

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE STUDY
LESSON 595

Revelation 7

Intro to Chapter 7

- **We take a break from the earth's destruction**
- **The focus is in heaven**
- **Remember that John is standing in heaven**
- **He's been there since C – 4 & stays thru the end**
- **This Chapter talks about 2 new groups**
 - **The 144,000**
 - **Those saved out of the Great Tribulation**

Intro to Chapter 7

- **Why is C – 7 here?**
- **C – 6 → God was causing havoc on the earth**
- **Wars – famine – destruction - death**
- **C - → picks up that theme**
- **6. 16 “For the great day of their wrath has come and who can stand/”**
- **In C – 7 → God is answering that question**
- **Who can stand???**
 - **144,000 & Those saved from the Great Tribulation**
- **Matthew 10. 39**
 - **“Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”**

1. *Chapter 7 begins: “After this...” – After what?*

• **After the 6 seals were opened**

2. *What was coming out of the east?*

- **Another angel**
- **An angel with the power to put God's seal on them**
- **Out of the east – rising sun → New Day**
- **It is a sign of hope**

3. *What did the “loud voice” say? – vs 3*

- **“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”**
- **God is sealing His people**
- **How do we know that we will be sealed?**
- **Romans 10. 9**
 - **“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

4. *Who was sealed and where did they come from?*

- **Revelation 7. 4-8**

- **“⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. ⁵ From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, ⁶ from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, ⁷ from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, ⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.”**

- **12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel**

- **Thousand = a large perfect number - completeness**

- **Exodus 20. 6**

- **“but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”**

5. How does Ezekiel 9: 1-9 relate to the sealing in Revelation?

- “Then I heard him call out in a loud voice, “Bring near those who are appointed to execute judgment on the city, each with a weapon in his hand.”² And I saw six men coming from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with a deadly weapon in his hand. With them was a man clothed in linen who had a writing kit at his side. They came in and stood beside the bronze altar.³ Now the glory of the God of Israel went up from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple. Then the LORD called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side⁴ and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.”⁵ As I listened, he said to the others, “Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion.⁶ Slaughter the old men, the young men and women, the mothers and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the old men who were in front of the temple.⁷ Then he said to them, “Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go!” So they went out and began killing throughout the city.⁸ While they were killing and I was left alone, I fell facedown, crying out, “Alas, Sovereign LORD! Are you going to destroy the entire remnant of Israel in this outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?”⁹ He answered me, “The sin of the people of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of injustice. They say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see.’”

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- **Dan and Ephraim are missing from this list**

- **Both chose idolatry in Judges**

- **They are included in Ezekiel's list in C- 48**

- **Do the 144000 deserve sealing?**

- **God's grace**

6. Describe the “great multitude” vss 9-10

- Revelation 7. 9-10

- **“⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”**”

- Encouragement

- The number of martyrs is too numerous to count

- Saved will come from all races – tribes – people

- Revelation 3. 21

- **“To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.”**”

7. *What are verses 11 & 12 saying?*

- **Revelation 7. 11-12**

- **“¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”**

- **Think of concentric circles**

- **Outer ring – all the angels**

- **Nearer the throne – 24 elders**

- **Nearer still – the 4 living creatures**

- **Before the throne – white-robed martyrs**

- **All giving praise – glory – wisdom – thanks – honor – power - strength**

8. *What was the question in verse 13 & who asked it?*

- **Revelation 7. 13**

- **“Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”**

- **What was the answer?**

- **Angel wants to make sure that John understood who the martyrs were**

- **Who knows the exact number of the saved?**

- **The saved will wear white robes**

10. What is verse 15-17 saying? Remember this passage begins with Therefore”

- **Revelation 7. 15-17**

- **“¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”**

- **Since you have been saved**

- **You will stay forever at the throne of God**

- **God will protect them**

- **They will never hunger**

- **Lamb will be their shepherd**

- **Springs of living water**

- **Wipe away every tear**

- Compare the following verses with their counterparts:
- **Revelation 7. 15**
 - **“Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.”**
- **1 Chronicles 9. 33**
 - **“Those who were musicians, heads of Levite families, stayed in the rooms of the temple and were exempt from other duties because they were responsible for the work day and night.”**
- **Exodus 40. 34-38**
 - **“34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; 37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. 38 So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.**
- **John 1. 14**
 - **“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

- Compare the following verses with their counterparts:
- Revelation 7. 16
 - **“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.”**
- Matthew 5. 6
 - **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”**
- John 6. 35
 - **“Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”**
- John 7. 37
 - **“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.”**

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- Revelation 7. 17
 - **“For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”**
- Psalm 23
- Isaiah 40. 11
 - **“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.”**
- John 1. 11-14
 - **“11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”**
- 1 Peter 2. 25
 - **“For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”**

A Few Closing Thoughts

- **Focus → 2 groups that get saved in the end**
 - **144,000 and large multitude from everywhere**
- **Are we willing to keep our faith thru the tribulation?**
- **Perseverance!**