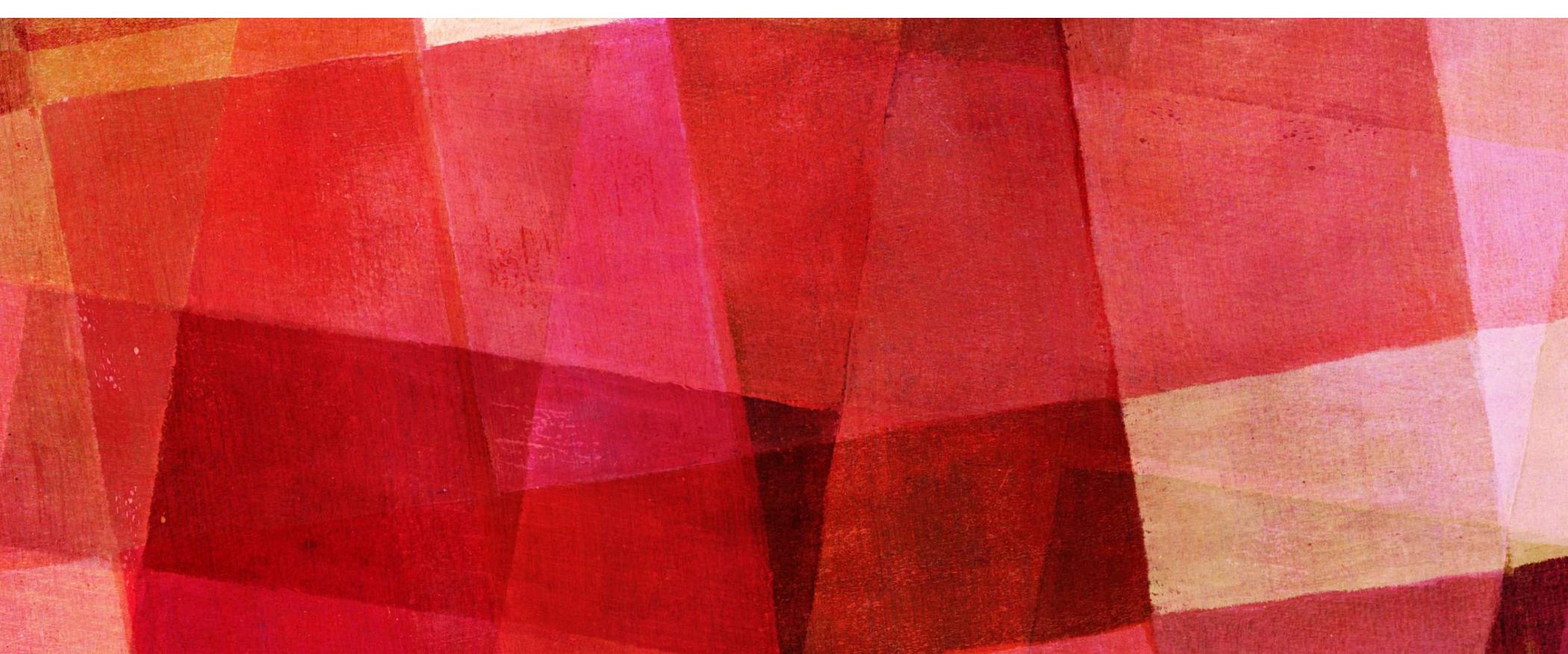


*Morning Sermon, Sunday 17 November 2019, Julian Hardyman*

# ***The Indestructability of God's People***

*Revelation 7*

- *Their Security (1-8)*
- *Their Size (9)*
- *Their Saviour (10-12)*
- *Their Salvation (13-16)*



