

SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 7

[SLIDE 2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 7."

- If you remember Revelation Chapter 6, we saw 6 seals were opened.
- That's a good way to remember Revelation Chapter 6 is the 6 SEALS.
- Right there at the end of Chapter 6 you see THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME.
- So the 6 seals are now opened and the WRATH OF THE LAMB is coming.
- Some so-called Christians today would say, "Well, that can't be right."
- "Jesus doesn't have wrath for anyone. He only loves you no matter what."
- Yeah, then you don't believe what the Bible says. You have a FALSE JESUS. You made your own.
- Because yours sure doesn't match the Jesus in this Bible. It's not the same Jesus.
- Let's start there in verse 1 of Chapter 7 and let's hear the words of the Bible today.

[SLIDE 3] Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

- Remember, the Book of Revelation is in chronological order from Chapter 1 through 11.
- Chapter 12 goes back in time to the birth of Jesus Christ and then is in chronological order again.
- You should understand that Chapter 7 of Revelation is in chronological order with Chapter 6.
- Notice right there in verse 1 that it says, "AND AFTER THESE THINGS." After what things?
- After what just happened in Chapter 6 with the 6 seals being opened.
- Now, we're going to see what's going to happen next after the SIXTH seal is opened.
- I bring this up BECAUSE you can see that's pretty easy to understand, right?
- We just finished opening the SIXTH seal and now it says AFTER THESE THINGS I SAW.
- But false preachers, AGAIN, will say that Chapter 7 is outside of the timeline.
- They say that Revelation Chapter 7 is not in chronological order.
- The sun and moon was darkened, there was a great earthquake, people of the earth are hiding themselves from God.
- And now we're in Chapter 7 and it says AFTER THESE THINGS.

Here's the important thing to understand in this transition from Chapter 6 to Chapter 7.

- The GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME but God hasn't poured out His wrath yet.
- We haven't seen anything like that yet.
- And then watch what we see in verse 2.

[SLIDE 4] Revelation 7:2-3 And 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 given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

- Now we see a FIFTH angel ascending from the East with the seal of the living God.
- He tells the 4 other angels that are there to hurt the earth and the sea to HOLD ON!!!
- "HURT NOT THE EARTH, NEITHER THE SEA, NOR THE TREES"
- "Until we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads."
- God's wrath isn't being poured out.

- In Chapter 8, AFTER they have been sealed, then we see God's wrath upon the Earth.
- A quick summary of Chapter 6, 7, and 8:
- In Chapter 6, the great day of His wrath is come. He's getting ready to pour out His wrath.
- In Chapter 7, after these things, God doesn't pour out the wrath until the servants are sealed.
- In Chapter 7, we also see that the Rapture has taken place when a great multitude of people show up in heaven.
- In Chapter 8, after the servants are sealed in their foreheads, God starts to pour out His wrath.
- In other words, the Book of Revelation is in order. It makes perfect sense.

But yet, FALSE PREACHERS confuse something that isn't confusing.

- God is not trying to trick us.
- Remember, this is called Revelation and it's written to REVEAL things to us.
- He's not trying to make this difficult or confusing.
- All we have to do is study it with a clear, logical, and open mind and it all comes together.
- False preachers will actually teach that the trumpets happen BEFORE the SIX SEALS.
- When did that happen? It's not in the Bible in that order.
- They'll say that the SIXTH SEAL lines up with the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- We've already seen the sixth seal and there's no mention of the seventh trumpet yet.
- The sixth seal has nothing to do with the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- Pre-Tribulation Rapture and Post Wrath Rapture teachers will say the trumpets don't come after the seals.

What's the truth, though?

- We see that the servants are being sealed in their foreheads between the SIXTH AND SEVENTH SEAL.
- Do you see that? The sixth seal was just opened in Chapter 6.
- We're in Chapter 7 now. We haven't seen the SEVENTH SEAL yet.
- We see that the 144,000 are going to be sealed with God's seal in their foreheads.
- Why? So they aren't hurt by God's WRATH that He's going to pour out.
- We also haven't seen ANY of God's wrath yet.
- The earth, seas, and trees on Earth have not been hurt at all to this point in time.
- It's important to know 100% that Revelation 7 is in chronological order.
- It's not difficult. It goes in order. God's not playing games here like the others are teaching.
- With that said, I want to go back to Revelation 7 verse 1 and start again.

