

What is seen

What is heard

Lion of Tribe of Judah
Root of David
Conquers

Revelation 5:5



A Lamb who
had been slaughtered
By his blood saints had
been purchased from
every tribe and tongue
He is worthy of praise

Revelation 5:6-12

144,000 sealed
12,000 from each tribe
of Israel
census - army

Revelation 7:1-8



A great multitude that
no one could count
From every nation, tribe,
people, and language
In white robes, waving Palm
branches = victory

Revelation 7:9-14

In chapters 5 and 7 we see a recurring theme of the contrast between seeing and hearing. In chapter 5 we first hear about Jesus as the Lion who conquers. There are Jewish terms used, as well as the term conquering. This is a warrior Messiah that is described. John sees something different, though. He sees a Lamb who has been slaughtered. Furthermore, the description is no longer a Jewish one, but rather includes all nations. The followers of Jesus are to be like Jesus - so we see the same hearing/seeing contrast. We hear about a group that is Jewish, but see people from every tribe and nation. They are counted, similar to a census measuring an army and they are seen as victorious. If this parallel is accurate, how are they victorious?