

## THE LION AND THE LAMB – DRESSED IN WHITE

### Revelation 7

- ✓ Chapter Seven is in the middle of the sixth and seventh seals.
- ✓ An intermission in which John sees two visions.
- ✓ Check out **Revelation 6:17**.
- ✓ John's 1<sup>st</sup> vision – **Revelation 7:1-8** (See v:1)
- ✓ The 2<sup>nd</sup> vision – **Revelation 7:9-17** (See v:9)

#### THE 144,000 SEALED ON EARTH – Revelation 7:1-8

1. The four Angels have an difficult job – **Revelation 7:1-3**
  - a. They were standing at the four corners of the earth
    - i. Holding back the four winds of the earth.
      - "the four points of the compass."
      - The idea is that these four angels impact the entire earth.
      - **Daniel 7:2-3**
      - **Zechariah 6:5**
    - ii. John saw another angel ascending from the east
      - i. Carrying the seal of the Living God.
      - ii. He delivered specific instructions to the four angels.
  - b. John saw another angel ascending from the east
    - i. Carrying the seal of the Living God.
    - ii. He delivered specific instructions to the four angels.
2. The 144,000 sealed **Revelation 7:4-8**
  - a. John "heard" the number of those sealed
  - b. Those sealed were 12,000 each of the tribes of Israel:
    1. from Judah 12,000
    2. from Reuben 12,000
    3. from Gad 12,000
    4. from Asher 12,000
    5. from Naphtali 12,000
    6. from Manasseh 12,000
    7. from Simeon 12,000
    8. from Levi 12,000
    9. from Issachar 12,000
    10. from Zebulun 12,000
    11. from Joseph 12,000
    12. from Benjamin 12,000

g. However, the tribes receiving land differed from the biblical tribes.

- h. The Tribe of Levi was not given land but they had six Cities of Refuge under their administration as well as the Temple in Jerusalem.
- i. No land allotted to the Tribe of Joseph.
  - But Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, received their father's allotment of land.
  - Ephraim is missing in this list, due to his rebellion.

#### JOHN SEES A MASSIVE CROWD IN HEAVEN – Revelation 7:9-17

1. John sees a vast crowd – **Revelation 7:9-12**
  - Too great to count.
  - From every nation, tribe, people groups and languages.
2. Standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb
  - Clothed in white robes
  - Palm branches in their hands
3. Shouting with a great roar – **v:10**

- c. They are from **all the tribes of the children of Israel**.
  - Ethnically, they are Jewish, and there are 144,000 of these chosen ones.
  - The tribe of Dan is left out in this list.
  - Dan was the tribe that introduced idolatry into the nation of Israel (**Genesis 49:17; Judges 18:30-31**).
- d. The tribe of Dan is listed among the descendants of Jacob in the Old Testament on several occasions (about 19 lists)
  - Dan is not listed in **Revelation 7:4-8**.
  - The table shows that Dan is listed as Jacob's son in **Genesis 35:22-26; Exodus 1:1-5** and **1 Chronicles 2:1-2**.
  - But in **Revelation 7:4-8** notice that the tribe of Dan is missing.
- e. The question is why did this happen?
  - The Tribe of Dan is missing here because they were unfaithful to God and turned to idol worship.
- f. The Land of Israel was divided into 12 subdivisions corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel.

4. The Angels, the elders, and the four living beings join in this song service of praise:

- They fell down with their faces to the ground and worshipped God – **v:11**
- They sang a song – **v:12**

#### THE MASSIVE CROWD IDENTIFIED – Revelation 7:13-17

1. An elder quizzed John – **v:13**.
2. John quizzed the elder – **v:14**
  - The identity of this vast crowd was revealed
  - The elder describes the future of this vast crowd – **v:15-17**

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