[SLIDE 5] Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

- Notice what we see in verse 1.
- There are 4 angels standing on the four corners of the earth (North, South, West, East).
- People will use that verse right there to say the Earth is flat or the Bible is 100% wrong.
- They say, "SEE!!! The Bible is wrong. The earth doesn't have 4 corners."
- "The Bible says the Earth is a square with corners."
- We need to understand what the Bible means when it says 4 CORNERS.

[SLIDE 6] Leviticus 19:27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

- That's God speaking right there. Does God think that our heads are flat rectangles with corners?
- Of course not. All the evidence of what God means by the four corners of the world is shown in that verse.
- Our heads aren't flat squares or rectangles.
- Our heads are approximately a sphere just like the earth. Approximately. Every head is different.
- But there's more proof within the Bible that the Earth isn't flat.
- The 4 corners of the earth isn't like the four corners of a rectangle or square.
- Do you remember that God divided the tribes of Israel in the camp? He put them in specific directions.
- He organized the camps by directions. East, West, North, South.
- He also gave them specific areas of land to claim in the promised land in specific directions.

[SLIDE 7] Nehemiah 9:21-22 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

- When the Bible uses the word corner in this context, it's not saying the Earth is flat.
- If the earth were flat and there were 4 corners, think about this.
- Let's draw it on the white board. The winds would be coming from the corners.
- That wouldn't be North, South, East, and West unless you turn the square or rectangle.
- Anyway, the flat earth theory is just idiotic as there's proof everywhere that the earth isn't flat.
- Hundreds of pieces of evidence. One is the way radar systems work.
- Another is how you can fly in airplane east AND west and come to the exact same location.
- Another is that ships don't fall off the edge of the earth.
- Do you see how our world isn't evolving? We're getting dumber and dumber and dumber.
- People will say that all the space images are fabricated and false. All of NASA is in a conspiracy.
- They don't see these verses in the Bible.

[SLIDE 8] Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

- Does the match the evidence that we see from the space images showing earth.
- Yes, the earth is in space hanging on nothing.
- It's not setting on pillars in space.

[SLIDE 9] Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

- The earth is a circle. The heavens are stretched out as a curtain. He spreadeth out the heavens.
- This all matches with what we know about the earth.
- The Bible is ALWAYS right.
- The FOUR WINDS talked about in Revelation Chapter 7 are coming from the four corners or four directions of the Earth. That's what it means.
- The angels are holding the winds from those directions. There's no wind at all.
- That would tell you something is wrong. No wind moving AT ALL. Quiet and silent. Nothing moving.

[SLIDE 10] Revelation 7:2-3 And 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 given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

- We have 4 angels that are going to hurt the earth and the sea.
- Don't hurt the earth and sea until the servants are sealed.

[SLIDE 11] Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

- Here's where we learn about the servants who are being sealed in their foreheads.
- We see that there are 144,000 being sealed.
- And then we're going to get specifics on who these 144,000 servants are.
- We don't get to make up our own fairy tales here like the Jehovah's Witness do in their Kingdom Halls.
- They make up their own Bible and change all the words.
- The Bible is VERY CLEAR on who these 144,000 people are.
- And guess what? I'm not one of those 144,000. You're not one of those 144,000.
- I'll tell you how I know. Let's keep reading, and you'll know too.

[SLIDE 12] Revelation 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

- Starting out here. You see that 12,000 from the tribe of Judah. 12,000 from Reuben. 12,000 from Gad.
- There are 12 tribes of Israel. 12,000 multiplied by 12 tribes is 144,000.
- Let's keep going.

[SLIDE 13] Revelation 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

- Now we see 3 more tribes of Israel. Aser, Nepthalim, and Manasses.
- That's 6 tribes total so far or 72,000 servants.

[SLIDE 14] Revelation 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

- There's 3 more tribes making a total of 9 tribes.
- You see Simeon, Levi, and Issachar.

