

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter 7 PT. 1: The 144,000 Sealed

Revelation 7:1-8 (NASB)

Sealing of the Bond Servants

“¹After 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. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, holding the seal of the living God; and he called out 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, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.’

The 144,000

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, ⁶ from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, ⁷ from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, ⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, *and* from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.”



Verse 1

“After These Things”- After what things? A judgment so terrifying that Chapter 6 ends with the words, “Who shall be able to stand!”

- The breaking of seals one through six.
- The Four Horsemen riding: Antichrist, War, Famine, Death/Hades.
- The Great Earthquake (shaking, commotion, tempest).
- The stars (meteors) falling from the sky and heaven rolled back like a scroll.
- Men wanting to die, but there is no escape.

Four Angels: Authority Over The Elements of Nature

- Standing on the four corners of the earth.
- Holding the four winds of the earth.
- Stopping the wind from blowing on the earth, sea, or any tree.



Note: This is where the Father shows that He truly judges in righteousness. The mercy shown here is mind blowing. He puts a pause on judgment so that those that belong to Him can be sealed.

Verses 2-3

“Another Angel With the Seal of God”

Key: This fifth angel was given authority over the other four angels because he carries the Seal of God. The angel cries with a loud voice, “Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”

- The Kingdom of God is one of order. Even the angels honor rank.

Bond-Servants - Representatives for every Tribe of Israel that will be saved during the Tribulation time. This will be 12,000 for each of the Tribes of Israel.

- The mark they receive prevents them from being consumed by Satan and the Anti-Christ during the Tribulation period.



Note: You cannot read the **Revelation 7:4-8** and believe in Replacement Theology.

Replacement Theology: The view that the Church is the new or true Israel that has permanently replaced or superseded Israel as the people of God.

Verse 4

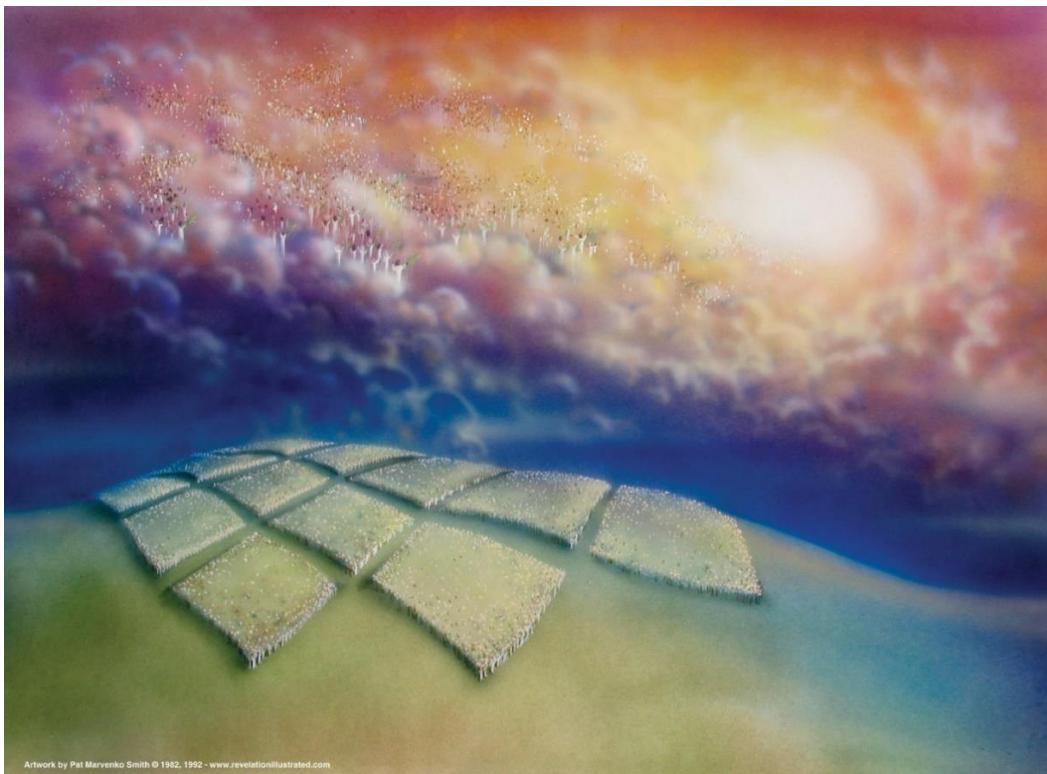
“I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:”

Key: The Jews were handpicked by God to be the nation that would steward and preserve the Word of God!

