

## **“Revelation #12”**

Revelations 7: 1 - 17 (Those who overcome and are sealed by God)

### **Review: Chapters 6**

- Last week we read about the first 6 seals of judgment being opened.
- Depending on how you understand or interpret Revelation, these are things that have been happening throughout history and even today.
- Or they are isolated to the 7-year period, post rapture... if that is what you believe?
- Lots of different interpretations.
- What I see and understand is... our God is a good and gracious God, but He is also a just God that will and does judge mankind and the earth.

**Tonight's study:** let's read the last two verses of chapter (6) before we move on...

***“Hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day His wrath has come, and **who is able to stand?**”***

That is the question: ***Who is able to stand... in the face of tribulation and trouble? This is what chapter (7) is asking.***

**Text V1 – 3 Read.**

- I see several things hear... #1 God's character, #2 God is in control.
- Four angles have been granted to harm the earth... (This is an indication that the end is near) but before that can happen God stops everything and says: (Do Not Harm the Earth) why?
- So, He can seal His servants, is this a physical seal? - **FYI - we are sealed.**

***“Jesus knows His sheep and His sheep know His voice.”***

**Revelation 14:1 Read**

**Eph. 4:30** ***“Do not grieve the H.S. of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”***

**Eph 1: 13** ***“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the H.S. of promise...”***

#### Text V4 – 8 Read. (Two groups to be sealed)

- 144,000 Jews and a great multitude from every nation, tribe, peoples, and tongues!
- Some interpret the (12) tribes as allegory, others literally.
- The reason is different tribes are named throughout the O.T. (Also, Dan is not mentioned)
- Allegory interpretations combine both groups together...?

*I confess... I prefer the literal interpretation. I don't understand why the tribes are mentioned in this way... This would be a two or three week study for another time.*

#### Charles Ryrie:

*Whatever the reason for Dan's omission from the list of tribes from which the 144,000 elect will come, this is not the end of God's dealings with that tribe. The Danites will receive a portion of the land during the millennial kingdom, indeed, in Ezekiel 48:1 Dan heads the list of the tribes as the inheritance is divided to them (See also Ezekiel 48:32) so the exclusion here is not permanent, for the gifts and calling of God with regard to His people, including Dan, are without repentance."*

#### Text V9 – 12 Read.

- This tells us that God saves both Jew and gentile who will stand before God.
- Crying... Salvation belongs to our God... *"Not of works but by faith..."*

#### Text V13 – 14 Read.

- Answer to our question... **"Who is able to stand."**
- Great tribulation... throughout history and in the last days tribulation... *"In this world you will suffer persecution..."*

#### Text V15 – 17 Read.

- V's 15 thru 17 is the point of the book of Revelation...
- This is the character of God, His ultimate goal for mankind!