[SLIDE 15] Revelation 7:8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

- And there we see the last 3 tribes of Israel mentioned here.
- We see Zabulon, Joseph, and Benjamin.
- That's 12 tribes, 12,000 servants each tribe, and a total of 144,000 servants.
- So we know that we have 144,000 servants from the 12 tribes of Israel.
- What is the purpose of these 144,000 servants being sealed in their foreheads?

- Why do they need this seal? Well, let's see. I want you to see why they need this seal.

In Revelation Chapter 9, we see the FIFTH TRUMPET ANGEL sounding the trumpet.

- The trumpets signify God's WRATH being poured out.
- And we see this in Chapter 9 right after the FIFTH TRUMPET sounds.

[SLIDE 16] Revelation 9:3-4 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

- So, these locusts are coming forth with God's Wrath from the FIFTH TRUMPET.
- The locusts are NOT to hurt the grass, or any green thing, or any tree.
- Who are the locusts going to hurt?
- ONLY THOSE MEN who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads.
- This seal is protecting them from God's Wrath.
- The 144,000 will be on Earth when God's wrath is being poured out.

And notice something else that this proves.

- The 144,000 are sealed after the SIXTH seal is opened and BEFORE the seventh seal is opened.
- The seventh seal is opened in Chapter 8. Remember, we're in Chapter 7 right now.
- We see the 144,000 being sealed.
- If the trumpets of God's wrath happened BEFORE the servants were sealed in their foreheads:
- The verse, Revelation 9:4 on the screen there, wouldn't make any sense.
- But yet, the false preachers keep on coming up with excuses when the Bible is VERY CLEAR.

So remember, the 144,000 are sealed in their foreheads to protect them from God's WRATH!

- God's wrath is poured out during the TRUMPETS.
- Some false preachers will say that the seal is talking about the Holy Ghost.
- THAT'S FALSE. You don't get a mark or a seal in your forehead when you receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. And it's not limited to 144,000 who will be on the Earth.
- You get false teaching like that to support a false religion ONLY. It never matches the Bible.

Did you know this sealing of people in their foreheads is also discussed in Ezekiel Chapter 9?

- In Ezekiel, there are people who are VERY UPSET about the sin and wickedness around them.
- In other words, it's a VERY GOOD THING to be UPSET with sin and wickedness.
- It's a VERY GOOD THING in God's eyes for you to be upset with people who are wicked.
- Those are the people who do not obey God. Sin is not obeying God. That's wickedness.
- Let's see the story in Ezekiel and watch how it's very similar to the Book of Revelation.

[SLIDE 17] Ezekiel 9:3-6 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; 4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. 5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: 6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but

come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

- So God appoints THE MAN CLOTHED WITH LINEN to go forth.
- He went forth to set a mark upon the foreheads of those who were upset with the abominations being done in the city there.
- And look, if YOUR GOD doesn't match the God in the Bible, then YOU HAVE THE WRONG GOD.
- This God, the ONE TRUE GOD, says to mark those people who hate SIN and cry out against SIN.
- Hey, that's what we're doing in this Church. Preaching against FALSE CHURCHES.
- Why are we doing that? Well, Ezekiel Chapter should be a clue.
- I want to be marked by God so I'm protected by God. I don't want God's wrath upon me.
- Don't you want the same?

But take a look at what the Bible says:

- God said to SMITE OR TO KILL OR DESTROY all those who don't have that mark.
- God said, "Don't have pity on those people who are being killed. Don't feel sorry for them."
- Don't feel sorry for the people you've tried to warn and tell about Jesus Christ.
- They choose themselves over me every single moment of every single day. Don't feel sorry for them.
- Don't feel sorry for those people who GO UP AGAINST THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY every second of their life.
- God kills off the wickedness. No one is spared but those who are marked as hating the abominations.
- The little children aren't spared. The women aren't spared. The old and the young are TAKEN OUT.
- Why? Because the wickedness will continue. God always knows best.
- He knows what those little children will turn into. He knows everything. He's always RIGHT.
- And where did God begin?
- He began right there with HIS HOUSE. HIS SANCTUARY. The so-called MEN OF GOD.

They stand there in the Churches today BLASPHEMING the name of GOD.

