

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 7 – Back in Time to the Future

THE REMNANT AND THE REDEEMED – REVELATION 7

Revelation 7 takes us backwards in time to the _____ of the tribulation period where we are introduced to a sealed *remnant* of Jewish witnesses and a great multitude of *redeemed* saints. In Chapter 6 we have been led through six of seven seals—concluding the *first* trip through the entire seven year tribulation. In Chapter 8 the seventh seal is opened, and the *second* trip begins—extending through to Chapter 11. But in between these two we are taken _____ 3 ½ years, just before the *great tribulation* begins. Here we will glean thought provoking details that will help us today and learn about crucial things that those living through it in the _____ will need.

1. The introduction – Revelation 7:1-3a

a. The five angels

- Four angels are in control of the world's elements

The four corners of the earth represent the north, south, east, and west

This is the middle of the tribulation when the _____ has ended, and the apocalyptic events are about to begin

- The fifth angel has the _____ of the living God

b. The seal of the living God

- Seals are commonly used to authenticate a document, or prevent interference with a package, an envelope, or something important and exclusive.
- This seal is the strongest in the universe, authenticated, stamped, approved, and sent by almighty God himself.

2. The remnant – Revelation 7:3b-8

a. Their identity

- They are the _____ of God – verse 3b
- They are sealed by a _____ in their forehead – verse 3b-4; Ezek. 9:1-11; Mt. 10:1-42; Rev. 14:1

They are sealed for a mission

They are sealed (possibly) with the name JHVH or YHWH or I AM inked into their foreheads

- They are Jewish remnant representatives of the 12 tribes of Israel

12,000 from each tribe totaling _____:

1) Juda	12,000
2) Reuben	12,000
3) Gad	12,000
4) Aser	12,000
5) Nephtalim	12,000
6) Manasses	12,000
7) Simeon	12,000
8) Levi	12,000
9) Issachar	12,000
10) Zabulon	12,000
11) Joseph	12,000
12) Benjamin	<u>12,000</u>
	144,000

The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are _____. Both tribes are guilty of leading Israel into idolatry – Judges 18:30-31; Hosea 4:17; 5:3. They have been replaced in this particular list by Levi and Joseph. Although they have a part in the millennial kingdom (Ezek. 48), they are not part of these _____ remnant working throughout the great tribulation.

- They are redeemed *from* the earth – Rev. 14:3; Hosea 2:14-23; Zech. 12:10; 13:6-9; Is. 66:5-8
They are _____ into the third heaven during the tribulation period – Rev. 7:3-4 (on earth) *compared to* Rev. 14:1-3 (in heaven); Matthew 25:1, 6, 10
- They are male virgins – Rev. 14:4; Mt. 25:1-13

b. Their purpose

- They are the _____ [witnesses] of God

Preaching repentance and the *gospel of the kingdom* – Mt. 3:2; 4:17; 24:14

They are like figures of the twelve in Mt. 10:1-42

They are like figures of the apostle Paul:

He is a Jew – Phil. 3:5

He is likely a virgin – 1 Co. 7:25-26

He had a supernatural conversion when Christ appeared to him – Acts 9:3-6; 1 Co. 15:8

He evangelized the known world – Acts 19:10; Romans 16:25-26; Col. 1:5-6, 23

He had supernatural apostolic powers – Acts 14:8-10; 19:11-12; 20: 9-12; 28:3, 7-9

He was troubled, thwarted, imprisoned, and ultimately killed for his faith – Acts 9-28; 2 Ti. 4:6-8

He was raptured, in a sense, to the third heaven – 2 Co. 12:2

3. The redeemed – Revelation 7:9-17

a. Their identity

- They are the *great multitude* that will _____ to the _____ of their life (martyrdom and also those that die naturally from illness, malnutrition, etc.) or are raptured at the end of the great tribulation – verses 9-14; Rev. 11:11-12; Mt. 24:29-31; 25:10-13; 2 Thess. 1:7-10

b. Their purpose

- To be before the throne of God, serving him day and night in his temple with God dwelling among them [forever] – verses 15-17