- The Scriptures (66 Books of the Bible) are God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16).
- 36 men were chosen to pen/author the 66 Books of the Bible.
- Out of all the men, only one can even be slightly questioned as being a Jew That is Luke. (Please note: This is inconclusive and there is no absolute proof for either position.)

Note: The argument for Luke is found in **Romans 3:1-2**. Paul states that “unto them were committed the oracles of God”. Paul recognizes that when God gave revelation to humans, He gave it to and through **the Jews**. He did not utilize the Gentile people for this purpose. Jews were the vehicle of revelation of the Word of God.

The “Until We”: 144,000 Hand Picked By the Father, Sealed By the Fifth Angel

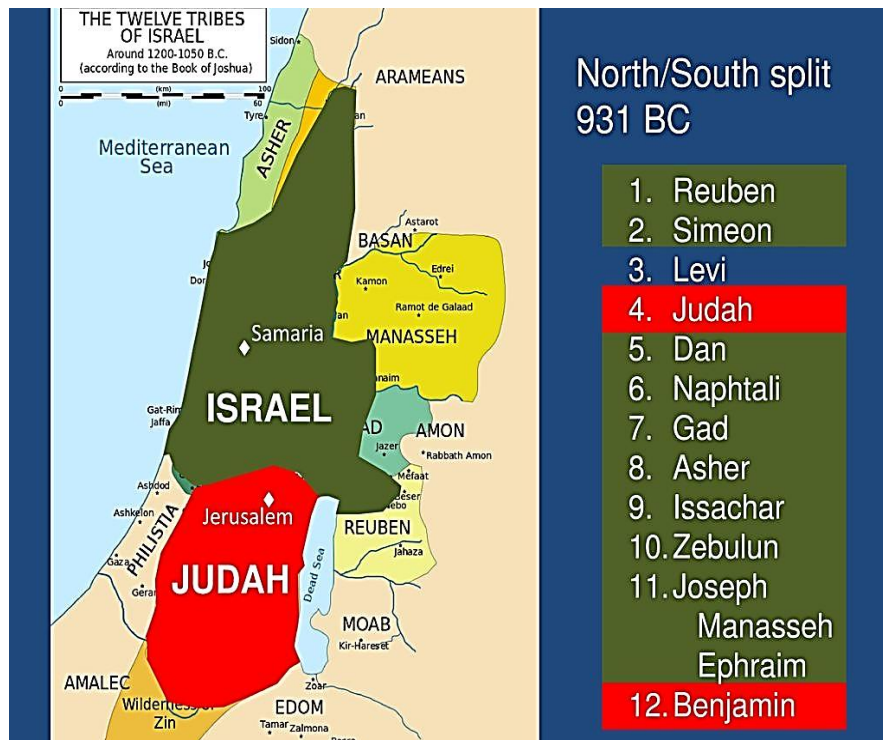


- Many Jews will be saved because of their witness, but those saved as a result will die. However, the remnant of 144,000 will not die, as they will continue to carry the Word His as witnesses.

Verses 5-8: Hebrew Names

⁵ From the tribe of Y'hudah	Judah	12,000
from the tribe of Re'uven	Rueben	12,000
from the tribe of Gad,	Gad	12,000
⁶ from the tribe of Asher	Asher	12,000
from the tribe of Naftali	Neptholim	12,000
from the tribe of M'nasheh	Manesses	12,000
⁷ from the tribe of Shim'on	Simeon	12,000
from the tribe of Levi	Levi	12,000
from the tribe of Yissakhar	Issachar	12,000
⁸ from the tribe of Z'vulun	Zabulon	12,000
from the tribe of Yosef	Joseph	12,000
from the tribe of Binyamin	Benjamin	12,000

Key: Ephraim and Dan are not listed; Manasseh is listed instead. (Reference 1 Kings 11:1-8).



