority who oppose and refuse to unite with the Sunday Sacredness laws.

Mesmerized by Satan's impersonation of Jesus Christ, the apostate churches and governments will believe that God has given them authority to issue and enforce a "death decree" against the small minority of God's remnant people. **They truly think they are doing the will of God for the good of the world!**

John 16:1-2

1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be **offended (Gk: trip up or enticed to sin)**.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever **killeth you will think that he doeth God service**.

"It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness... This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. GC 616

When the death decree is given you will be hunted like prey and deemed the worst enemy, a terrorist with “extreme” views that must be terminated. It will be the deepest and darkest period of human history! It will be the final stage of “labor”, events that will take place right before the delivery!

In the final stage of labor before delivery, what are the events that take place as tokens of deliverance that give hope to God’s faithful during their most trying hour after the universal death decree is given?

1) Rainbow Of Promise seen across the sky as a token of soon delivery!

Remember, from the time of the flood the rainbow is a token of God’s covenant to the faithful.

Genesis 9:13

13 I do set my **bow in the cloud**, and it shall be for a **token [monument / evidence] of a covenant between me and the earth.**

“With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation (curses), throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. **Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company.** The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness.” GC 635 & 636

2) The audible voice of God is heard & the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne is seen!

Isaiah 30:29-30

29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

30 And the LORD shall cause **his glorious voice to be heard**, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. **(description of earth’s final events)**

“By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, ‘Look up,’ and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: ‘I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.’ John 17:24. Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: ‘They come! they come! holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience; they shall walk among the angels;’ and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith utter a shout of victory.” GC 636

“Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.’ Psalm 46:1-3.” GC 639

3) Jesus’ final proclamation to the earth is heard: “It is done!”

Revelation 16:17

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great **voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne**, saying, **It is done.**

Revelation 11:15 – more detail

15 And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there were **great voices** in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

“Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: ‘**It is done.**’ Revelation 16:17.” GC 636

The proclamations of “It is done!” at each phase of the ministry of Christ found in the sanctuary

1) Court yard – Earth

Before the cross – Jesus revealed Himself as the Savior to the world

John 17:4

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

On Calvary's cross – Sacrifice complete

John 19:30

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

2) Temple in heaven - Holy to Most Holy place (1844 – beginning of the investigative Judgment)

3) Throws down the censor in Most Holy place – take of High Priest garments and puts on kingly attire. Marks the beginning of the seven last plagues

4) On the throne with kingly garments - “It is done” heard throughout the earth! - Announced at the beginning of the last plague.

4) Great worldwide earthquake & hail storm! (During seventh plague)

Revelation 16:17-18, 21

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a **great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne**, saying, **It is done.**

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent (100 pounds plus): and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

“That voice (Jesus: “It is DONE!”) shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, ‘such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.’ Verses 17, 18. The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side.” GC 637

Whole island and mountains will disappear. Whole cities will be destroyed in a moment. The great skyscrapers that made the hearts of greedy men proud will come crumbing down in an instant! In the midst of this “prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free.” GC 636

All the proud and lifted up will lose everything in an instant!

Isaiah 2:11-12, 20 and 21

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to **shake terribly the earth.**

5) A Special Resurrection (Fulfillment of Daniel 12:2 and Revelation 1:7)**Daniel 12:2**

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Example: *What did Jesus prophesy to Caiaphas the high priest?*

Matthew 26:63-65

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

“Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.” GC 637

6) Ten Commandments on tables of stone in sky are seen worldwide

The two witnesses of Revelation 11 represent Old and New testament that contains the covenant of God, the Ten Commandments from Genesis to Revelation.

Revelation 11:12

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

“While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded

together. Says the prophet: 'The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.' Psalm 50:6. That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth." GC 639

"Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God." GC 640

7) Day and Hour of DELIVERANCE, Second Coming of Jesus, is announced!

"The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory." GC 640

8) Small black cloud - Second Coming of Jesus! - FINAL DELIVERANCE

Matthew 24:27

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

"Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror." GC 640

"His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. And His brightness was as the light.' Habakkuk 3:3,4. As the living cloud comes still nearer, every eye beholds the Prince of life. No crown of thorns now mars that sacred head; but a diadem of glory rests on His holy brow. His countenance outshines the dazzling brightness of the noonday sun. 'And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords.' Revelation 19:16." - GC 641

"Before His presence 'all faces are turned into paleness;' upon the rejecters of God's mercy falls the terror of eternal despair. "The heart melteth, and the knees smite together, . . . and the faces of them all gather blackness." Jeremiah 30:6; Nahum 2:10. The righteous cry with trembling: 'Who shall be able to stand?' The angels' song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying: 'My grace is sufficient for you.' The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher and sing again as they draw still nearer to the earth." GC 641

What do the wicked say as Jesus draws nearer the earth?

