

## CHAPTER SEVEN – THE REMNANT AND THE REDEEMED

### A PARENTHESIS IN TIME – REVELATION 7:1-17

Revelation 7 takes us into an extraordinary parenthetical time frame. In chapter 6, we have been lead through six of seven seals – the seventh seal not being revealed until chapter 8. Therefore, the events in chapter 7 record a \_\_\_\_\_ detailing information taking place sometime during the six seals. This is clear because chapter 6 concludes with the great day of the Lord's wrath coming, marking the end of human history as we know it today. However, when we arrive in chapter 7 before these horrific events unfold (Rev. 7:3), a Jewish remnant is sealed and a great multitude of people are saved; then the chronology closes with the seventh seal in chapter 8:1.

Today we will learn additional details that God, in his wisdom, has chosen to reveal to us. As we study these details we will rely upon the Spirit of God, and our \_\_\_\_\_ to him, to further shape us into the image of his dear Son, Jesus Christ.

#### 1. The Remnant – verses 1-8

- Who are they?

- They are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Rev. 7:3

- They are \_\_\_\_\_ – 12,000 from each of the 12 \_\_\_\_\_, totaling 144,000 – Rev. 7:4-8

1)	Juda	12,000
2)	Reuben	12,000
3)	Gad	12,000
4)	Aser	12,000
5)	Nephtalim	12,000
6)	Manasses	12,000
7)	Simeon	12,000
8)	Levi	12,000
9)	Issachar	12,000
10)	Zabulon	12,000
11)	Joseph	12,000
12)	Benjamin	<u>12,000</u>
		144,000

*The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are \_\_\_\_\_ (they have been replaced by Levi and Joseph). Both tribes are guilty of leading Israel into idolatry. Although they have a part in the yet future millennial kingdom (Ezk. 48), they are not part of the sealed remnant throughout the tribulation...*

- They are \_\_\_\_\_ by a mark in their forehead – Rev. 7:3; 14:1; Ezekiel 9:1-11

- They are \_\_\_\_\_ from the earth – Rev. 14:3-4

- They are male \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 14:4; Matthew 25:1-13

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- They are apparently \_\_\_\_\_ into the third heaven during the tribulation period – Rev. 7:3-4 compared to 14:1-3; Matthew 25:1, 6, 10

- What is their purpose?

- They are to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Matthew 24:14-15

*Although there is no specific mention of the 144,000 being superhuman witness for God during the tribulation period, and that the following redeemed multitude in Revelation 7:9-17 were \_\_\_\_\_ through their ministry, after all we have learned so far this seems to be a sound and reasonable deduction...*

- They are a like figure of the apostle Paul...

*He is a Jew – Phil. 3:5*

*He is likely a virgin (obviously he was male) – 1 Co. 7:25-26*

*He had a supernatural conversion to Christ – Acts 9:3-6; 1 Co. 15:8*

*He evangelized the known world – Acts 19:10; Romans 16:25-26; Col. 1:5-6, 23*

*He was troubled, thwarted, imprisoned, and ultimately killed for his faith – Acts 9:28; 2 Timothy 4:6-8*

*He was raptured, in a sense, to the third heaven – 2 Co. 12:2*

## 2. The Redeemed – verses 9-17

- Who are they?

- They are the saints who were \_\_\_\_\_ during the tribulation – Rev. 7:9-14

*There is one of two possible explanations for these saints –*

*1) They are the other martyred saints that are saved during the tribulation (Rev. 6:11)...*

*2) They are the saints that are saved and \_\_\_\_\_ during the tribulation...*

- What is their purpose?

- To praise, honor, worship, serve, and \_\_\_\_\_ God – Rev. 7: 10-12, 15