Israel and Gentiles During the Tribulation

Israel:

Daniel 9:24 "...upon thy people and upon thy holy city..."

People? to Daniel, an Israelite in Gentile captivity. Gen. 12, 17, 21 & 25

Holy city: Jerusalem. Genesis 22; Joshua 10; 2 Samuel 5-6; 1 Kings 5-8;

Jeremiah 52; Luke 2; Matthew 21, 23; Acts 1:8.

To: Four Angels: messengers and/or special job. (v. 1a) Four corners of the earth: north, south, east, west (v. 1b)

Told: "...winds should not blow on the earth, nor sea, nor trees..." (v. 1b) What does this mean? To hurt the earth and sea, and (trees). (v. 2b)

Protection: Another angel with "the seal of the living God" (v. 2a) What to do with it? "...sealed the servants of God in their foreheads." (v. 3); Rev. 14:1

Spiritual application: You are sealed. 2 Corinthians 1:22, Eph. 4:30

Who: 144,000 sealed out of the tribes of the children of Israel. (v. 4) Earthly, literal tribes of Israel or descendants of Jacob: Genesis 29-30 12,000 out of each tribe listed verses 5-8:

Juda(h)ReubenGadAserNepthalimManassesSimeonLevi*IssacharZabulonJoseph*Benjamin

*Dan and Epharim omitted *Levi and Joseph added Why? Dt. 29:18,21; 1 Kings 12:28-30; Hosea 4:17

God always has a **remnant.** Nehemiah 1:3; Isaiah 1:9; Romans 11:4-6 Israel becomes a witness to the Gentiles. Ex: Esther, Jonah, Rev. 7:9

My Two Witnesses:

Clothed in sackcloth:

Esther 4:1; Neh. 9:1 for 1,260 days 3 1/2 yrs

Dan. 9:26-27

Described as olive trees & candlesticks before God. Rev. 11:4; Zech. 4:2,11-14

 Moses (Law) Rev. 11:6b; Exodus 7:14-25 & Elijah (Prophet) Rev. 11:6a;

 Jude 9
 2 Kings 2:11; John 1:6-8, 21

 Last mentioned in OT Mal. 4:4-5
 Mt. of Transfiguration Matt. 17:1-6

 James and John Mk.10:35-40
 Ascension Acts 1:10-11

 Fasted 40 days & nights
 Ex. 34:28-29; 1 Kgs 19:7-8

Power: Given by God Rev. 6:2,4; Protection 2 Kings 1 & Num.16 Over elements Ex. 7:14; 1 Kings 17:1; Temporary Rev. 11:7 **Spectators:** People, kindreds, tongues, and nations "...not put in graves (v. 9b) ...because these 2 prophets tormented them on the earth (v.5-6)

The Observer: God

After 31/2 days...resurrect; Voice...."Come up hither."; Ascend

Decision Time:

- 1. "great fear fell upon them (v. 11b) & their enemies beheld them (v.12)."
- 2. Woes: Revelation 11:13-14 (Rev. 8:13; 9:12)
 Earthquake, city fell, 7000 slain, and a remnant (Matthew 24 and 25)

"Come up hither..." Revelation 11:12 // Revelation 4:1

Two Select Groups

- 1. 144,000 virgins who follow the Lamb, redeemed, no guile, without fault Rev. 7 & 14:4-5, and Exodus 19:15 and 20
- 2. Every Nation, Kindred, Tongue, and People Revelation 14:6// 7:9-

Gentiles:

What does it say about the Gentiles during the Great Tribulation?
Revelation 11:1-2
Will all Gentiles be "treading under foot" the holy city? No.
Revelation 7:9, 14-15
Ex: Rahab and Ruth
"Great multitude, of all nations, kindreds, and people, and tongues..."
around the throne. (Lamb)
Revelation 7:9, 11

How did they get there? Revelation 6:9-11 The Fifth Seal Revelation 7:14 "These are they which came out of great tribulation...and have washed their <u>robes</u>, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

What are they doing there? Revelation 7:10, 15

Who else is there? Revelation 7:11,13

Tribes and Multitude + angels, elders, saints, and four beasts

How did they get there?

Elders Revelation 4:1-4 Angels Revelation 5:11
Beasts Revelation 4:6-8 Saints Revelation 1:5

More to come: Revelation 7:15b-17 Fulfilled in Revelation 21:4 and 22

Homework: Read Revelation chapters 1-12 at least 3 times. This will help with a review of everything we have covered up to this point.