

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"Revival In The Tribulation"

Revelation 7:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. We are just beyond the halfway point.
 - a) The *Great Tribulation* which is the 2nd half of the Tribulation - which is the time of Jacobs Trouble.

2. **Revelation 1:19**
 - a) *"the things which you have seen"*
 - 1) Chapter 1
 - b) *"those that are"*
 - 1) Chapters 2&3
 - c) *"those that are to take place after this"*
 - 1) Chapters 4-19
 - a) Chapters 4&5 - The church in Heaven
 - b) **Chapters 6-19 - Tribulation on earth**
 - c) Chapter 20 - Great White Throne Judgment
 - d) Chapter 21 - The Eternal State

3. We have gone through the first **SIX SEALS**
 - a) **SEAL #1 - The White Horse** - False Peace
 - 1) Revelation 6:1-2
 - b) **SEAL #2 - The Red Horse** - War - The Shedding of Blood
 - 1) Revelation 6:3-4
 - c) **SEAL #3 - The Black Horse** - Starvation - Famine - Pestilence
 - 1) Revelation 6:5-6
 - d) **SEAL #4 - The Pale Horse** - Death & Hades
 - 1) Revelation 6:7-8
 - e) **SEAL #5 - Martyrdom** - Prayer of the Martyred Saints for Revenge
 - 1) Revelation 6:9-11
 - f) **SEAL #6 - Natural Disasters** - When God Shakes the World
 - 1) Revelation 6:12-17

4. Now Notice **Revelation 8:1**
 - a) The **SEVENTH SEAL** opens the Seven Trumpet Judgments.

5. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Chapter 7 is a Parenthetical Chapter.

6. **VERY IMPORTANT:** All of this has to do with the fact that God has a plan for His people!!!
 - a) **Daniel 9:20-24**

7. Chapter 7 is about a great revival that will come to God's people before the end of the age.

a) **Jeremiah 30:7**

8. Two things will happen to Israel during the Tribulation.

a) Israel will be disciplined for her rejection of Messiah.

b) And Jews will be prepared to receive their Messiah.

c) **Zechariah 12:10**

I. REVIVAL IN THE TRIBULATION

1. Revelation 7 comes between the 6th and 7th SEAL and is a parenthetical chapter revealing God's GRACE and MERCY.

a) And during this time God will save and seal 144,000 evangelists against judgment.

2. In chapter 7 there are two visions presented to John.

a) **Vision #1 - Vs 1-8**

1) Takes place on earth and 144,000 representatives of a godly remnant from Israel are saved.

b) **Vision #2 - Vs 9-17**

1) Takes place in Heaven and concerns the glory of martyred Gentile saints in heaven.

3. **Vs 1-3**

a) John sees 4 angels restraining the winds of judgment that are about to blow upon the earth from every direction.

b) The winds of judgment are being held back until the elect from Israel have been gathered.

II. THE SEALING OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

1. **Vs 2-3**

2. Cf. **8:6ff**

a) These are the judgments being restrained.

3. Before the destruction of the earth, sea, and trees the servants of God must be sealed.

a) **Vs 3**

4. **QUESTION:** So what is the seal of God on these Jews?

A. WHAT IS THE SEAL

1. This isn't the 1st time God has protected His people from judgment.
 - a) Noah and his family.
 - 1) **Genesis 7:1**
 - b) Rehab and her family
 - 1) **Joshua 2:12-13**

2. In Revelation 13 we will see where Satan will seal his own with the Mark of the Beast without which no one in the Tribulation will be able to buy or sell.

3. Those who refuse the seal of the Antichrist will be killed for their faithfulness to Christ.
 - a) **Revelation 6:9**

4. **Ephesians 1:13-14**
 - a) We have been sealed!!

5. Now here in Revelation 7 we see the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists and in **Revelation 14:1-3** they are sealed.

6. **Revelation 14:4-5**
 - a) They will not yield spiritually or morally from their commitment.

7. **Ephesians 4:30**
 - a) **Joel 2:28-32**

8. Perhaps the seal is a mighty filling and sealing and anointing of the Spirit by which they are witnesses for Christ during the Tribulation.

9. Think of what it will be like to have 144,000 Spirit filled anointed Jews suddenly to discover their Messiah.
 - a) They will be unstoppable.

10. **LISTEN UP:** When you meet Jesus something changes.

- 11.. Think about the 12 Apostles who were "sealed with the Holy spirit" @ Pentecost.
 - a) **Acts 17:6**

B. WHO ARE THE SEALED?

1. **Not those who are at the end of Chapter 7:9**
 - a) These are not the 144,000, but the result of the 144,000.
 - b) They are Gentiles in 7:9 converts of the 144,000.

2. They are not the Church

- a) The Church is in Heaven Chapters 4&5
- b) The Church is not Israel. (Replacement Theology)

3. They are not 7th Day Adventist

- a) Seventh Day Adventist believe the 144,000 to be members of their church found faithfully observing the Sabbath when the Lord returns and are raptured to glory.

4. They are not Jehovah's Witnesses!!!

- a) The original JW's believed that they were the 144,000.

5. Revelation 7:4-8

C. WHY ARE THEY SEALED?

1. For Protection

- a) **Zechariah 13:8-9** WOW
 - 1) Only 1/3rd will survive
- b) **Revelation 9:4**

2. For Preaching the Gospel

- a) These Jews will be empowered to preach the Gospel to their world and the results will be H.S Revival.
- b) **Revelation 7:9**
 - 1) That will be the result of H.S. filled preachers preaching the Gospel.

3. For Populating the Kingdom

- a) @ the end of the Tribulation when Christ returns and destroys His enemies, who will populate the earth?
 - 1) The 144,000 sealed Jews
 - 2) All believers who were not Martyred.
 - a) Jews and Gentiles alike.
 - 3) King Jesus will rule and reign over His people.
- b) **John 1:11**

CONCLUSION:

- 1. It's all about God's Amazing Grace
 - a) **John 3:16**