- The tribe of Ephraim was the lead tribe to defect from King David's kingdom, resulting in the kingdom being split after King Solomon sinned (1 Kings 11:1-8).
- Ephraim was responsible for the Davidic kingdom being split into a Southern Kingdom and a Northern Kingdom.
- When Ephraim led in the split of the kingdom, they also encouraged the ten northern tribes to abandon the worship of Yahweh and to worship false gods (1 Kings 12:25-29; Hosea 4:17).
- Dan had difficulty taking possession of their territory (Joshua 19:47; Judges 18:1).
- Dan took an "ephod, other household gods, a carved image, and a cast idol" (Judges 18:14,17-18).
- Dan attacked and overcame "a peaceful and unsuspecting people" (Judges 18:27).
- Dan set up the idols and their own priests in their new city (18:30-31).

Key: Due to their rebellion and dishonor, God did not honor Ephraim and Dan to be His witnesses.

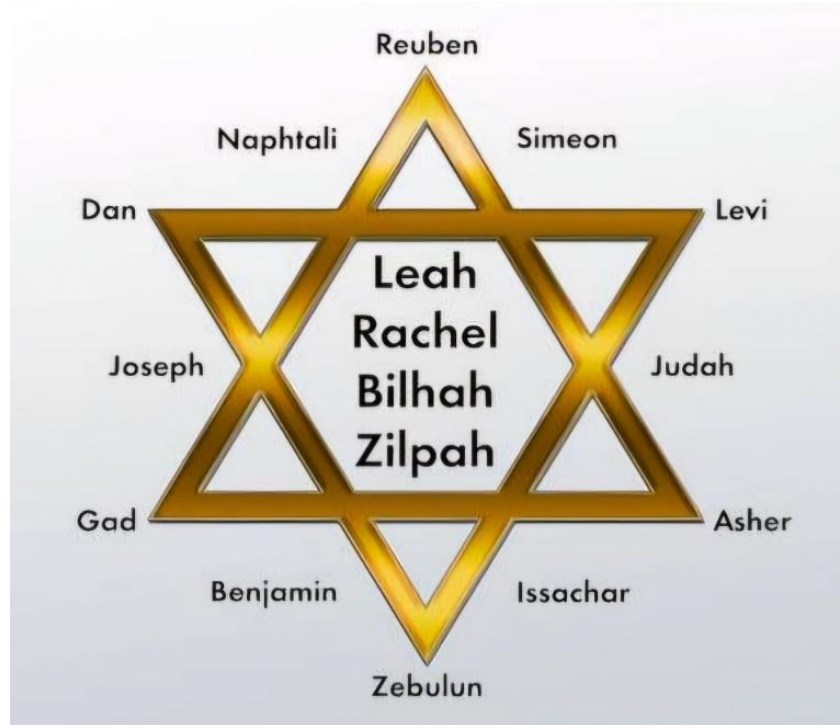
Mark 3:25 (NASB) - "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

- Division and sowing discord are great abominations in the sight of the Lord – they are disgusting to Him! (**Proverbs 6:16-19**)

Note: The Northern Kingdom of Israel was taken into captivity by Assyria in 722 BC, and the Southern Kingdom of Judah was taken into captivity by Babylon between 597 and 582 BC.

Understanding: Even in of all this, Father is still Faithful to His Covenant People! During the Millennium period, **1,000 years after the Tribulation ends**, Dan will be allotted territory (**Ezekiel 48:1**). Joseph will receive a double-portion: both Manasseh and Ephraim will receive their own territories (**Ezekiel 48:4, 5**).

- This is His faithfulness in His covenant with Abraham and His great mercy towards His covenant people!



Key: A great reminder from the Apostle Paul to the Gentile Church (**Read All - Romans 11:13-25**):

Romans 11:18 (NASB) – “do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you.”

- Jesus was Jewish and **will be** Jewish when He returns. This is why He will bring the New Jerusalem back with Him and reign for 1,000 years.
- We must humble ourselves, for if the Jews had not rejected Him, there would be no need for us!

If God made you a promise, it is sitting somewhere in time. Do not dare let the devil make you believe that His word will fail. He said before one jot or tittle should fail, Heaven and Earth will pass away (Matthew 5:18; 24:35). They are both still here! The enemy causes us to look at our failures and believe God does, too. God judges and He does correct, but He corrects in righteousness. When He says His mercies are new every morning, He means that (Lamentations 3:23)! He does not need yesterday's mercy. Just wake up and see that He has new mercy for you! Sometimes, our worst enemy is ourselves, for we have not forgiven ourselves though we have forgiven other people. God has forgiven us and forgotten it, because He is merciful to His children. Receive His mercy today!

The End