

THE REVELATION
 OF JESUS CHRIST
WHO CAN STAND

Lesson 6 | Chapter 7

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REVELATION 7 | HCSB

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, restraining the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel, who had the seal of the living God rise up from the east. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were empowered to harm the earth and the sea: "Don't harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed:

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144,000 sealed from every tribe of the Israelites:
12,000 sealed from the tribe of Judah,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 sealed from the tribe of Benjamin.

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After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:
Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

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All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures, and they fell facedown before the throne and worshiped God, saying:
Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

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Then one of the elders asked me, "Who are these people robed in white, and where did they come from?"
I said to him, "Sir, you know."
Then he told me:

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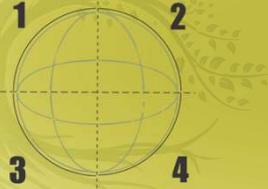
These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His sanctuary. The One seated on the throne will shelter them: They will no longer hunger; they will no longer thirst; the sun will no longer strike them, nor will any heat. For the Lamb who is at the center of the throne will shepherd them; He will guide them to springs of living waters, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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HE SAW FOUR ANGELS AT THE FOUR CORNERS

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THEN, HE HEARD

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12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
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**QUESTION #1
IS THE 144,000
LITERAL OR SYMBOLIC?**

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THE DISPENSATIONAL VIEWPOINT

Is that this list is a literal Jewish remnant sealed after the "Secret Rapture" of the Church.

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HOW CAN THIS BE TRUE?

1st Did God EVER remove His people when He was executing His Wrath?

2nd Wasn't Jesus the fulfillment of their Messiah? If yes, did He not usher in a New Covenant – one the was built on the foundation of Jesus as the Cornerstone? Wouldn't the requirements to come to the Father now ALWAYS be based on Jesus' death, burial & resurrection?

3rd Does my questioning what I have studied in the New Testament make me anti-Jewish or Pro-Jesus?

4th Why would there be so much Scripture & teaching about no longer being Jew & Gentile but ONE BODY – only to tear it apart & change the requirements?

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IT'S A FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

THE 2ND VIEW OR BELIEF

Is that the list is linked to the prophecy of Romans 11:24-26 which says that “all of Israel will be saved”

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IT'S A FIRST CENTURY REMNANT

THE 3RD VIEW OR BELIEF

Is not held by many but they see it as a remnant that lived in the 1st century

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IT'S A SYMBOLIC LIST

THE 4TH VIEW OR BELIEF
Is that it represent ALL of God's people.

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QUESTION #2
IS THIS SON'S, TRIBES OR
SYMBOLIC?

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BIRTH ORDER vs REVELATION LIST

Reuben	Judah*
Simeon	Reuben *
Levi	Gad *
Judah	Asher *
Dan	Naphtali *
Naphtali	Manasseh
Gad	Simeon *
Asher	Levi *
Issachar	Issachar
Zebulun	Zebulun
Joseph	Joseph
Benjamin	Benjamin

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LAND DISTRIBUTION vs REVELATION LIST

<p>Gad Land east of the Jordan Reuben ½ tribe Manasseh Judah Joseph's people, ½ tribe Manasseh, Ephraim Benjamin Simeon Zebulun Issachar Asher Naphtali Dan Joshua (son of Nun)</p>	<p>Judah Reuben Gad Asher Naphtali Manasseh Simeon Levi Issachar Zebulun Joseph Benjamin</p>
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REVELATION LIST | WHO'S THE MOTHER?

Judah	Leah, wife of Jacob
Reuben	Leah, wife of Jacob
Gad	Zilpah, concubine
Asher	Zilpah, concubine
Naphtali	Bilhah, Concubine
Manasseh	Aseneth, Egyptian Mother / Father Joseph (adopted by Jacob)
Simeon	Leah, wife of Jacob
Levi	Leah, wife of Jacob
Issachar	Leah, wife of Jacob
Zebulun	Leah, wife of Jacob
Joseph	Rachel, wife of Jacob
Benjamin	Rachel, wife of Jacob

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REVELATION LIST | WHAT'S UNUSUAL?

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Naphtali	Bilhah, Concubine	LEGITIMATE SONS
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**ETHNIC JEWS OR
THE CHURCH?**

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A PROMISE TO THE CHURCH OF PHILIDELPHIA

Because you have kept My command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come over the whole world to test those who live on the earth. I am coming quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown. The victor: I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God, and he will never go out again. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God—the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God—and My new name.

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**SLAVES OF OUR GOD /
SERVANTS OF OUR GOD**

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WHAT ABOUT THE PARALLEL BETWEEN CHAPTER 5, 7 & 14 THAT WE LOOKED AT PREVIOUSLY?

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CHAPTER 5

Each one had a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slaughtered, and You redeemed people for God by Your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.

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CHAPTER 14

Then I looked, and there on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with Him were 144,000 who had His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads. I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of cascading waters and like the rumbling of loud thunder. The sound I heard was also like harpists playing on their harps. They sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, but no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

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CHAPTER 7 ...And I heard the number of those who were sealed:

FOLLOWED BY:

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ROMANS 11 | (read it all)

I ask, then, has God rejected His people? Absolutely not! I ask, then, have they stumbled in order to fall? Absolutely not! On the contrary, by their stumbling, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous.

For if their rejection brings reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? Now if the firstfruits offered up are holy, so is the whole batch. And if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Now if some of the branches were broken off, and you, though a wild olive branch, were grafted in among them and have come to share in the rich root of the cultivated olive tree, do not brag that you are better than those branches. But if you do brag—you do not sustain the root, but the root sustains you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." True enough; they were broken off by unbelief, but you stand by faith.

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Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you either. Therefore, consider God's kindness and severity: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you—if you remain in His kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not remain in unbelief, will be grafted in, because God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut off from your native wild olive and against nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these—the natural branches—be grafted into their own olive tree?

A partial hardening has come to Israel until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

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Adoption

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" ROMANS 8:15

For He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ for Himself, according to His favor and will, to the praise of His glorious grace that He favored us with in the Beloved. EPHESIANS 1:4-6

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THE USE OF THE NUMBERS 12 & 1000

12 X 12 X 1000
OR 12 X 12,000

→ The #12 occurs over and over in the book of Revelation

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I SAW, I SAW, I HEARD.... I LOOKED

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SAME WORD USE

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ONES...

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Coming [erchomai] I come ...having suffered tribulation
Out [ek] properly, out from**

Verb literally implies One at a time....

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WHEN YOU KNOW

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His sanctuary. The One seated on the throne will shelter them:

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NO LONGER

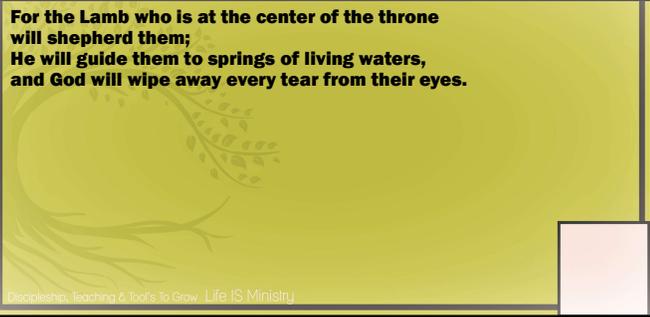
**They will no longer hunger;
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nor will any heat.**

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FOR THE LAMB

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