

# READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT (FIRST READING IN THE EASTER SEASON)

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Reading

Apocalypse 7:9–10. 15–17

*God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count,  
of people from every nation, race, tribe and language;  
they were standing in front of the throne  
and in front of the Lamb,  
dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.  
They shouted aloud,  
‘Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’  
They now stand in front of God’s throne  
and serve him day and night in his sanctuary;  
and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.  
They will never hunger or thirst again;  
neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them,  
because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd  
and will lead them to springs of living water;  
and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The word of the Lord.