

## HEAVENLY VISIONS TO ENCOURAGE OUR FAITH

Revelation 7-14

### Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- Have you ever received spiritual encouragement from an unexpected source? If so, when and how?
- When you hear the phrase “spiritual battle,” what comes to mind?

The middle chapters of Revelation describe John’s heavenly visions of worship and salvation. These visions are definitely otherworldly and can be intimidating to understand at first glance. But taking the time to study these visions provides us with a valuable and important perspective: God’s cosmic perspective. When we face spiritual battles in our lives, John’s visions remind us of God’s eternal truths. They also help us think about our place in the larger narrative of God’s battle against evil (a battle he has already won through Christ) and provide us encouragement for our faith.

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### Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Reflect on host Scott Hoezee’s statement from segment 1: “The good things of this world are not going to be scrapped; so all the ethnicities with all their distinctive and wonderful characteristics are all going to be part of God’s new people.” Do you find this comforting, why or why not? What does it mean to you that the various markers of culture, like language, food, clothing, and customs will be redeemed and still present “around the throne worshiping God”? What cultural experiences would you be glad to still see in heaven?
- Do you think it is comforting or encouraging to see a heavenly perspective of Christ’s birth and God’s battle with evil in [Revelation 12:1-9](#)? If so, why?
- What is your testimony? What is your contribution to the song sung by those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb ([Revelation 14:3](#))?
- In segment 3, host Darrell Delaney explains, “Good trouble is what happens when you stand up for righteousness; good trouble is what happens when you stand up for truth; when you do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.” Can you think of other examples of “good trouble”? How do you practice “doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God” in your daily life?

### Related Passages

- **Genesis 3:14-15**
- **Luke 2:1-21**
- **Luke 10:17-20**

- **Ephesians 6:10-17**
- **John 16:33**
- **Philippians 1:21**
- **Micah 6:8**
- **Matthew 5:1-11**

## **Conclusion**

What spiritual battles have you encountered in the past or are you currently experiencing in your life? Reflect on these battles in light of the three visions we studied in this episode: the Great Multitude in [Revelation 7](#), the Woman and the Dragon in [Revelation 12](#), and the Lamb and the 144,000 in [Revelation 14](#). Why do you think these visions in particular are encouraging to John, who is exiled to Patmos because of his faith? How do you think they continue to encourage us today?

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