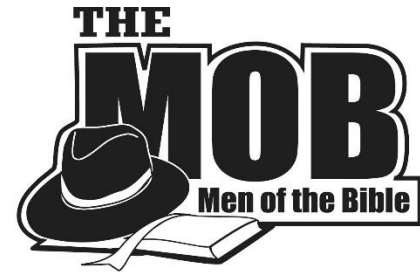


# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

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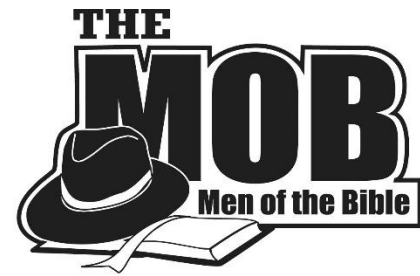
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- Website: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- [IBC Christmas Concert, Dec 9 – 12,](#)  
[“Light Has Come”](#) (Tickets \$5 online)
- Public Service Announcement

# Memory Verse

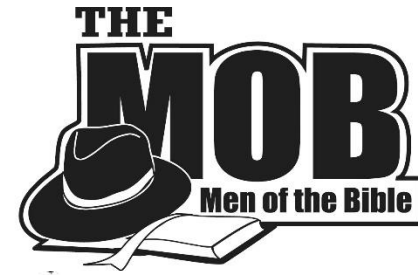


## Matthew 24:14 (ESV)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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# Revelation

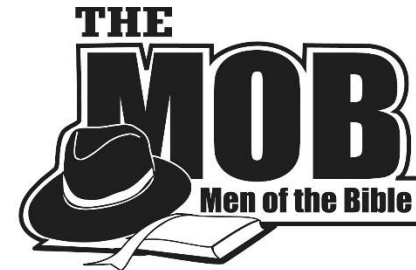


## Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 as of August 31, 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting No.</u>	<u>The Revelation of Jesus Christ – Readings &amp; Topics</u>	<u>Host Sm Grp</u>
Oct 19	7	<a href="#">Revelation 3:7-13</a> To the Church in Philadelphia <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 71 - 79, MacArthur, pp. 87-96</i>	E
Oct 26	8	<a href="#">Revelation 3:14-22</a> To the Church in Laodicea <i>Colossians 2:1-5, Constable's Notes, pp. 79 - 93, MacArthur, pp. 96-103</i>	F
Nov 2	9	<a href="#">Revelation 4:1-11</a> The Throne in Heaven, Worship of the Creator <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 94 - 108, MacArthur, pp. 107-116</i>	G
Nov 9	10	<a href="#">Revelation 5:1-14</a> The Scroll and the Lamb <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 108 - 119, MacArthur, pp. 117-124</i>	A
Nov 16	11	<a href="#">Revelation 6:1-17</a> The Scroll with Seven Seals <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 119 - 135, MacArthur, pp. 125-138</i>	B
Nov 23		Thanksgiving Break – No MOB Meeting	
Nov 30	12	<a href="#">Revelation 7:1-8</a> The 144,000 of Israel Sealed <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 135 - 142, MacArthur, pp. 139-143</i>	C
Dec 7	13	<a href="#">Revelation 7:9-17</a> A Great Multitude from Every Nation <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 142 - 149, MacArthur, pp. 143-149</i>	D
Dec 14	14	<a href="#">Revelation 8:1-13</a> The Seventh Seal, Golden Censer, Seven Trumpets: 1 – 4 <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 149 - 159, MacArthur, pp. 151-159</i>	E
Dec 21 & 28		Christmas & New Year's Break – No MOB Meetings	



# Revelation



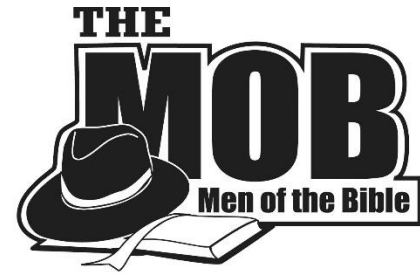
Rapture



<b>Focus</b>	“Things which you have seen”	“Things which are”	“Things which will take place after these things”				
<b>Reference</b>	1:1-20	2:1 – 3:22	4:1 – 5:14	6:1 – 19:10	19:11-21	20:1-15	21:1 – 22:21
<b>Division</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ	Seven Churches	The Judge	Tribulation	Second Coming	Millennium	Eternal State
<b>Topic</b>	Vision of Christ		Vision of Consummation				
	Theophany	Talks	Tribulations		Trumpets (7)	Together	
<b>Location</b>	Written on the Isle of Patmos						
<b>Time</b>	c. AD 95 - 96						



