



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## Chapters 6—8:1, Part 2

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### Revelation 7

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<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”

#### BUT BEFORE THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TRUMPET...AN ASSURANCE

- Four \_\_\_\_\_ are holding back the four destructive winds of the earth
- In Hebrew the word “ruach” means: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Greek the word “pneuma” means: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Zechariah 6:1-8 speak of..
  - 4 horses: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  - described as the four \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven (6:5)
  - tasked with \_\_\_\_\_ on oppressors of Israel
- What does the east (rising of the sun) signify?
- What does having the seal of the living God mean?
- WHY must the winds (horses?) be held back?
  - Who are the bond-servants (slaves) of God?
  - Where were they to be sealed?
  - Where do the followers of the beast wear the number of the beast? (Rev. 13:16)
  - What does a seal mean or imply?
- What is the Christian’s seal?

<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

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## THE 144,000

- How many were sealed?
- Is this a literal number? Why or why not?
- Why are tribes of Israel used here in counting the number?
- What tribes are left out, and what tribe is included here but is usually not in the list of the tribes?
  - Left out...
  - Included...
  - Any thoughts on why?
- Meanings of the numbers...
  - What does 12 usually mean?
  - What does 1000 usually mean?
  - What, therefore, would 144,000 mean?
  - What would the reference to Israel mean?
- Who are these guys?
  - Compare: Rev. 5:9 — “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and **purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**”
  - Rev. 14:1 — “Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads....<sup>3</sup>... and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been **purchased from the earth.** <sup>4</sup> ... These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been **purchased from among men** as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.”
  - Your conclusion...

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; <sup>10</sup> and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they

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## **WHO IS THIS GREAT MULTITUDE?**

- Where are they from?
- Where are they standing?
  - What stands in front of the throne? (Rev. 8:3)
  - Who were under the altar earlier? (Rev. 6:9)
  - So, who are these people?
- White robes mean...
- Palm branches mean...
- What is this multitude saying?
- What did the rest of the heavenly host do?
- Why?

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## **THE OFFICIAL IDENTITY OF THE SEALED 144,000 AND GREAT MULTITUDE...**

- Have come out of the great tribulation
- Washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb
- If they already serve God in His temple day and night, what does it mean for God to spread His tabernacle over them?

have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. <sup>16</sup> “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

- What blessings will come to them?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ no longer
  - nor \_\_\_\_\_
  - nor will the \_\_\_\_\_ beat down on them
  - nor any \_\_\_\_\_
  - the Lamb will be their \_\_\_\_\_
  - and guide them to \_\_\_\_\_ of the water of \_\_\_\_\_
  - God will wipe ever \_\_\_\_\_ from their \_\_\_\_\_
- What would these promises have meant (mean today) to the first century Christians?

Rev. 8:1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

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### THE 7TH TRUMPET

- What does silence mean?
  - Psa. 65:1 — “There will be **silence** before You, and praise in Zion, O God, And to You the vow will be performed.”
  - Is. 41:1 — “Coastlands, listen to Me in **silence**, And let the peoples gain new strength; Let them come forward, then let them speak; Let us come together for judgment.”
  - Hab. 2:20 — “But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be **silent** before Him.”
  - Zech. 2:13 — “Be **silent**, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is aroused from His holy habitation.”