



Revelation 7

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The 144,000 &

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The Great Multitude

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- i. **Free Evangelism Resource from Jack Hibbs: Is Jesus God?**
 - a. <https://calvarycch.org/isjesusgod/>
 - ii. **Understanding The Times:** Jan Markell interviews Pastor Billy Crone. When they say peace and security, they will be calling for a world savior and a New World Order. What are Klaus Schwab's ties to the White House? God's New World Order is the Millennium, the destination for all believers. Also discussed:
 - a. Has Klaus Schwab really stepped down from the World Economic Forum; What role does the UN play in establishing a "New World Order"; Are we being paranoid when we warn of the Luciferian 'evolution' of New Age to Age of Aquarius to New World Order to Great Reset
 - b. OliveTreeViews: <https://bit.ly/31WMM0s> YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/3x8er45r>
 - c. Concern: only Billy Crone reference on "They are very low grade human bodies" quote search
 - iii. **Amir Tsarfati Weekly Update:** <https://tinyurl.com/y2ea3zv5>
 - iv. **Amir Tsarfati & Barry Stagner: Will the Antichrist be a Muslim?**
 - a. YouTube video: <https://tinyurl.com/6tvc65ae>
 - b. Podcast: <https://tinyurl.com/ye2xphnc>
 - v. **Sign up for Amir's Telegram page & daily alerts at** <https://t.me/s/ beholdisraelchannel>
 - vi. **Curtis Bowers Agenda Weely:** <https://tinyurl.com/yrbs9f3b>
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- II. **Revelation 7: The 144,000 & The Great Multitude**
 - a. **The Sealed of Israel: The 144,000 (verses 1-3)**
 - i. (1-3) **Holding back judgment until the servants "I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth ..." of God are sealed.**
 - ii. The phrase **four corners of the earth** is an ancient equivalent to the idea of "the four points of the compass." This effects the entire earth.
 - iii. **"holding the four winds of the earth":** These **winds** were a destructive force of God's judgment, as they often are in the OT (Hosea 13:15)
 - iv. **"Another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God":** Another angel had a **seal**, and he sealed the people of God. In the ancient world, such seals were familiar. A king or a property owner often used a seal to show ownership or authenticity.
 - v. **Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads:** These servants of God will receive a protective seal on their forehead, containing God's name in some manner Revelation 14:1 (note: see also Ezekiel 9:4 where a similar protective seal was given to the righteous before Jerusalem was judged).
 - vi. **"the servants of our God":** We're not told what exactly their service is, but **the 144,000 are sealed for a specific and unique purpose.**
 - vii. **Jesus was sealed:** "God the Father has set His seal on Him". (John 6:27)
 - viii. **We are sealed:** "God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee". (2Cor 1:21-22)
 - ix. This sealing of the Holy Spirit belongs to every believer when they're saved: **"having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."** (Eph 1:13)
 - x. The sealing of the Holy Spirit is meant to be both a **comfort & challenge** to us. We're **comforted** in that it assures us that we belong to Him. We're **challenged** by it to depart from all evil and identify ourselves with the One we belong to:
 - xi. **Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal:** "The Lord knows those who are His" and "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." ([2 Timothy 2:19](#))
 - xii. **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** ([Eph 4:30](#))
 - b. **The Number of Tribes & Why Omissions (verses 4-8)**
 - i. **One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of ... Israel sealed:** This is their **general** identification. Ethnically, they are Jewish (NOT JW!)
 - ii. **"Of the tribe of ...":** This is their **specific** ID.
 - iii. **Note that the tribe of Dan is left out.** Some think this is because Dan is the tribe of the Antichrist, based on Daniel 11:37 & Jeremiah 8:16. This may or may not be the case, but Dan was the tribe that introduced idolatry into the nation of Israel ([Genesis 49:17](#); [Judges 18:30](#)).

