

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 7:1-12

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* ***Revelation 7:1-12***

"You Have to Wonder What it Must Have Been Like to Have Listened to, Heard Jesus Teaching and Preaching in His Own Words. It must have Been Amazing to Have Been Taught by Jesus – by God Himself in Flesh!"

Matthew 7:28

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, :29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 9:33

"...And the multitudes of people marveled, saying, "It's never been like this in Israel!"

Matthew 13:16

"As for you, how blessed you are! Because your eyes see and your ears hear. :17 I assure you that many prophets and many of God's people wanted very much to see what you see, but they did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but they did not hear it.

LAST TIME IN OUR STUDY...

We Saw In Revelation 7:1-3

After these things 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, on the sea, or on any tree. :2 Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, :3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

The First 3 1/2 Years of Wrath has Come via the Six Seals

Revelation 6:17

For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

**THAT SALVATION IS AVAILABLE,
BUT MOST OFTEN IT TAKES A WAKE UP CALL —
OFTEN IN THE MIDDLE OF TROUBLE IS WHEN WE BEGIN TO SEE AND HEAR
LIKE NEVER BEFORE...**

The Ministry of Angels

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 I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth,

These are Fearful and Mighty and Awesome Angelic
Beings with Great Power

With Powers Over Nature

Verse 1

holding the **four winds** of the earth, that **the wind** should not blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.

Here We See "Angels In A Holding Pattern"

***Because Something Must First be Done
Before They Can Unleash Their Judgment!***

Salvation and the things of this world

2nd Angelic ministry relating to the Jewish Nation

v.2a

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

...**the seal** of the living God -- (there is not one Biblical scholar who knows what this seal is, we can only guess.)

So Let's Guess !

And We Begin Our Guessing by Always Going Back in History.
In This Case, The Time of Jesus Christ Himself.

So We Ask;

*What was a Seal Used for in Jesus' Day?
and What Benefit would a Seal have, If You had a Seal?*

The word "Seal or Sealed" means to be Owned

And This Seal Signifies Acceptance
And This Seal Signifies Approval
And This Seal Signifies Authority

Esther 8:8

And a *decree* shall be written concerning the Jews, (1) as it pleases you,
(2) in the king's name, and (3) seal *it* with the king's signet ring;
Benefit = for whatever is written in the king's name and
sealed with the king's signet ring **shall no one can revoke.**"

And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, :3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have **sealed the servants** of our God on their foreheads."

A Seal Signifying Acceptance, Approval, Authority

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. :21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us - *is* God, :22 who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, AUTHORITY

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, :14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

It Means Absolutely Nothing
but I think it's the person, the presence and the power
of the Holy Spirit in the Life of these Jewish Converts

Ephesians 4:29-30

Let no filthy talk proceed out of your mouth, but say only those things that are good for encouraging others, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit **Seals** us with a **Sealing** that Cannot be Broken
OUR ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, AND AUTHORITY
AS GOD'S CHILDREN IS SOLELY BASED UPON THE WORK OF CHRIST

As Long as Jesus Christ Lives – My Salvation is Secure

Greater Than the Day of Pentecost !

In True End Times Depiction - Joel 2:27

Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. :28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. :29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. :30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. :31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. :32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

Provided with this Sealing

Is the protection of God much like the Passover Lamb in Egypt

and it's the seal of the "Living God"

Matthew 10:30

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. :31 Therefore - do not fear;

SALVATION, IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE

II.) Salvation – and the wisdom of God

vv. 4-8

:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: **:5** of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; **:6** of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; **:7** of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; **:8** of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

Salvation – and the wisdom of God

1st The Lord knows those that are His

v.4

:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

Isaiah 49:5

“And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength), **:6** Indeed He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.

There Will Be Two Groups of People Saved During the Tribulation Period.
Many Jewish People Will Awaken to See Jesus as Messiah
and
Those Non Jewish People Who Come to Believe in Jesus Christ
Through the Preaching of 144,000

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 43:5

: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—

2 Corinthians -

Because – Not Only is The Lord Not Done with Israel, - But He Has an Awesome Plan for The Jewish People and the Nation of Israel!

Salvation – and the wisdom of God

2nd It's time to choose God - and Move On !!!

v.4-8

Acts 7:51

“You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears!
You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

I Think I Just Need to Sample Other Religions...

John 4:14

but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 6:51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

SALVATION, IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE

III.) Salvation – and the perfect ending vv. 9-12

Remembering,
After **Those** Things, I saw **These** Things...
CHAPTER 7:(1)-8 = INSERT #1

Remember - Division #1 = **After these things**
I saw (those things of verses 1-8 which are Clearly Jewish in Context
and Relates to Tribulation Ministry

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

Remember - Division #2 = **After these things** I looked (and I saw those things of verses 9-17 which are
Clearly Gentile in Context and Relates To Heavenly Worship

Salvation - and the perfect ending

1st What a perfect ending when – It's God who loves v.9-10a

:9 **After these things** I looked, and behold, a **great multitude** which no one could number, of **all** nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, :10 and **crying out with a loud voice**,

Brother, are these people an interesting group.
Who They Are and **Where** They Have Come From
Is of extreme importance to us, the church!

Why – Because, John doesn't Recognize them!

Could they be Hindus and Buddhists, Muslims and Jews?

**John has No Idea
Who This Mass of Worshippers Are**

Revelation 7:14

And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

***What a perfect ending when – It's God who loves
Salvation - and the perfect ending***

2nd What a perfect ending when – It's God who saves v.10b

saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one (*Jew, gentile, Hindu, Muslim you name it*)
comes to the Father except through Me.

1 John 5:11

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. :12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. :13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Acts 4:10

let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. :11 This is the "stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone." :12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Philippians 2:9

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3:35

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. :36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Salvation - and the perfect ending

3rd What a perfect ending when – It's God who "Is" v.11-12

:11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, :12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

The God Who Is...

Exodus 3:13

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?" :14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Understand That When

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They Worshipped !

Because it was Founded Upon God's Goodness and His Ability to Save

Because it was Founded Upon God's Goodness and His Ability to Protect

Because it was Founded Upon God's Goodness and His Ability to Forgive

Because it was Founded Upon God's Goodness and His Ability to Promise

ARE YOU A WORSHIPPER OF GOD, OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

Here's Why It's So Important.

When Satan Came Tempting Jesus Christ in the Wilderness,
Satan came Offering Jesus the Ownership of the World
If Jesus Would Only Do One Thing...

WORSHIP SATAN, AS GOD

Matthew 4:8-9

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. :9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Jesus Never Refuted Satan's Claim to be Able to Offer It,
Jesus Refused to Acknowledge Satan's Claim.

Worship is the Most Important Thing You Can Do.
Because if you worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth,
Then Everything Else Will Be Taken Care Of...

A Worshipping Christian - Will be Serving – Because He Gets To
A Worshipping Christian – Will be Praying– Because He Gets To
A Worshipping Christian – Will be Helping – Because He Gets To
A Worshipping Christian – Will be Giving – Because He Gets To

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the elders and
the four living creatures,

they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

Verse 12

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SALVATION, IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE

Maybe this morning your life has been a life "troubled" about many things.

Perhaps your life has been less than what you had hoped for

John 7:28

Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. :29 But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."

John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

...and crying out with a loud voice, they said;

"Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

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