# Our Study of Revelation



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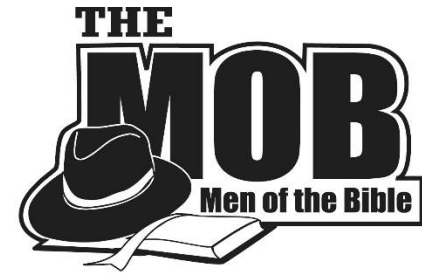
- [Revelation 7:1-8](#) The 144,000 of Israel Sealed
- Memory Verse: [Romans 10:1-2](#)
- [\*Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 135-142\*](#)

## This Meeting:

- [Revelation 7:9-17](#) A Great Multitude from Every Nation
- Memory Verse: [Matthew 24:14](#)
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# Revelation 7:9-17

## Observation & Interpretation



## Special Guest Speaker: Pastor Michael Connor

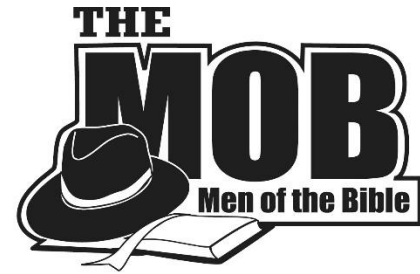


Michael grew up on a farm in northern Maryland and did undergraduate studies in International Relations at American University in Washington D.C. While being exposed to global issues as a student, he became convinced that the real needs of the peoples of the world are not political and economic, but moral and spiritual. Based on this conviction and a clear call from God, he joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ in 1979. In 1982, he was sent as a missionary to French-speaking Cote d'Ivoire, Africa where he served as Campus Crusade's Country Coordinator until 1991.

He achieved Ph.D. candidacy in Intercultural Studies in 1996 and is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry program in Missiology at Trinity International University.

Michael ministered with Christian Embassy since 1996, serving the international diplomatic community in Washington, D.C. Christian Embassy is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ that serves as a spiritual resource to government, military and diplomatic leaders and their families. In July 2005 Michael became Pastor of Mission and Outreach at Immanuel. Michael and his wife Michele have two children, Andrew and Christina.

# Revelation 7:9-17



<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

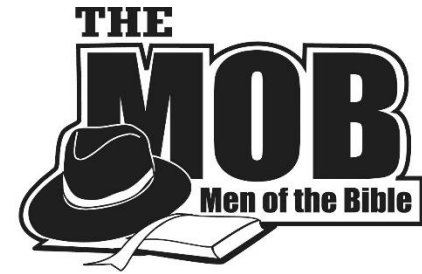
<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”





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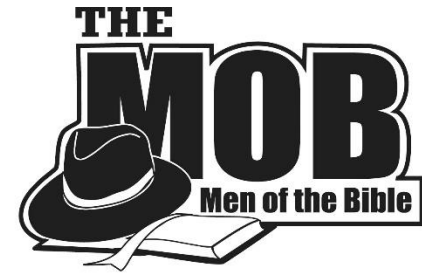
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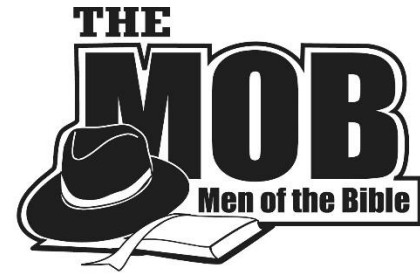
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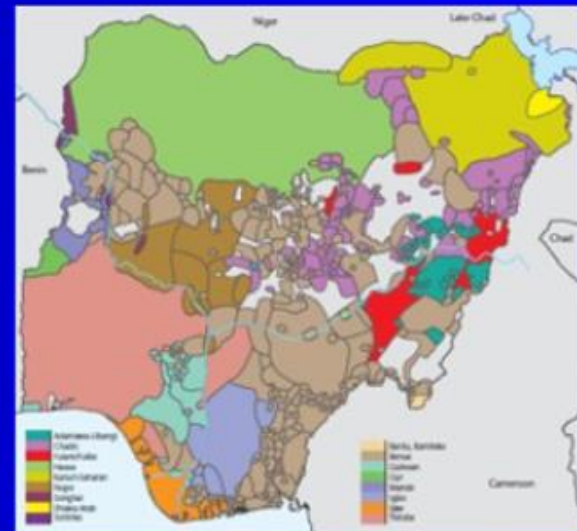
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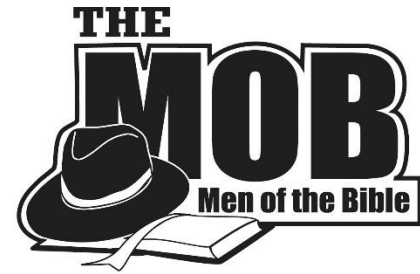
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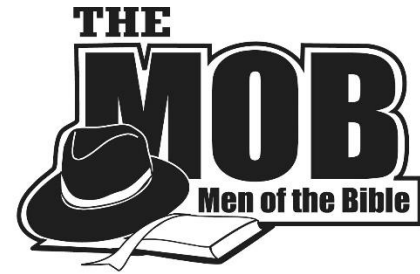
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***Tunica Palmata, worn by  
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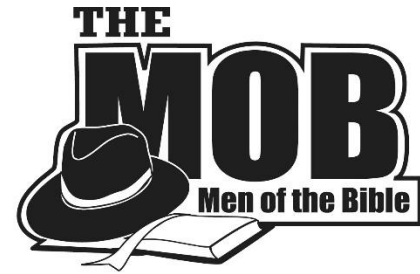