# REVELATION 7

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# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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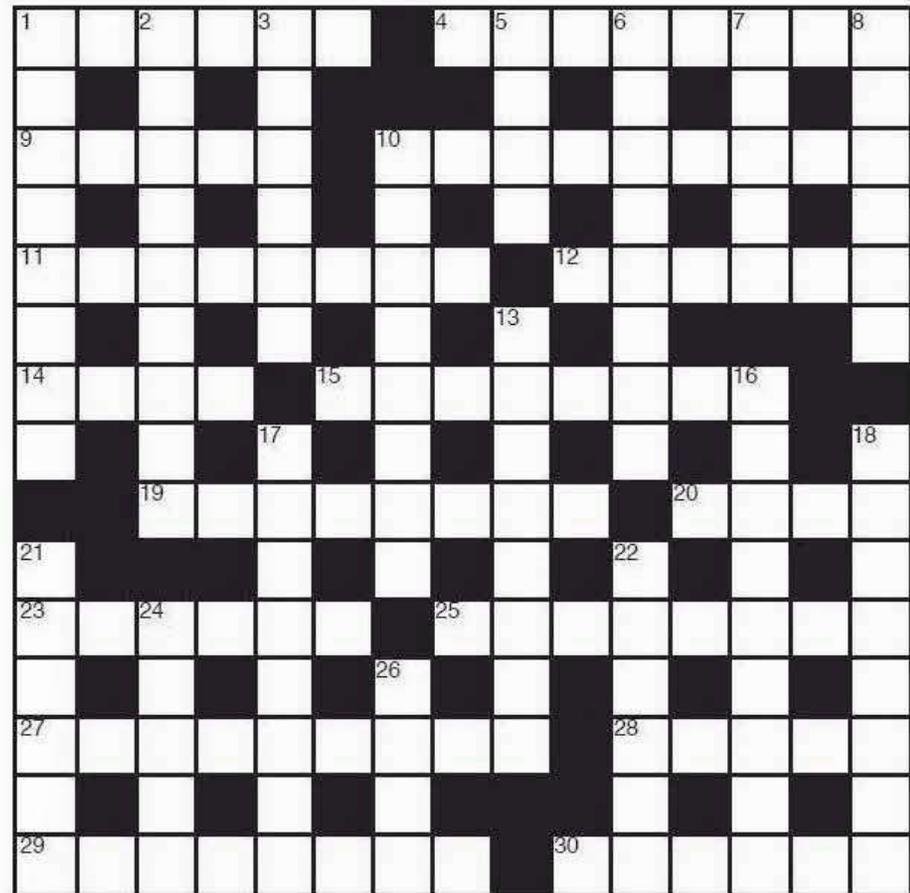
- 1 Blockers of the sun turned us cold (6)
- 4 Interest in bell boy's activities (6-2)
- 9 Happening in Seventies (5)
- 10 Reptile mad at gorilla (9)
- 11 Fold outside a camper's shelter, obviously (8)
- 12 Dancing averts hunger greatly (6)
- 14 Soprano performing grand tune (4)
- 15 Records crafty folk singer Burl (8)
- 19 Most cheerful nun is set adrift (8)
- 20 Harsh sound from red snake (4)
- 23 Shortstop interrupting Leon's class unit (6)
- 25 Nun keeping in dark (8)
- 27 Developing drug for cholesterol in cracked egg (9)
- 28 Exercise: something boring? (5)
- 29 Pitchforks sent dirt flying (8)
- 30 Cold—initially frozen stiff (6)