- And guess what? I preach against it BECAUSE I HATE IT. They are THE WORST OF THE WORST.
- They lead people to hell. Nothing gets worse than that.
- Do you understand that today? The so-called MEN OF GOD are the worst.
- Why do you think God started there? They BLASPHEME the name of God.
- They act like they are teaching people about GOD, but they aren't. They are teaching a false god.
- If any of you false preachers out there (which is pretty much EVERYONE in this area), see this:
- UNDERSTAND THAT YOU BETTER TURN TO THE ONE TRUE GOD or He will destroy you UTTERLY.
- That means He will destroy you completely, to the fullest extent, perfectly, totally.
- TOTAL DESTRUCTION IS COMING TO YOU.
- Understand that today Kyle Idleman, Dave Hamlin, Terry Yeager, Bob Rogers, Alan Browning, Steve Boyd.
- Hey Terry Yeager, you'll never teach my children a FALSE GOSPEL EVER AGAIN.
- You better turn to God and do what He says. Stop creating a false god with your false bible versions.
- This isn't a joke TODAY. I'm sick of it. You've been overtaken with evil.
- Don't participate or support these FALSE PREACHERS AT ALL in ANY WAY. Never compromise.
- Do you want to be spared from God's wrath? If so, you better stick to God with everything you have.

This mark in the forehead that we see in Ezekiel Chapter 9 and Revelation Chapter 7 is VERY IMPORTANT to understand today.

- Satan is a deceiver. Remember that. He mimics everything God does. He rides the line of truth.
- He does this because he knows he can trick people who aren't relying 100% on the word of God.
- In other words, Satan perverts the word of God. He stays close to it but he deceives.
- False gospels have no saving power because they are perversions.
- They use the Bible but they pervert the word of God. These are the worst.
- We need to get as far away from those as we can and preach against those false gospels.
- Those are works based salvation gospels. They are false in every way.
- Same thing with the perverted bibles. The word of God is within those Bibles but it's perverted.
- Those corrupted bibles attack Jesus Christ HIMSELF but yet, so-called churches are using them.
- They say, "They all say the same thing." Take a look at them. They don't say or mean the same thing.
- Satan is the best deceiver EVER. Understand that today.
- You can be tricked, and you can be deceived. That's why we MUST stay in the WORD OF GOD.

In other words, the devil will use that mark in the forehead to deceive people.

- Satan will use the word of God to deceive people that don't receive the mark of the beast.
- He'll use that as his justification for killing people that don't receive his mark.
- He could use Ezekiel Chapter 9 as justification. So we need to understand the ways of the devil.
- He's tricky. He's the best liar there is. He twists the truth.
- He keeps some of the truth but twists it slightly. That's how he works so we need to be careful.

Now, I want to go back to the 144,000 who are receiving this mark in their foreheads from GOD.

- These 144,000 will be on the Earth while God is pouring out HIS WRATH.
- They need the mark to be protected from God's wrath.
- Now, let's figure out who the 144,000 happen to be.
- We know they are 12,000 each from the 12 tribes of Israel. But let's learn more.
- There's so much FALSE DOCTRINE in this world about the 144,000 that it's ridiculous.
- The packed out Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Shelbyville are deceived.
- They've believed Satan and have fallen for his ridiculous lies. The truth is in God's word.
- Let's find out who else is wrong about the 144,000. Once you know the truth, you'll recognize the lies.

The 144,000 children of Israel from the 12 tribes of Israel are NOT THE JEWS!!!

- Revelation 7 that we just read doesn't call the 144,000 the JEWS.
- In other words, the 144,000 are not the current Jews in the man-made state of Israel today.
- We've went over this in Chapter 2 and 3 of Revelation.
- If you do a quick search on the word Jews in the Book of Revelation, you'll find it's only used twice.
- This is in Chapter 2 and 3. Here's one of these instances.

[SLIDE 18] Revelation 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

- The Children of Israel are NOT the ones who REJECT JESUS.
- The true JEWS are not the ones who reject Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
- The current Jews who are of the religion of Judaism are the synagogue of Satan.
- Why? Because they reject the Lord Jesus Christ who is God.

The 12 Tribes of Israel are NEVER referred to as the JEWS in the Bible.

