

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 7:1-12

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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Those of You Who are Bible Students, Mechanics of the Word,
Note Here That Chapter Seven is what is known as a
“PARENTHETICAL” OR “PARENTHETICAL INSERT”
The Chronology of the Book is Placed on Pause Here

From the Mouth of the Prophet Jeremiah, God Spoke and Said.

“Thus says the LORD: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, Of great fear, and not of peace. **:6** Ask Me now, and see, Whether a man has ever been in labor with child as a woman? So why do you see every man *with* his hands on his loins Like a woman who suffers through labor, And all their faces turn pale from pain? **:7** Alas! For it is because that great and terrible day *has come*, none *is* like it; for it *is* the time of Jacob’s trouble, But Jacob, he shall be saved out of it.

Jeremiah 30:5

But The Bible Says;

Psalm 94:13

you grant him relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked. :14 For the LORD will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.

Romans 11:1

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. :2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, :3 "LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? :4 But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." :5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

For the last 2,000 Years The Lord has "Set Aside" -
"Placed on Hold" Israel and the Jewish People, but Not for Neglect, But for What Jesus Their
Prophet and Messiah Had Said,

Luke 19:41

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, :42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in **this your day**, *the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.* :43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, :44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Romans 11:25

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: that Israel has experienced a hardening against the gospel, in part ,until the full number of the Gentiles is complete.

Isaiah 43:1

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; You *are* Mine. :2 When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. :3 For I *am* the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. :4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life. :5 Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; :6 I will say to the north, "Give them up!" And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—

In Fact, According to the Bible,
There's a Great Revival Coming to the Nation of Israel
But it will happen during the tribulation period!

The Lord is Not Done with Israel,

Ezekiel 37:12

Therefore prophesy and say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. :13 Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. :14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*," says the LORD.' "

And We, The Church, Have Been Given a Bird's Eye View of This Future Event!

SALVATION, IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE

I.) **Salvation and the things of this world** vv. 1-3

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Salvation and the things of this world

1st **Angelic ministry relating to the powers of nature** v.1

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"After these things"

After What Things?

The Things of Revelation 6:12-17

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, **there was a great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. :13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. :14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. :15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, :16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! :17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

After Those Things, I Saw These Things...

CHAPTER 7:(1)-8 = INSERT #1

Division #1 = **After these things**

I saw (those things that will happen on earth before the second coming)

Verse 1-8 are Clearly Jewish in Context and Relates to Tribulation Ministry

CHAPTER 7:(9)-17 = INSERT #2

Division #2 = **After these things**

I looked (and I saw what will happen on earth after the second coming)

Verse 9-17 are Clearly Gentile in Context and Relate to Earthly Worship

Verse 7:1

I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.

NOTICE, THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ANGELS!

These Are Angelic Beings of a Completely Different Order
From those we have been hearing about thus far.

There are Rankings of Angels
There are Specific Angels Assigned to Nations
There are Specific Angels Assigned to Judgment
There are Specific Angels Assigned to Announcements
There are Specific Angels Assigned to Spiritual Warfare
There are Specific Angels Assigned to The People of God

Hebrews 1:14

For the angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister
On behalf of those who will inherit eternal salvation?

Before You Think That God doesn't Know That
the Earth is Round,
He Uses the Term Four Corners...

The word translated "corners," is the Hebrew word,
KANAF (ph)
and it means **to the extremity of** or to the vary ends of,
as "To the very **ends of** the earth"

If you want to view the entire earth at the same time,
You would never use a globe because of its limited visibility.
You would use a surface map!

NASA Uses a Surface Map

to Track of Shuttles and Satellites as They Traverse Over the Earth.

When God Communicates to Us,
He has to do it in terms that little human minds can grasp!

Isaiah 11:12

the Lord will raise up a banner for all nations and gather the exiles of Israel; The Lord will assemble the His
scattered people of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.

Here in Revelation 7:1

The word in Greek is “Go-nia” is where we get our modern mathematical word for “quadrant” or divisions. *Go-nia* literally means angle, or division or section

Before You Can Have a North, South, East and West
you must first have Kanaf or Go-nia in your understanding

The Astronomer, Erath-sathanes of Alexandria, Egypt in (192 B.C.) applied Go-nia and calculated the circumference of the earth "within 50 miles of its actual size" -
[Encyclopedia Britannica]

That's Why the United States Marine Corp Boasts that they can Respond to any situation... from the four corners of the earth!

Isaiah 40:22

It is the Lord who sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,

What's Amazing, and Scientifically Accurate is the Fact

That Our Earth and its Weather Patterns are Totally Dependent Upon
“Complete Interaction”

What's Happening Today “Weather-wise” in China will Effect California
In about Two weeks plus or minus three days!

And What Happens Today “Weather-wise” in Africa will Effect The Entire Eastern Seaboard of the United States In about Two weeks plus or minus three days!

the creation will be effected by the impending
judgment of God soon to come

Salvation and the things of this world

2nd Angelic ministry relating to the Jewish Remnant v.2a

Then I saw **another angel** ascending from the east,
having **the seal of the living God**...

This Parenthetical Chapter is All Important

During the days of the sixth seal judgments and before the opening of the Seventh Seal Judgments,
You Have Something Happening.

«(((What's Happening is the Sealing of People))))»

John See's "Another Angel"

This Angel has a Very Special Ministry Assignment

He has "The Seal of the Living God"

**God's Divine Protection
Over a Special Group of People**

(A)

They will be immune against the judgments.

(B)

They will be protected against the attacks of the Antichrist.