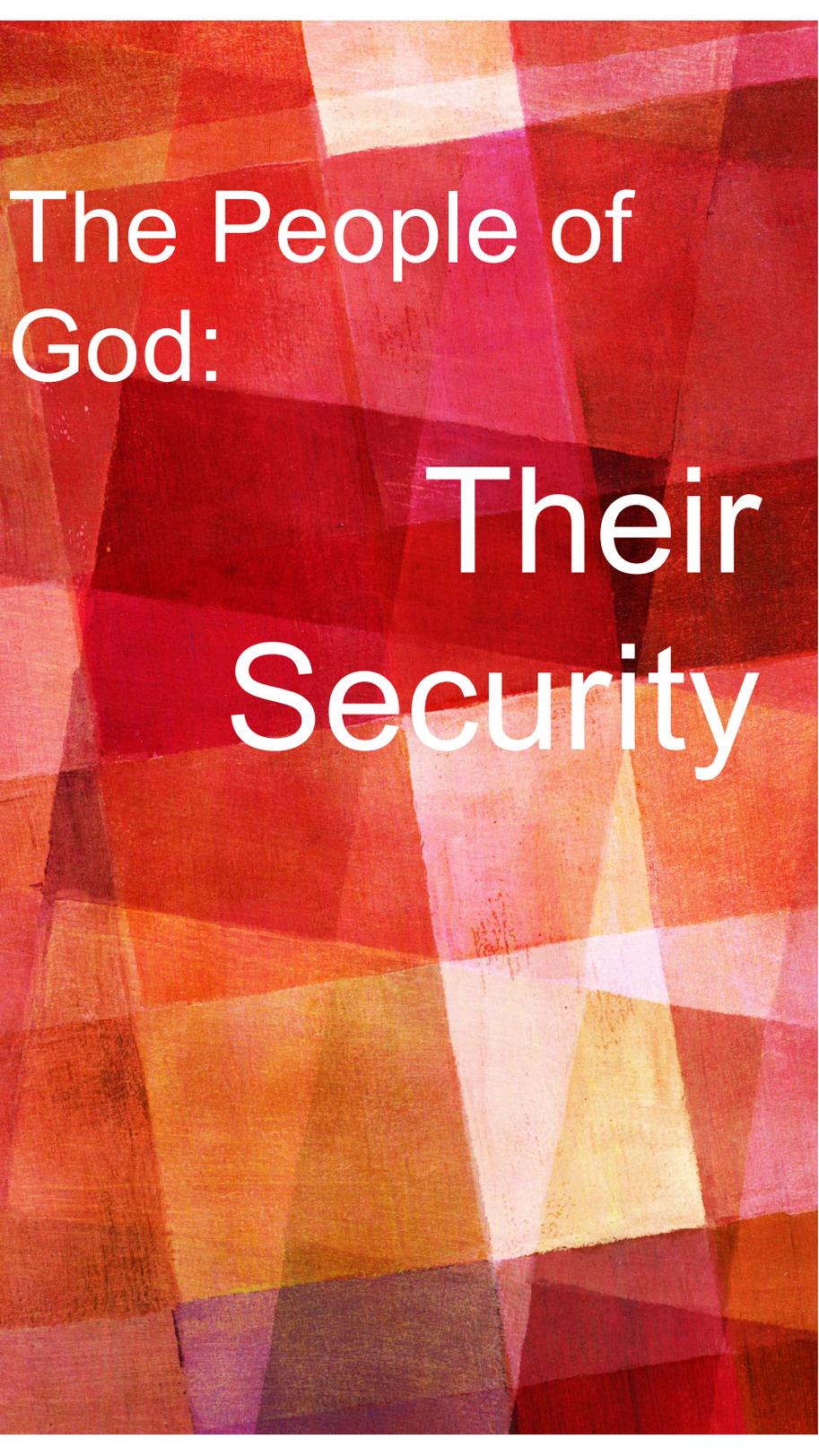
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- 1 Least dear primates kept by Chet (8)
- 2 Subtle notes, or plain ones (9)
- 3 Fond pup swallows can (6)
- 5 Slow migrating birds (4)
- 6 No agent I've upset (8)
- 7 Celebrity holding one stringed instrument (5)
- 8 Verne's disturbed butterflies (6)
- 10 Awfully ill, Grace is hypersensitive (8)
- 13 Quizzing about hot Newman-Redford movie (3,5)
- 16 Surprising beginning around fifty (9)
- 17 Creatively design tavern with a roundish shape (8)
- 18 Circling park, winter vehicle was scintillating (8)
- 21 Battle involving fifty stairs (6)
- 22 Combustible stuff in trend I changed (6)
- 24 Japanese food my group found in southern Hawaii (5)
- 26 Fog is in mountain (4)

## Last Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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The People of  
God:

# Their Security

## 7:1-3

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup> 'Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'

The People of  
God:

# Their Security

## 7:4-8

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, <sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; “he will lead them to springs of living water.” “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” ’