- When you look up the word Jew or Jews in the Bible, it's used 270 times.
- So, let's look at the very first time that it's used. This is in the Book of 2 Kings.

[SLIDE 19] 2 Kings 16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

- To understand this verse about the Jews being driven out from Elath, we need to understand where we are in the Bible.
- We are in the Book of 2 Kings. So let's go over a quick recap of the tribes of Israel from the beginning.
- Jacob or Israel had 12 sons who formed the 12 tribes of Israel.
- They went down into Egypt. They became a great nation. 430 years later they came out of Egypt.
- They wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Then they inherited the promised land.
- After the book of Joshua, you have Judges. The Judges ruled them for ~ 400 years.
- They wanted a King so they could be like all the other nations around them.
- So, we're stepping through a quick history of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The first King is Saul. Second is David. Third is Solomon. EACH REIGNED FOR 40 YEARS!!!
- And guess what? Those 3 kings ruled over ALL THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL. They weren't split.

After King Solomon, what happened?

- The 12 tribes of Israel were split. After King Solomon, the 12 tribes were NEVER united together again.
- Rehoboam, Solomon's son, became King and 10 of 12 tribes rebelled against Rehoboam.
- Rehoboam was King over the Southern part of the Kingdom.
- The northern part of the Kingdom was separate. Rehoboam wasn't ruling over them.
- The 2 nations that split the 12 tribes of Israel were the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- 10 of the tribes in Israel. 2 tribes in Judah. That was the split. They never united together again.
- Northern Kingdom Israel. Southern Kingdom Judah.
- The tribe of Judah made up the Southern Kingdom's majority so it took on the name of Judah.
- The Kingdom of Judah did have other people from the other 12 tribes too.
- So remember, the KINGDOM OF JUDAH isn't ONLY people from the tribe of Judah.
- The majority is the tribe of Judah but there are other people from the 12 tribes there too.

Who else was there besides the tribe of Judah?

- The tribe of Benjamin was there.
- The Levites were ALWAYS throughout all the tribes. Some of the Levites were in Judah.
- There's proof of all of this in the Bible. When you're reading, look for that proof.
- People from the tribe of Simeon were there too.
- Levites left Israel as well and joined to the Kingdom of Judah.
- Other people from other tribes who were sick of the false god worship in Israel left and came to Judah.
- There's proof of this all throughout the Bible.
- The point I am making here is the term JEWS refers to people in the Kingdom of Judah and not Israel.
- Now, that we know this background LET'S GO BACK to 2 Kings Chapter 16 and get more information.

[SLIDE 20] 2 Kings 16:1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

- So, AHAZ is now the King of Judah.
- The king of this southern kingdom of Judah.

[SLIDE 21] 2 Kings 16:2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

- Ahaz was an evil king. He didn't do that which was right in the sight of the Lord.
- Ahaz was not like KING DAVID.

[SLIDE 22] 2 Kings 16:3-4 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

- Ahaz was similar to the kings in Israel this Scripture says.
- And you can see how evil that is. He made his son to pass through the fire.
- He worshipped false gods.

[SLIDE 23] 2 Kings 16:5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

- Remember, the first time the word JEWS is used in the Bible is in verse 6 coming up.
- But look at verse 5 there as this is very important.
- You have 2 kings attacking JUDAH.
- The king of Syria and the king of Israel. So the Syrians and Israelites are attacking Judah.
- So, notice what verse 6 says.

[SLIDE 24] 2 Kings 16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

- In other words, the Syrians and the Israelites DROVE the JEWS from Elath.
- This means the kingdom of Israel are NOT called the JEWS.
- Because they are attacking the Jews. They aren't attacking themselves.
- This matches perfectly with the Book of Revelation when it says:
- "I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not."
- That's just like the state of Israel today. They say they are Jews but are not.

Again, the first time the word JEWS is used in the Bible:

- It's NOT referring to all 12 tribes of Israel as a whole.
- The tribes split into 2 different kingdoms in general. 10 tribes to Israel. 2 tribes to Judah.
- The SOUTHERN KINGDOM is referred to as THE JEWS in the Bible. See that today.
- JUDAH = JEWS. They weren't called this until they were divided. All the tribes were the Israelites.
- This is important to understand within the entire Bible.

