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Not even God's nation could live up
to His standards

Yet, God is faithful and sovereign over it all

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“For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter...Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also...” (Rom. 2:28-29, 3:29-30)

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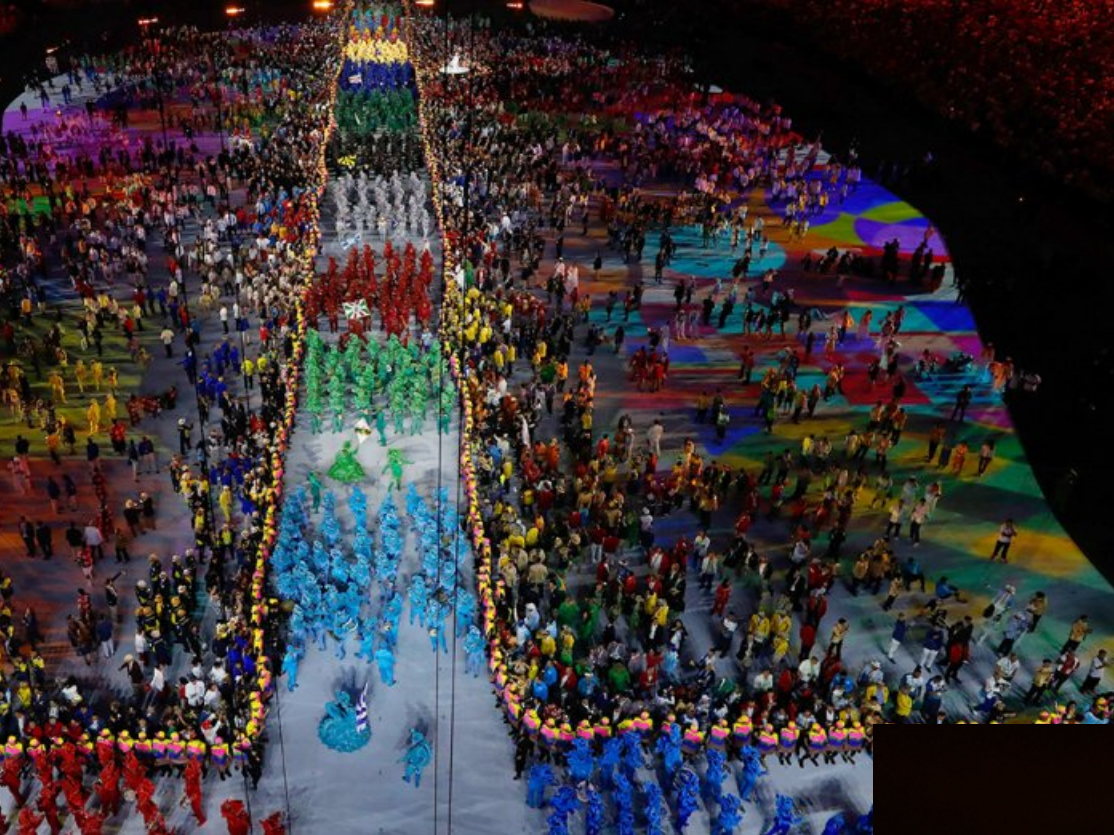
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“I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from ***every nation***, from ***all tribes and peoples and languages***, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to ***our*** God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:9-10)

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The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ***By its light will the nations walk***, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ***They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.*** (Rev. 21:23-26)



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