

## YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

### Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and  
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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### Revelation 7: The Sealed of Israel; a Multitude from the Great Tribulation

Good evening, welcome to our Friday Night Bible Study. Tonight, we begin our study of Revelation 7. As the chapter begins, John sees four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds; and another angel coming from the east with the seal of the living God. God had given them the power to damage the earth and the sea; however, a pause is called. In this pause, the destruction is put on hold in every corner of the earth until the chosen of God are sealed. The topics we will be reading and discussing tonight include:

- The Sealed of Israel
- A Multitude from the Great Tribulation, and
- God's Reassurance to His Own
  - God reassures His people that He has not forgotten about them during these difficult days in which this ungodly world is being prepared for judgment ([Matthew 18:10-14](#); [John 17:9-12](#); [Romans 11:1-6](#)). God does not allow the winds of judgment to blow across the earth without thought for His people's security.
  - God knows those who are His, and marks them out for His special protection ([Ezekiel 9:1-11](#)).
  - The repetition of the number of people protected in each of the twelve tribes is symbolic of God's people on earth; it emphasizes that God protects all His people, none are missed ([Romans 11:16-32](#)).

Having seen God's people on earth, John now sees the same people in heaven. They come from all nations, people and tongues, and are more than anyone can count. They may have suffered persecution and martyrdom on earth, but in heaven they are seen as conquerors; dressed in white and holding palm branches. The Lamb who died triumphed over death, and His victory is now theirs and ours. Even the Angels add their praise to that of the triumphant believers. All this is explained to John, with special emphasis on the victory of the cross.

Believers have been victorious in suffering persecution for Christ's sake; and are fit to stand in God's presence only because Christ died to give them cleansing and new life. As priests of God, they will be permanently in his presence; where they will worship and serve him in true

fellowship. No longer will they suffer, but the good shepherd, Jesus Christ, will protect them and care for them.

## The Good Shepherd

- [John 10:7-18](#) (I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep)
- [John 10:22-30](#) (I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you)
- [John 10:1-6](#) (Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber)
- [Hebrews 13:10-16](#) (We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat)
- [1 John 1:5-8](#) (If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth)
- [1 Peter 2:1-10](#) (Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ)

Looking at the state of the Israelites after the death of Joshua, there was much chaos and corruption within Israel. Since Israel had no king; the people proceeded to do what was right in their own eyes. The same is happening even today. After the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the entire world changed; but the instability, chaos and corruption living in this world got worse, as the ungodly of this world continue to spread evil all over the earth ([Zechariah 13:7-9](#); [Isaiah 53:1-12](#); [John 4:19-26](#); [Proverbs 30:11-16](#)).

## The State of Israel After Joshua

- [Judges 2:1-23](#) (After the death of Joshua; the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers)
- [Judges 13, 14, 15, 16](#) (The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years; this begins the story of Samson born to Manoah of the family of the Danites)
- [Judges 17:1-13](#) (The man Micah had a shrine, and made an ephod and household idols; and he consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes)
- [Judges 18:1-30](#) (In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them)

## The Sealed

- [Revelation 9:4](#) (They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads)
- [Ezekiel 9:1-11](#) (Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it)
- [Ephesians 1:11-14](#) (Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise)
- [2 Corinthians 1:20-22](#) (He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee)
- [Ephesians 4:25-31](#) (Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption)

## The Impending Destruction

- [Daniel 7:2](#) (Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea)
- [Jeremiah 1:14-19](#) (Then the Lord said to me; out of the north calamity shall break forth on all the inhabitants of the land)
- [Matthew 24:15-22](#) (The great tribulation)
- [Zechariah 6:1-8](#) (Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots *were* coming from between two mountains, and the mountains *were* mountains of bronze)
- [Matthew 24:29-31](#) (And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other)

## Forbidden Worship of Idols

- [Exodus 20:4](#) (You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them)
- [Exodus 20:22-26](#) (You shall not make anything to be with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves)
- [Exodus 34:10-17](#) (Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst)
- [Leviticus 19:4](#) (Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the Lord your God)
- [1 John 5:20-21](#) (Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen)
- [1 Corinthians 10:14-22](#) (Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry)