

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10,22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

A great multitude, which ***no one could number***, of ***all*** nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues ... ***(from everywhere)!***

This particular group of people arrived due to great tribulation the KJV says.

CEB says great hardship, the great suffering says the CEV, great tribulation states the NIV.

Either way, they're a particular group that have come through difficulty and persecution, have been washed in the blood of the lamb and clothed in white robes. Full of joy, waving branches and worshipping the LORD.

Psalm 34:4b and 5a They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Matthew 5:9b-12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Friends, we live in a time where being a Born-Again Believer, is not looked upon with great admiration in Canada and many times ridiculed. We are not persecuted in the same way as Saints of old, however there is an undercurrent of persecution that is, at times, not so undercurrent.

I'm encouraged by the fact that one day, all tears will be wiped away, personally by our GOD! Revelation 7:17b. (I tend to imagine, as I often do, there will be a great hug that follows from our Heavenly Father... after all He is our Abba).