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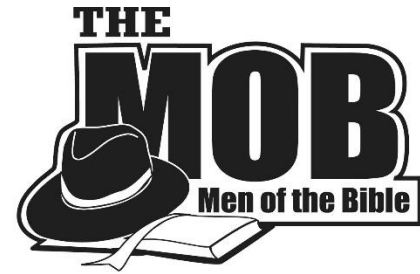
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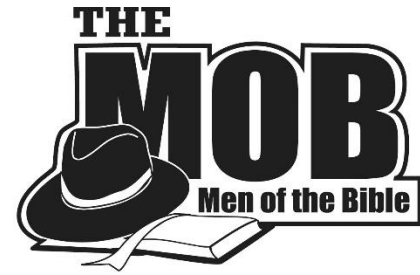
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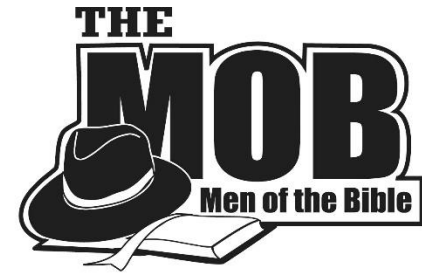
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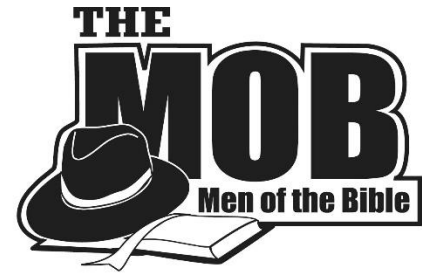
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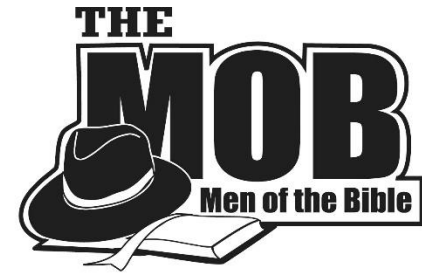


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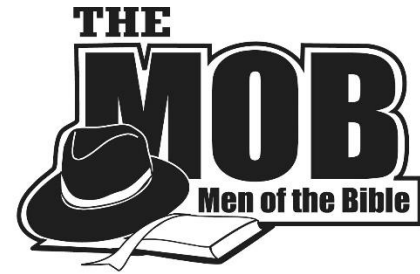
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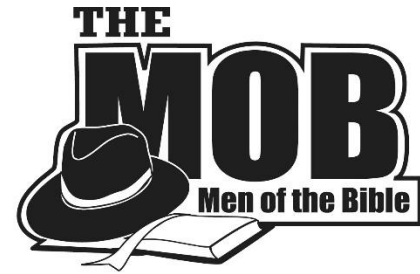
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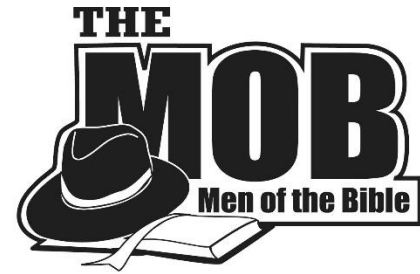
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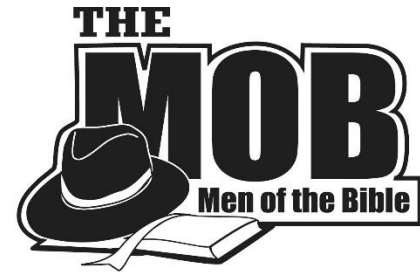
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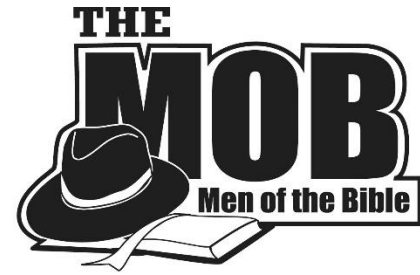
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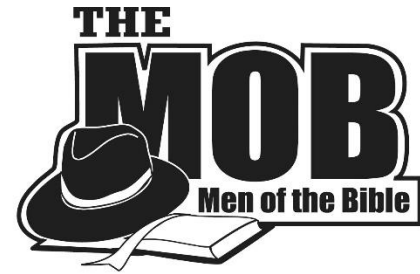
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# Next Meeting