I want to show you something else that is VERY important to see about the NORTHERN KINGDOM of Israel.

- There's a point in the Bible where the people from the Northern Kingdom of Israel are called a new name.
- They are no longer called the children of Israel. Let's see what they are called.

[SLIDE 25] 2 Kings 17:29 *Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.*

- Do you see what they're called now in 2 Kings Chapter 17?
- They are called Samaritans. Why are they now called the Samaritans?
- The kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians.
- The Assyrians took many of the children of Israel back with them.
- But they left the poor and needy of the children of Israel there.
- The Assyrians then sent all the other types of people into the land.
- This left the people from Israel mixed in with all these other people with false gods.
- This mixture of all kinds of different groups were called the Samaritans.
- They were all located in Samaria and were called Samaritans.

We're going over this right now so you understand that the 144,000 are not the current so-called "JEWS" in the nation of Israel who HATE the Lord Jesus Christ who is God.

- The Jews are the people from that SOUTHERN KINGDOM of Judah.
- In other words, the 12 tribes of Israel are the 144,000 and they aren't just the JEWS from Judah.
- In summary, the Northern Kingdom of Israel became Samaria.
- The Southern Kingdom of Judah included MAINLY the tribe of Judah.
- But, it also included the tribe of Benjamin, the tribe of Levi, Simeon, and people from the other tribes.
- So, the tribes of Israel in the Northern Kingdom were scattered and lost.
- There's ONLY ONE mention of a person from one of those other lost tribes in ALL of the New Testament.

[SLIDE 26] Luke 2:36-38 *And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; 37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.*

- Anna, the prophetess, is from the tribe of Aser. She spoke of Jesus Christ as a baby.
- There are no other instances of these lost tribes showing up in the New Testament.
- What tribe was the Apostle Paul? He's a Benjamite from the TRIBE OF BENJAMIN.
- And remember, the tribe of Benjamin was in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- And then the tribe of Levi also shows up and we know they are scattered throughout the tribes by design.

So, what happened to all the other tribes?

- They were mingled with the heathen, and they lost their identity as a tribe.
- Why? Because they followed after other gods.
- In today's world, try to find people from those lost tribes of Israel.
- They DO NOT exist in today's world. Try to find someone from the tribe of Gad.
- They do not exist any longer. Try to find someone from the tribe of Reuben.
- They'll say, "We're all Jews." But they aren't.
- Do you think someone who HATES Jesus will be one of the 144,000? What a joke.
- If you do, then you don't know God at all. Read the Bible. God's not tricking us.
- In other words, the state of Israel today is NOT the 144,000 people.

- You can't even find 100 from each of the lost tribes. They were lost.
- You won't find 12,000 from each in so-called Israel of today.
- In other words, it's not 144,000 JEWS. It's 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes who aren't all JEWS!!!
- That's the entire point of all of this. It's 12,000 of each tribe JUST like the Bible says.
- Religious people who have no FAITH in the word of God will CHANGE what God says. That's evil.
- So, you can't find 12,000 of each tribe in today's world. Where are they?
- But, let's see what the Bible says.
- If you can find 12,000 from each tribe, let's see if you can fit the next criteria into that as well.
- It's not just 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes. Let's see what else.

[SLIDE 27] Revelation 14:1-4 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

- What other criteria do you see for the 144,000 right there?
- Obviously, they are SAVED because they believe God and what He says.
- He won't allow them to be FALSE PREACHERS while He's pouring out HIS WRATH.
- They have NEVER been defiled with women. They are virgins. They are MALE virgins.
- Now, find 12,000 from each tribe on this earth today who are MALE VIRGINS.
- Many of the tribes were destroyed hundreds of years ago when they were mixed in Samaria.
- Are the Jehovah's Witness from the 12 tribes of Israel and are all of them MALE VIRGINS?
- Where do they get this stuff?
- So, the JEWS who are in Israel today are MAINLY from the tribe of Judah, some Benjamin, some Levites.
- And there might be a few from the other tribes there today.
- But, are they all MALE VIRGINS too?
- Are they SAVED and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? 99% of the JEWS in Israel today reject Jesus Christ.
- When you reject Jesus Christ, you reject God the Father. Understand that today.

