

## The Book of Revelation Chapter 7

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- I. News of the Week:
  - a. Reminder: online class notes available!!! (www.sjcalvaryberean.com)
  - b. Understanding the Times: "When the world lacks a leader" (Curtis Bowers & Jan Markell)
    - i. Today ay 1:00 on 88.1 FM or anytime at www.OliveTreeViews.org or Rumble at www.bit.ly/3IIYNx9
    - ii. Curtis Bowers Newsletter is available at www.AgendaWeekly.com
  - c. Understanding the real situation in Ukraine
    - i. "The Digestible Ukraine Explainer" <a href="https://bit.ly/3pgZDDP">https://bit.ly/3pgZDDP</a>
    - ii. Some info about the Ukraine
      - 1. Ukraine is mostly an Orthodox Christian nation.
        - a. According to a recent <u>Pew Research survey</u>, 78% of Ukrainian adults identify as Orthodox Christian; 10% as Roman Catholic; 7% as Unaffiliated; 5% as "other" <a href="https://pewrsr.ch/3Hp6fGr">https://pewrsr.ch/3Hp6fGr</a>
        - b. Ukraine has the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Orthodox Christian population
        - c. <u>Pastors in Ukraine say they will stay if war breaks out.</u> "Should there be chaos and confusion, the Baptist churches could be lighthouses in their community," said Elijah Brown of the Baptist World Alliance.
      - 2. <u>"Make no mistake about it, if there's a war, it'll be a religious war,"</u> said Katherine Kelaidis, historian & writer with Religion Dispatches. "The sooner those in the West recognize this reality, the better." https://bit.ly/3Hpbaam
    - iii. How you can pray for Ukrainians (Tony Perkins, FRC) https://bit.ly/3tkaz4S
    - iv. How you can help or support displaced Ukrainians
      - 1. Amir Tsarfati suggests the Ukrainian Baptist Convention (<a href="www.ukrbaptist.org/en/">www.ukrbaptist.org/en/</a>)
      - 2. Alternative: Operation Blessing (www.ob.org) https://www.ob.org/mc/obcrisis/
  - d. The revision & destruction of American history (Politico: Do Away With Presidents Day)
    - i. https://politi.co/3liXv50
  - e. US Truckers Convoy ("The People's Convoy") heading to Washington D.C.
    - i. https://bit.ly/3hhDGzU
    - ii. https://photos.app.goo.gl/D6mn8tiR4Hz9B5tz5
  - f. An 'End Time' Primer (a witnessing tool for seekers) ... with 3 video tutorials
    - i. https://bit.ly/3vjDSag
  - g. Biden Administration's lack of response sends clear signal to world
    - i. <a href="https://bit.ly/3M07pvs">https://bit.ly/3M07pvs</a>

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1After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree. 2And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, holding the seal of the living God; and he called out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3saying, "Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." 4And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 5from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, 6from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, 7from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, 8from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, and from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed. 9After these things I looked, and behold, a

great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all the* tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; 10 and they \*cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might *belong* to our God forever and ever.

Amen."13 Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 [a] said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His [b] temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. 16 They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun [c] beat down on them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the [d] water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."