## Review:

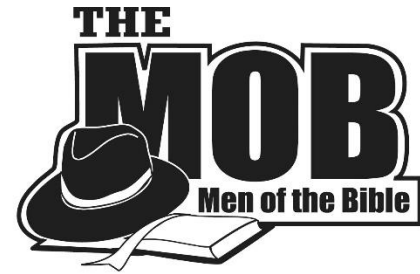
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## Study:

- [Revelation 8:1-13](#) A Great Multitude from Every Nation
- Memory Verse: [Joel 2:1](#)
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 149-159](#)
- Refreshment Host: Small Group E

# Discussion & Application

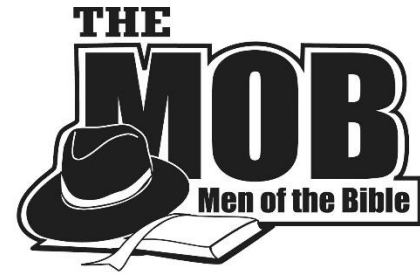
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1. Are you helping build the multi-ethnic church envisioned by the books of Acts and Revelation? What practical steps can you take to build relationships with people from other cultures?
2. Do you long for heaven like David expressed in [Psalm 27:4-6](#)? What are some ways we can cultivate this attitude?
3. Jesus said He is the Good Shepherd ([John 10:11](#)). How would you describe what His shepherding looks like in your life?

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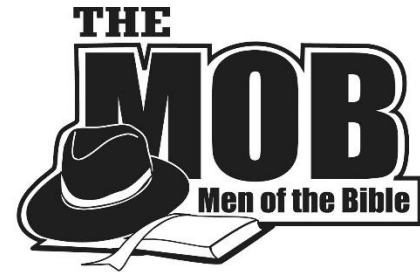
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4. What is your understanding of the identity of the “great multitude” that John saw in his vision, recorded in [Revelation 7:9](#)? How do they compare and contrast with the 144,000 “sealed” in [Revelation 7:1-8](#)?
5. What does our lesson last week on [Revelation 7:1-8](#) and our lesson tonight on [Revelation 7:9-17](#) demonstrate about what will happen during the tribulation, despite all of the terror and turmoil?
6. How is Jesus’ statement in [Matthew 24:14](#) about how the Gospel will be “preached in all the world before the end comes” fulfilled in these scenes from [Revelation 7](#)?
7. What is the basis for the sevenfold ascription of praise offered by the angels and all the others around the throne in [Revelation 7:11-12](#) and how does it compare with that offered in [Revelation 5](#)?

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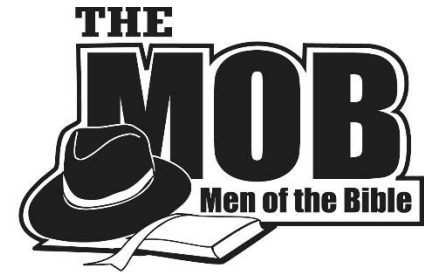
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8. Why might the elder mentioned in [Revelation 7:13](#) have asked the question about the identity of the “great multitude” standing before the throne and who is the “I” who wanted to know?
9. How did those in the “great multitude” gain the privilege of “standing before the throne,” in the very presence of the Lord and His angels, according to this text?
10. What is symbolized by the One sitting on the throne, “spreading His tabernacle over them” (i.e., the great multitude)?
11. How do [verses 15-17](#) give a glimpse into some of the activities and special privileges that will take place or be given someday to the saints in heaven?
12. What might you find particularly comforting about our lesson tonight?



# Closing



- Questions
- Benediction