In other words, the 144,000 are NOT the people on the EARTH today. Can't be. They don't exist.

- So, where are they then? They are in heaven right now.
- They are 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel who are MALE VIRGINS.
- If they are in heaven right now, they are obviously SAVED.
- Now that makes sense. They lived in the past many years ago.
- And they were there before the tribes of Israel were scattered and lost.
- Now that you can FIND easily in the Bible.
- You can't find 144,000 in the world today that meet that criteria.
- But, I want to prove to you FROM THE BIBLE that the 144,000 aren't people on this Earth today.
- That's why we have the Bible. God gave us the TRUTH. I hate these false religions that are liars today.
- Once you understand what you have with the Bible, YOU'LL KNOW THE TRUTH. That's why I LOVE IT.

[SLIDE 28] Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

- I want you to pay attention to where we are and what's happening right here in Chapter 14.
- The Rapture hasn't happened yet. It happens a little further down in Chapter 14.
- Jesus is standing on the Mount Sion and has 144,000 who have already been sealed in their forehead.
- Where is Jesus right there in that verse? Has He come back to Earth yet?
- He isn't seen coming in the clouds at this point in time. He's still in heaven.
- Well, how we know that? He's standing on Mount Sion it says. What's that mean?
- Look up the word "Mount Sion" in the Bible. You'll see this in Hebrews.
- Within the New Testament, you'll only find the word in Hebrews and Revelation.

[SLIDE 29] Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

- Obviously, Jesus is in heaven with the 144,000 who are sealed.
- Mount Sion is located in heaven. They are together with Jesus in heaven.
- You might say, "Well, that doesn't really prove they are from heaven."
- But remember, Jesus hasn't come to Earth yet and they are with Him in heaven.
- The Rapture hasn't taken place yet.
- But look at Revelation 14 again.

[SLIDE 30] Revelation 14:1-2 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

- Notice where the voice comes from? IT IS COMING FROM HEAVEN!!! John hears this FROM HEAVEN.
- There are voices coming from HARPERS with their HARP, the instrument.
- Continuing in verse 3 of Revelation 14.

[SLIDE 31] Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

- Where is the singing coming from? FROM HEAVEN. They sung a NEW SONG before the throne.
- Do you remember when we learned about the NEW SONG in Revelation Chapter 5?
- This is that same scene. The 144,000 are in heaven singing this song.
- Do you see what it says right there about the 144,000 in verse 3?
- "NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR THOUSAND."
- They were redeemed from the earth. Their voice is coming from heaven.
- They are in heaven on Mount Sion in the heavenly Jerusalem.
- The Rapture hasn't taken place yet. This is BEFORE God's WRATH is poured out on the Earth.
- The 144,000 are going to come forth out of heaven and be placed on the Earth with the seal to protect them from God's wrath. This is very easy to understand and very straight forward.

Don't let any other perversions convince you otherwise. Hear and see the words of the Bible.

- If you study Chapter 14 of Revelation, you'll see Jesus Christ coming in the clouds in verse 14.
- This is a little further down in the Chapter.
- And then in Chapter 15, you see the multitude of people from the Rapture appear in heaven.
- And you see the same thing in Revelation Chapter 7 that we're studying today.
- So remember, the 144,000 are sealed BEFORE the Rapture takes place.
- So those 144,000 aren't from the Rapture.
- If they are in heaven BEFORE the RAPTURE takes place, how did they get there?
- How would you get to heaven TODAY before the RAPTURE takes place?
- You would have to die. And since you are sealed with the Holy Spirit, your soul would go to heaven.
- And that's how the 144,000 are there today RIGHT NOW.
- Do you see this? That's why these are MALE VIRGINS from the 12 tribes of Israel that lived in the past.
- They have died and they are in heaven right now.

So think about this concerning the Rapture.

- If all SAVED people are taken from the Earth during the Rapture, the people left are in trouble.
- There are UNSAVED people that can still be saved during the pouring out of God's Wrath.
- Understand that today. God isn't going to take them all out. He says so in the Bible.
- Who will be left to preach the Gospel and get people saved?
- God still hasn't given up on the people who missed out on the Rapture.
- He's still being patient with them.
- Not ALL people will take the MARK OF THE BEAST.
- The REJECTS or REPROBATES will take the MARK OF THE BEAST. The Bible says so.
- The people who don't take that mark of the beast can still be saved AFTER the Rapture takes place.
- But, whose going to tell them if all of the UNSAVED people are gone off the Earth?