- iv. **But there is a wonderful redemption for the tribe of Dan.** Dan is the first tribe listed in Ezekiel's millennial role call of the tribes ([Ezekiel 48](#)).
- v. **Is Ephraim also left out? No.** The **tribe of Joseph** is mentioned, but Joseph was represented by **TWO** tribes: **Ephraim and Manasseh**. Since the **tribe of Manasseh** is mentioned, by elimination, the **tribe of Joseph** must mean the tribe of Ephraim – who is listed, but not by name.
- vi. **Perhaps** Ephraim was 'slighted' because of their association with great idolatry ([Hosea 4:17](#)).
- vii. There are no less than **20 different ways of listing the tribes of Israel** in the OT, including one that omits the tribe of Dan (1 Chronicles 4-7).
- viii. Just because a list is **different** doesn't mean it's a **contradiction**. Regard each list as legit, & remember variations serves a purpose of emphasizing something.
- c. **So, just who are the 144,000 Listed?**
 - i. Can't be the Church since vs 4 identifies them as from the Tribes of Israel & this can't be used as an argument to support 'replacement theology'
 - ii. They seem to be protected and triumphant through the period of God's wrath, meeting with Jesus at Mount Zion at His return ([Revelation 14:1](#)).
 - iii. They are celibate ([Revelation 14:4](#)).
 - iv. They are the beginning of a greater harvest ([Revelation 14:4](#)).
 - v. They are marked by integrity and faithfulness ([Revelation 14:5](#)).
 - vi. Taken together, this make it hard to claim the 144,000 are the church.
- d. **Praise from the Great Multitude (verses 9-10)**
 - i. "A *great multitude which no one could number*": The diversity is evidence the Great Commission will be fulfilled just as Jesus promised (Matthew 24:14). **DIFFERENT BUT ALL GOD'S CHILDREN!**
 - ii. "I suppose as he looked at them he could tell where they come from. There is individuality in heaven, depend upon it. Every seed will have its own body. There will sit down in heaven not three unknown patriarchs, but Abraham – you will know him; Isaac, you will know him; and Jacob, you will know him. There will be in heaven not a company of persons, all struck off alike so that you cannot tell who is who; but they will be out of every nation, and kindred, and people, and tongue." (Spurgeon)
 - iii. **Standing before the throne and before the Lamb:** Again, John saw everything in heaven in reference to **the throne of God**. "This is a peculiar subject of their joy: that God has a throne, that he sits upon it, and that he ruleth over all things, and all things do his bidding. **The central thought of heaven, then, is divine sovereignty.**" (Spurgeon)
 - iv. "***Clothed with white robes ...***": These **robes** remind us of **priestly service**. "They are *arrayed for holy service*, and arrayed at once, for they wear white robes fitted for their priestly service." (Spurgeon)
 - v. **Palm branches:** emblems of victory. It shows this **great multitude** celebrates a great victory. "The palm, the ensign of triumph, indicates most certainly a conflict and conquest." (Spurgeon)
 - vi. "***Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!***" Wearing an emblem of righteousness (**white robes**), they worship God for **salvation**. They recognize that **God** is the source of salvation, and no one else. **Salvation isn't something we earn, it is something God gives.**
 - vii. Sometimes here on earth we take our salvation almost for granted. This isn't true of this multitude in heaven! **All heavenly creatures join in!**
 - viii. "***Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might***": Those giving worship see more clearly the power and wisdom & majesty of God. They can worship God all the more by seeing the salvation He brought to them & listing just some of praises due a sovereign God!
- e. **The Identity of the Great Multitude (verses 13-14)**
 - i. "***Then one of the elders answered***": It was important that John knew the identity of this great multitude. **But he didn't know that he should ask, so one of the elders prompted him to ask.**
 - ii. "***These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation***": pretty self- explanatory
 - iii. They had trouble on the earth during the **great tribulation**. In the ancient Greek grammar of this passage, "the" is emphatic. This was a time of **great tribulation for this multitude**. This leads most commentaries to report that most, if not all, of these are **martyrs** from the great tribulation.
 - iv. The presence of so many tribulation saints is a powerful statement of God's grace and mercy. Even in this time of judgment and wrath on the earth, **many are saved.**
 - v. Because "the great multitude" are mentioned right after the 144,000, many think they are due to the work of those 144,000 servants of God. Perhaps the 144,000 are evangelists who help reap this huge harvest for the kingdom during the great tribulation.
 - vi. "***... washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***": Those saved in the great tribulation are saved just like everybody else, by the blood of the Lamb. Even if they are martyred, their martyrdom does not save them. **Only the work of Jesus can cleanse and save.**
- f. **What this Great Multitude Does & How It's Blessed (Verse 15)**
 - i. "***They are before the throne of God***": In heaven, the redeemed enjoy the immediate presence of God. They can come right into the throne room & be with God. There are no barriers, no waiting lists.
 - ii. "***... and serve Him day and night ...***": In heaven, the redeemed **serve** God. We don't know how, but we do.
 - iii. "***He who sits on the throne will dwell among them***": In heaven, God **will dwell** with His people. This is the ultimate fulfillment of King David's great desire in [Psalm 27:4](#): *One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.*
- g. **God's Provision, Protection, & Pure Love**
 - i. "***The Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them***": In heaven, the redeemed will know the loving care and nurture of their Savior. He will protect them from every affliction ("***they shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat***"). He will also provide for their every need ("***lead them to living fountains of waters***").

- ii. ***“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes”***: In heaven, the redeemed will know no more sorrow or pain. The hurt and the struggle of this earthly life are gone, and tears are a thing of the past, because **God will wipe away every tear**.