

The Great Ordeal

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Revelation 7:14: “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Have you ever felt that life is just too rough? That the things that we endure on a daily basis are beyond our strength and power? Have you ever felt that life is just too painful and this often horrific experience we call existence is just downright cruel?

As a follower of Christ, sometimes I get so caught up in thinking about what lies ahead, that I lose sight of the great deal of sorrow and woe that is constantly around me. In the book of Revelation, Jesus shows John what is to come.

In chapter 7, He reveals a multitude from all nations that are standing in the presence of God in continual worship. When asked who they are, He says that they are those that have come out of the “Great Ordeal.”

Trials and tribulation face each of us on a daily basis. Also the struggles of each person’s life is unique. We must remember to hold fast to the strength and cleansing power of our Lord Jesus Christ. If, we hope to be in the multitude, then we must wash ourselves in His blood and continue to persevere the ordeals of this life.

Christ did not promise that we would be free of trial, He only promises that we will come through, if we believe in Him.

Prayer: Father God, forgive me for trying to overcome the struggles of life alone. I realize the pain and sorrow in front of me, is something you will see me through. Allow me not to be dismayed, provide me the courage and strength to push onward. In Christ’ name I pray.