

Will Anyone Be Saved in the Tribulation Period?

Revelation 7

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³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed:

⁵ of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand *were* sealed;

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⁸ of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand *were* sealed.

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

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² Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

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⁶ of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand *were* sealed;

⁷ of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand *were* sealed;

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¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

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¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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 dwell among them.

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¹⁶ "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

¹⁷ "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Explanation

This chapter comes as a parenthesis between the 6th and the 7th seals.

This chapter consists of two visions:

- The sealing of 144,000 Jews – 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. (Dan & Ephraim omitted)
- The blessedness of the great multitude of redeemed people before the heavenly throne who were saved and died during the great tribulation (7:14).

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The Suspension of the Seals Judgment 7:1-3

• **The Four Angels and their Function**

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• **Another Angel comes with Orders from God (v. 2)**

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Explanation

The Suspension of the Seals Judgment 7:1-3

• **The Announcement (v. 3)**

³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

• **The Role of the Angels**

- **Used in the punishment of the earth.**
- **Used to protect the servants of our God.**

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Explanation

The Sealing of certain Jews 7:4-8

- The number of Jews sealed – 144,000.
- They will serve as Jewish missionaries and be instrumental in the salvation of many Jews and Gentiles during the Tribulation.
- They will be the firstfruits of a new redeemed Israel.
- Finally, Israel will be the witness nation she refused to be in the Old Testament.
- God protects them while they accomplish their mission.
- We see them again in Rev. 14:1-7.

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- They were saved after the rapture, and have remained faith to God during the judgment of the first six seals.
- God's judgment on the earth is going to get worse and they must be protected so they can proclaim the Word of God and the truth about His Son Jesus Christ during the most severe last 3 1/1 years of the 7 year Tribulation.
- The last 3 ½ years is called "the great tribulation."
- Chapter 14 describes their morally pure, undefiled character and their devotion to Jesus Christ.

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The People who are saved during the great tribulation period and are martyred for their faith. 7:9-17

- Their description. (v. 9)

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The People who are saved during the tribulation period and are martyred for their faith. 7:9-17

- Their attitude and actions. (v. 10)

¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

- They are full of praise to God and Jesus for the privilege of being saved from their sins.

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- Their location in the events of the Tribulation Period. (vs 13-

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Explanation

- This great multitude did not go up in the rapture because they were not yet saved.
- During the Tribulation Period they will be saved, martyred, and enter heaven.
- Although the Tribulation Period is a time of unparalleled judgment, it is also a time of unparalleled grace in salvation.

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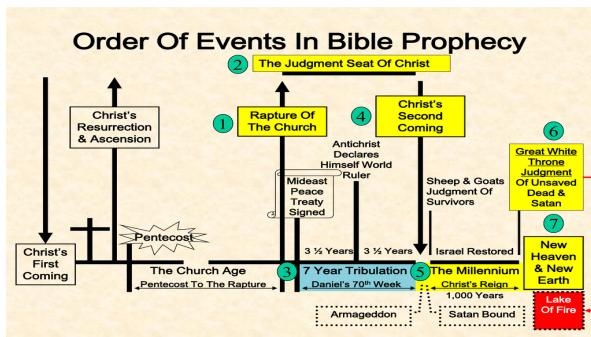
Explanation

- Jesus tells us that the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation period will be awful.
- **Matthew 24:21** "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- **God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9).**



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