

CHAPTER SEVEN

This chapter reveals the plan of God to protect a large Jewish remnant of men. This is the sealing of a group of 144,000 men from the twelve tribes of Israel.

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, or on any tree. Revelation 7:1

These men are sealed during the first forty-two month of the Tribulation period.

Revelation 6:12-17:

1. The Four Angels and the Wind

- Daniel 8:8 describes the *four winds of heaven*. Daniel 7:2 describes the *four winds of heaven striving upon the great sea*. The four winds come from the north, south, east, and west.
- The four angels are angels over the four areas of the earth: the north, south, east, and west. (Zechariah 1:8-11)
- These four angels (Revelation 7:1) are holding back the wind of judgment until the 144,000 are *sealed with the seal of God*.

2. The Seal of God (Revelation 7:1-4)

- The seal of God is the “ _____ ” that is written on the foreheads of these men.
- Since religious Jews do not believe in marking on the body (a tattoo), then the name of God could be revealed to them by this “angel” (messenger) ascending from the east. (7:2)
 - The “mark” of protection on Cain was the Hebrew letter *tav* (a cross).
 - The “mark” on the doorpost in Egypt (Passover) was a *tav* (a cross).
 - The “mark” on the foreheads of the righteous (Ezekiel 9) was a *tav* (a cross).
- The seal of God is brought, I believe, by _____ the prophet, who will appear at the beginning of the Tribulation.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, ‘Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads.’ Revelation 7:2-3

3. The “Angel” From the East (7:2)

- This “angel” could be the prophet Elijah who will appear (Malachi 4:5)
- Elijah went to heaven in a chariot of fire on the east side of the Jordan River.
- “We must seal the servants of God.” (Revelation 7:3)

- _____ is a plural pronoun and indicates that there are at least two involved with this seal. Remember that there will be two witnesses in the first forty-two months of the Tribulation.

Two-hundred years before Christ, Jewish tradition stated that Elijah the prophet would appear and would reveal to the Jews their tribal identity, which had been lost as a result of the dividing of the kingdom. That is why the scribes of Jesus' day taught that "Elijah must come first and restore all things."

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Revelation 7:4

The Tribes that are Listed: 144,000 total from the 12 tribes of Israel

- 12,000 from Judah (7:5)
- 12,000 from Reuben (7:5)
- 12,000 from Gad (7:5)
- 12,000 from Asher (7:5)
- 12,000 from Nephtali (7:6)
- 12,000 from Manassas (7:6)
- 12,000 from Simeon (7:7)
- 12,000 from Levi (7:7)
- 12,000 from Issachar (7:7)
- 12,000 from Zebulon (7:8)
- 12,000 from Joseph (7:8) 12,000 from Benjamin (7:8)

Notice that Manassas is added, and _____ is missing. Why is Dan missing? Certain prophecies were given to Dan in Genesis. Dan caused Israel to sin (idolatry) and **some suggest that the Antichrist will come from the tribe of Dan.**

- I believe that Dan is missing for the simple reason that the area of Dan (in Israel) has the largest population of atheists and agnostics in the nation As many as _____ percent are unbelievers.

GOD WILL NOT ALLOW _____ TO HIT UNTIL THESE ARE SEALED.

4. John Sees a Large Number in Heaven who are worshipping with Palm Branches!

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the

throng, and about the elders and the four beasts and fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God. Revelation 7:9-11

Who is This Group from Every Nation?

- **One of the elders asks John about these people, then tells John who this group is.**

These are they which come out of the Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They have come out of Great Tribulation and have made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb.

- They shall hunger and thirst no more. (7:16)
- Neither shall the sun light on them, or the heat (7:16)
- The Lamb (Christ) shall feed them and lead them to living waters (7:17)
- God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (7:17)

THIS IS WHERE UNDERSTANDING THE SEVEN FEASTS IS NEEDED

The Seven Feasts of Israel

- Passover (1st month of the 14th day)
- Unleavened Bread
- First fruits
- Pentecost
- Feast of Trumpets
- Yom Kippur
- Tabernacles

Christ died on *Passover*, was in the tomb during *Unleavened Bread* and showed himself alive during the *Feasts of First fruits*. The church was born on *Pentecost* (Acts 2). **The three fall feasts have not yet had a complete prophetic fulfillment.**

One of the seven feasts is the *Feast of Tabernacles*. During this feast, **both Jews and Gentiles celebrate together**. Palm branches are used in this celebration.

- Tabernacles: involve a *gathering together of the* _____ . (Every nation)
- Tabernacles: involve the gathering of _____ different fruits. (Seven continents)
- Tabernacles: They live in booths and use _____ branches.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ on the mountain during the time of the *Feast of Tabernacles*. Peter thought the resurrection had occurred.

THOSE WHO MADE THEIR ROBES WHITE APPEAR TO BE “TRIBULATION SAINTS.”