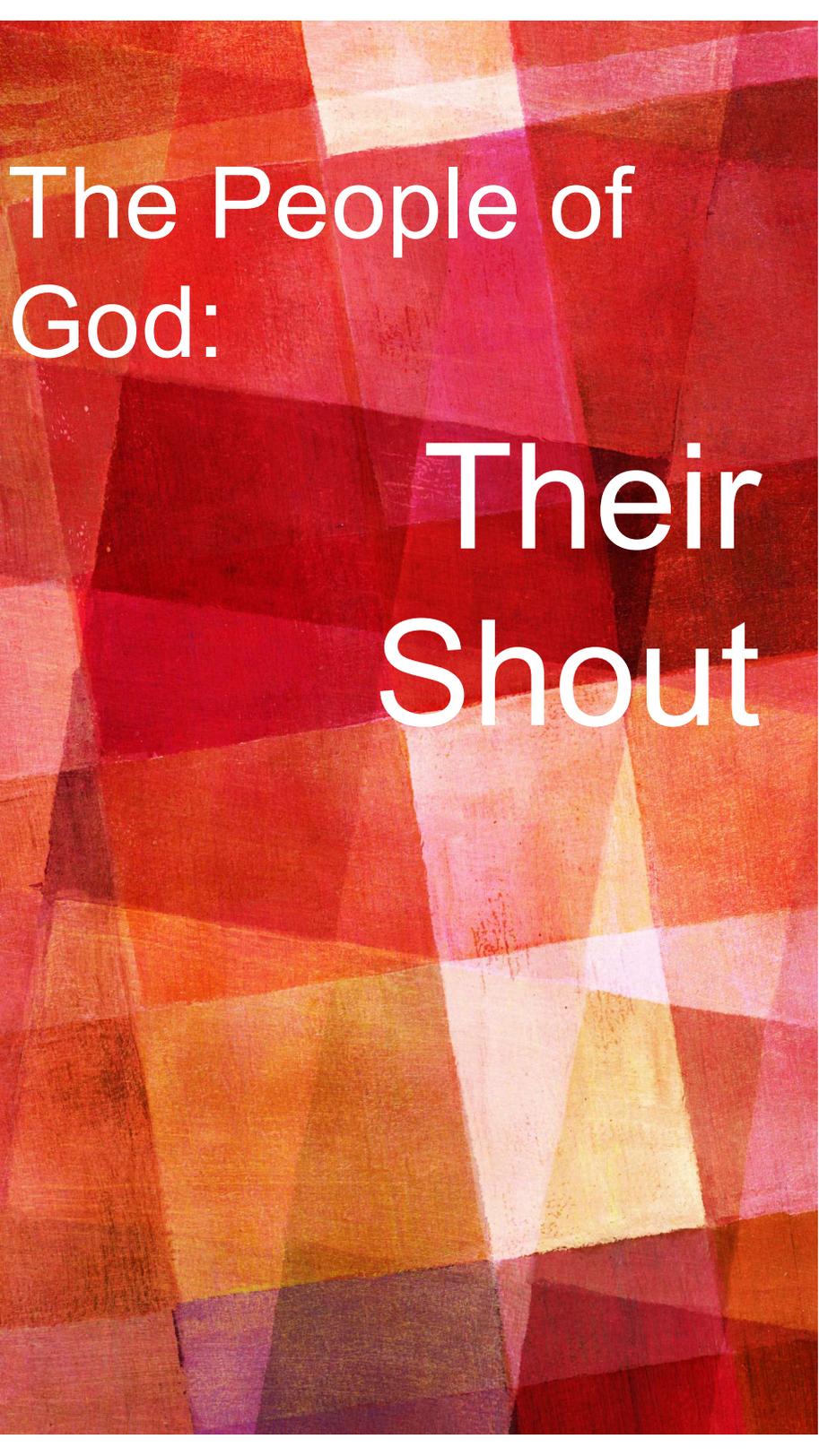


The People of  
God:

