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PART 12: SEALED BY GOD

CHAPTER SEVEN

This chapter has been terribly misused the last 150 years. People have been teaching that the rapture will take place before the tribulation period begins so that the Church of Jesus will be gone and there will be 144,000 Israelites preaching on the earth. There are no Bible verses that support these ideas, so let's examine this chapter very carefully.

The Jehovah's Witnesses have been using this chapter as a reference to that only 144,000 witnesses are going to come into heaven. But since their membership reached that number around 1935, they can no longer promise anyone to go to heaven. All they can now sell are tickets for the 1,000 years kingdom.

VERSE 1

We are here told that there are four angels, who are in charge of the moving of the air on this earth. It is important to understand that the air on the earth is not stagnant but always moving just like the oceans. Thus, the air that at one point in time is over California will in the next day or so be over the east coast, and given enough time, it will move to Europe, to Asia and then back again over the Pacific Ocean.

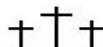
When the United States began sending up satellites in the mid 1960's to monitor the movement of the air, it did not take long for the meteorologist's to find out that there seems to be "four corners" in the earth from which all winds originate. By hanging satellites over these four points, man can now monitor what is going to happen next as far as the weather is concerned. **Daniel 7:2; Zechariah 6:1-5**

VERSES 2-3

These are comforting words to the believers in Christ. Before God's judgment will fall upon the inhabitants of the earth, He will set a Mark upon His people for their protection. We find references to this in **Ezekiel 9:1-11**, where God told the prophet some 500 years before Christ what was going to happen to the people in Jerusalem. By reading **Revelation 9:4**, it is clear that the Mark of God will be placed on all men, women, and children who belong to Jesus Christ.

Compare this future event with the judgment that God meted out on the Egyptians when He was preparing to bring Israel out of Egypt:

- The flies – **Exodus 8:20-24, 9:1-7, 22-26, 10:21-23**
- The blood on the door posts – **Exodus 11:1-7, 12:7-13, 29**



VERSES 4-8

First of all, these sealed men are not all Jews; rather there is an equal number from each tribe. In order to understand these verses, we must let the Bible interpret itself. We have only one reference to these verses found in **Revelation 14:1-5**. There is no biblical reference that these 144,000 men will be preachers that replace the Gentile church of Jesus Christ during the tribulation period! Reference that this is a remnant of Israel is found in **Zephaniah 3:13**.

Reading chapter 14 of the Book of Revelation, there is no time line as to when these people will be living on the earth. Let's look at what the Bible says about the salvation for the twelve tribes of Israel:

- ❑ It is very clear that only a remnant of the 12 tribes will be saved and taken to heaven. **Isaiah 10:20-23; Romans 9:27-33**
- ❑ The Prophet Zechariah stated that only a remnant would be saved. **Zechariah 13:6-9**
- ❑ In the end time, God will remove the scales from the people of Israel and give them the option to receive Jesus as their Messiah, but again, this will be a very short time and will only be available for those people living at that time. **Zechariah 12:8-14**
- ❑ This is the scripture that the Apostle Paul refers to in **Romans 11:25-29**.
- ❑ Here is what we must come to learn and understand: ***There is only one Gospel! There isn't one Gospel for the Jews and another for the Gentiles. There is only one name by which men can be saved and that is Jesus Christ!*** John 14:1-6; Acts 4:10-13
- ❑ It is important to understand that **all Israelites** (which are now known as Jews) ***who have lived on this earth and died without receiving Jesus as their Messiah are now in hell awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment, and their final resting place, the Lake of Fire! Judaism does not save anyone!*** Revelation 20:10-15

VERSES 9-17

We are given an indication of the large number of people who will be saved during the great tribulation period. We see that they are from all nations on the earth with one thing in common; they received Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour and were born again. It is important to note that it does not say that they were martyred for their faith but that they came out of the great tribulation period.

It should be a great encouragement for us that once we leave this earth, there is joy, happiness, and a peace that cannot be described. **Romans 8:14-18**

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Do you have an ear to hear with?