God isn't going to leave the Earth void of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- You'll see the TWO WITNESSES are still on Earth.
- And you'll see the 144,000 preaching the Gospel as well.
- But you and I will be in heaven with our Lord and Savior while God's wrath is being poured out.
- So, God will have 144,000 and TWO preaching the EVERLASTING GOSPEL to the people left on Earth.
- And look, they should have some success AFTER every EYE sees the Lord Jesus Christ coming in the clouds.
- And these 144,000 and TWO won't be preaching some watered down version of the Gospel.
- These men will be BOLD and WILL SPEAK THE TRUTH.
- They won't be scared to preach the WORD OF GOD. They've already been in heaven.
- They know the truth. They know the way. They know the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- If you know HIM TODAY, we need to BOLD and preach the Gospel to all that we know as much as we can.
- Just think of the BOLDNESS those 144,000 and TWO will be.
- Understand that YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE TODAY and preach it and teach it BOLDLY.
- Now, I want to go back to Revelation Chapter 7 and continue in Verse 9 where we left off.

[SLIDE 32] Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

- Notice it says AFTER this. This is AFTER the 144,000 are sealed.

- A great multitude shows up in heaven. This is the Rapture. All types of people.
- It's all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

[SLIDE 33] Revelation 7:10-12 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

- So, how do we know the MULTITUDE that shows up in heaven is the Rapture?
- Let's keep reading in verse 13 because the Bible tells us exactly who they are.

[SLIDE 34] Revelation 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

- We can see that they just got there in heaven.
- The elder asks "WHERE DID THESE PEOPLE COME FROM?"
- And he already knew the answer but he's helping us out so we can know the answer.

[SLIDE 35] Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- The elder answers his own question to John.
- He says, "THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATION."
- And we know that the rapture happens AFTER the GREAT TRIBULATION.
- Matthew 24 tell us that the Rapture happens IMMEDIATELY after the tribulation.
- TRIBULATION is NOT equal to God's wrath.
- God's people will go through tribulation but not God's wrath.
- The tribulation is OVER once the Sun and Moon is darkened.

[SLIDE 36] Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

- So, God's wrath cannot be the same as the tribulation BECAUSE Jesus Himself says AFTER the tribulation.
- AFTER THE TRIBULATION then the sun and moon shall be darkened.
- Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven.
- This means the Second Coming of Jesus Christ doesn't happen until the TRIBULATION is over.
- The tribulation is NOT equal to God's wrath.

We see that this multitude shows up here in Chapter 7 in heaven.

- We see Tribulation in Chapter 6.
- We see the Rapture in Chapter 7.
- Then we see God's wrath being poured out in Chapter 8.
- Let's go back to Revelation 7 verse 15.

[SLIDE 37] Revelation 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

- The Raptured people appear in heaven, and they stay there until a later time.
- When do they leave heaven?
- If you read through the Book of Revelation, you'll see that the believers return to Earth with Jesus Christ.
- This happens in Revelation Chapter 19.
- Let's finish up Revelation Chapter 7.

[SLIDE 38] Revelation 7:16-17 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

- Isn't that going to be an amazing day?
- I can't wait to be taken into the clouds with Jesus Christ.
- I can't wait for all of our tears to be wiped away.
- Do you understand what the presence of Jesus Christ is going to do?
- It's going to be so amazing, and I can't wait. And I can't wait for all of you to experience that with me.

Remember, we're in between the SIXTH and the SEVENTH seals. The SEVENTH SEAL hasn't been opened yet.

- The Rapture occurs between the SIXTH and SEVENTH seals.
- This matches with the entire rest of the Bible.
- When we study Revelation Chapter 8 next, you'll see the SEVENTH SEAL being opened in verse 1.
- The Bible is VERY straight forward and easy to understand verse by verse.
- We'll continue studying the Bible with all that we have.

Let's pray.