Their  
Size

7:9

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

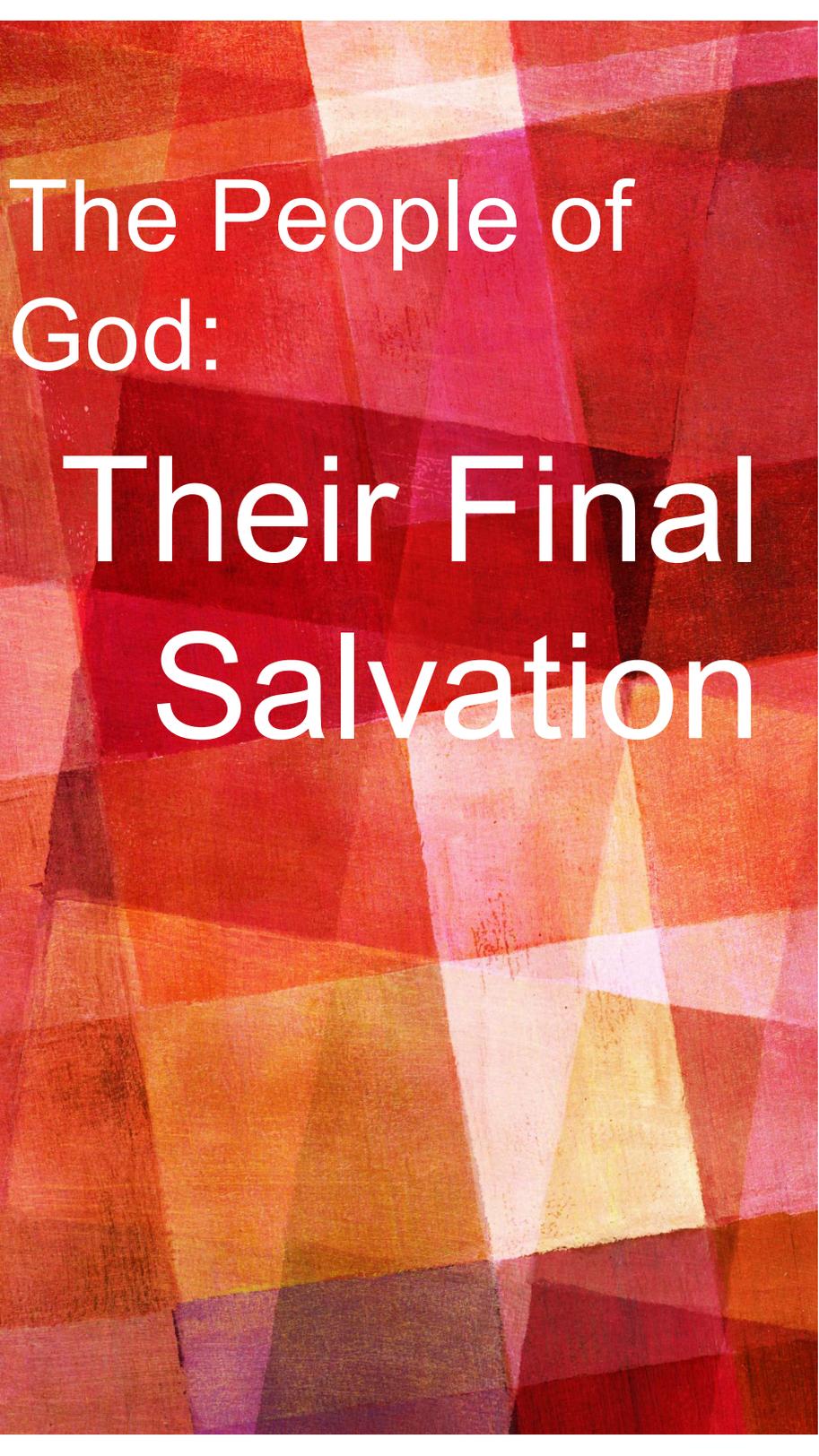


The People of  
God:

# Their Shout

## 7:10-12

<sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!'



The People of  
God:

# Their Final Salvation

## 7:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' <sup>14</sup> I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come 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> "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them," nor any scorching heat.