Revelation 6:15-16

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

“And now there rises a cry of mortal agony. Louder than the shout, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," which rang through the streets of Jerusalem, swells the awful, despairing wail, "He is the Son of God! He is the true Messiah!" They seek to flee from the presence of the King of kings. In the deep caverns of the earth, rent asunder by the warring of the elements, they vainly attempt to hide.” GC 643

“Those who would have destroyed Christ and His faithful people now witness the glory which rests upon them. In the midst of their terror they hear the voices of the saints in joyful strains exclaiming: ‘Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us.’ Isaiah 25:9.” GC 644

9) Dead in Christ Resurrected & Living meet the Lord in the air!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Mark 13:24-27

24 But in those days, after that tribulation (seven last plagues), the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

“Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then, raising His hands to heaven, He cries: ‘Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!’ Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead shall hear that voice, and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. From the prison house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: ‘O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?’ 1 Corinthians 15:55. And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory.” GC 644

1 Corinthians 15:51-54

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

10) Space TRAVEL to HEAVEN!

“On each side of the cloudy chariot are wings, and beneath it are living wheels; and as the chariot rolls upward, the wheels cry, "Holy," and the wings, as they move, cry, ‘Holy,’ and the retinue of angels cry, ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.’ And the redeemed shout, ‘Alleluia!’ as the chariot moves onward toward the New Jerusalem.” GC 645

What will God give to His redeemed before they go through the gates of Heaven?

Revelation 2:10

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and **I will give thee a crown of life.**

Victory Crown! (stephanos) – won the race! This crown of victory is a personal monument of victory through Jesus Christ for all who are saved in the kingdom of God!

Revelation 2:17

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone **a new name written**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Revelation 15:2

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, **having the harps of God.**

“Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own "new name" (Revelation 2:17), and the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord." In every hand are placed the victor's palm and the shining harp. Then, as the commanding angels strike the note, every hand sweeps the harp strings with skillful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains. Rapture unutterable thrills every heart, and each voice is raised in grateful praise.” GC 646

Revelation 1:5-6

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Beautiful Heavenly City

We enter through then the gates into the beautiful heavenly city in which words are not adequate to describe. Jesus says...

Matthew 25:34

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

What GREAT JOY will you be able to share with Jesus Christ in Heaven?

“With unutterable love, Jesus welcomes His faithful ones to the joy of their Lord. The Saviour's joy is in seeing, in the kingdom of glory, the souls that have been saved by His agony and humiliation. And the redeemed will be sharers in His joy, as they behold, among the blessed, those who have been won to Christ through their prayers, their labors, and their loving sacrifice. As they gather about the great white throne, gladness unspeakable will fill their hearts, when they behold those whom they have won for Christ, and see that one has gained others, and these still others, all brought into the haven of rest, there to lay their crowns at Jesus' feet and praise Him through the endless cycles of eternity.” GC 647

Your labor is NOT in vain. Keep working while it is still day. You may not see all the results of your labor on earth, but you will get a full scope of it when you walk through the heavenly gates.

1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

What will be one of the greatest reunion scenes in Heaven?

“As the ransomed ones are welcomed to the City of God, there rings out upon the air an exultant cry of adoration. The two Adams are about to meet. The Son of God is standing with outstretched arms to receive the father of our race--the being whom He created, who sinned against his Maker, and for whose sin the marks of the crucifixion are borne upon the Saviour's form. As Adam discerns the prints of the cruel nails, he does not fall upon the bosom of his Lord, but in humiliation casts himself at His feet, crying: "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" Tenderly the Saviour lifts him up and bids him look once more upon the Eden home from which he has so long been exiled.” GC 647

Who sings a special song that nobody else knows?

Revelation 14:1-5

- 1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
- 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
- 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.
- 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
- 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 15:2-4

- 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
- 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.
- 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

144,000 went through GREAT TRIBULATION! Are you ready for this?

Revelation 7:14-17

- 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
- 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.