

## 66-Revelation – 08-Transcript

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god bless you all and thank you very much for joining us again for Wednesday night Bible study tonight we're going to get into Revelation chapter 7 just had a little bit of problem with the technology appreciate your ongoing prayers for these studies let's say our opening prayer and then we'll get right into Revelation chapter 7 Heavenly Father we come before you Father and just thank you so much for the blessing that we have and that we claim to read the the words of this prophecy and to hear them and to do them and we thank you Father for the technology that we have that we're able to broadcast what it is we understand to all those who have an interest and an eagerness to understand your word and who love the truth so father we ask that you bless our study this evening and help us father to understand more perfectly your will and to do it we ask this Lord in the holy and righteous name of Jesus Christ our Lord amen so we are studying Revelation chapter 7 tonight we covered chapter 6 on Sunday evening and I just want to quickly review what we read in chapter 6 just beginning in verse 9 we had seen the first four seals Jesus Christ being worthy to open this the seals and do the will of God contained in these seals he opens the first four and we saw these four horsemen a white horse a red horse of black horse and a green horse basically covering the earth and we mentioned that God has a controversy with his people and he's driving them to repentance and we looked at ancient prophecies in Ezekiel and

Jeremiah and Hosea that that align with revelation and help us and Zechariah and that helped us understand what these four horsemen were all about after these four seals were opened Jesus opened the fifth seal and John writes and when he opened the fifth seal I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God so so many were slain but he saw those that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held so somebody was trying to take this testimony away from them and they would not let it go and they were true to their testimony and to their witnessing and to the truth of God and they were slain for that and so John sees this symbol in heaven of the these faithful witnesses and they cried out with a loud voice this is the Greek implies there's real clamoring there with with all their energy they are so distraught and they're just wondering how much longer Oh Lord holy and true do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth so stand that dwell in their means like they are established evil is fully established on the earth Satan has set himself up with it was his heart's desire as the king of the earth and their established and and these Saints are just wondering like how much longer does this injustice just does this evil go on and we know that your holy and true we know that your word is true so so how much longer and white robes were given unto them unto every one of them and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season just a little little while more and and you know throughout the scriptures as I'm reading the scriptures what I'm seeing is the need for patience repeatedly

it seems the Lord delays his coming when we think that it can't go on anymore it's just a little while longer God has his purposes in and he's he wants to see the righteous saved and he wants to see the full extent of the evil so that when when evil men stand before him they are without excuse he has given them enough rope to fully show themselves who they are enough rope to hang themselves and so it's not about us if it's about us then it has to all stop right now but it's not about us and if it's about us that we need to be raptured and taken away so that no no evil befalls us it's not about us or it's not it's not solely about us there's a big big agenda here there's a big big plan that that is unfolding and we have the privilege of participating in this this eternal magnificent phenomenal plan of God and so white robes were given unto every one of them and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season until their fellow-servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were and there's something here and in the Greek where these are two different categories of people there's their fellow-servants and there's their brethren just I think we might see a little bit of what that might be in Revelation 7 as we continue here so fellow servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were should be fulfilled so you have this wonderful honor a white robes have been given unto them and they just have to now be patient that there are others that are going to be added to their number and when that number is complete then God is going to act in verse 12 and I beheld when he opened the sixth seal

so that was the fifth seal now he opens the sixth seal and lo there was a great earthquake and the Sun became black as sackcloth of hair and the moon became as blood and we covered that on Sunday evening and just showed that you know both underneath the wicked and above them they have lost complete control and this is really very important this is an important seal for us as believers because many are going to come in Christ's name and they're going to deceive many and they're gonna say oh he's over here oh he's over there and the key to our understanding which Christ told us in Matthew 24 and it's repeated here is that as long as the wicked are established in the earth as long as evil men are in positions of control Christ is not coming what he comes when the wicked have lost control when the the very ground beneath them is a massive earthquake and the sky above them is turned black and then the moon has become like blood when they have zero control and they're frightened and they're crying for rocks to fall on them that's when we look for Christ's return and not before and so this is a really important point because we're gonna see the deceivableness the the grand deception of the devil and it is going to look like with the miracles and lying wonders it's gonna look like indeed there's something special going on here and maybe in fact our Lord has returned but the sixth seal is the key to our understanding that as long as we're in the fifth seal and wicked men dwell there established on the earth we're not looking for Christ's return our Lord returns when they lose control and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth even as a fig tree casts her

untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind and when when he had opened the Seventh Seal There was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour so so he opened the fifth seal that's the martyrdom of the saints he opens the sixth seal massive earthquake like the world has never seen before and signs in the heavens and then he opens the seventh seal now you'll notice with the seventh seal I jumped to chapter eight so that's the natural flow the opens the fifth seal he opens the sixth seal he opens the seventh seal but John inserts an inset chapter so before he gets to the seventh seal chapter seven is inserted it's a it's a parenthetical insertion so it kind of breaks up the story flow so we're going is it's the same thing that we actually did ourselves when I asked you you know should we just continue from revelation five and go right into into the seals and then sort of the quote-unquote bad news the rough news and we said we decided collectively it's better if we go to the end of the story and get the good news and really understand where all of this is going and then when we have a where all of this is going it puts the suffering that we're going to see in context and in fact this is the very thing that that John has been inspired to do is to go into the sixth seal to go to the seventh seal but before he goes to the seventh seal he he's going to offer the believers encouragement and this chapter is a very encouraging chapter for us as the people of God so so let's be clear now that this is breaking up the story flow in its symbolic language and it's very encouraging so let's now go into

Revelation chapter 7 and after these things I saw four angels and what were these four angels doing he says here I saw four angels and they were standing on the four corners of the earth so if we look here at the fourth of the way the North Pole South Pole east/west we get this image of the four corners of the earth so he saw these angels and they were standing on the four corners of the earth and it says and after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds of the earth that the wind should not blow on the earth nor on the sea nor on any tree so so he sees these angels that are standing on the four corners of the earth they're ready to go with they're holding the four winds back so that the wind does not blow on the earth nor on the sea nor on any tree and 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 so the four angels are ready this angel cries out to them to whom it was given to hurt the earth in the sea so they have a mission and their mission is is one of destructive destructive mission they are they're coming to punish the earth but this angel calls out to them saying hurt not the earth neither the sea nor the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads so this is really interesting because Satan is a counterfeiter and everything that God has everything that God sets up Satan wants to set up as counterfeit so that he can be like the Most High so the same way that God seals his servants in their forehead this is the same thing that Satan does and we'll see that when we get to chapter 13 but here he it says

and he causes all both small and great rich and poor free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads so he has this this harlot God has this beautiful pure bride he's got this filthy harlot the bride is sealed with God's sign in their foreheads those that participate in commit fornication with the harlot they're also sealed and they also have something in their foreheads now the this sealing harkens back and I think most of us are familiar with this to a prophecy in Ezekiel and in Ezekiel 9 it says he cried also in my ears with a loud voice so same same language

kryla in my ears with a loud voice saying caused them that have charged over the city to draw near even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand so same thing the angels are coming through now to destroy and behold six men came from the way of the higher gate which lies toward the north and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand so this could be a sword when I thought would be my guess that is a sword we don't know and one man among them was clothed with linen and with the writers inkhorn by his side and I don't know if you know what a writer's inkhorn looks like and again just apologize for the the setup of the technology here but just very quickly take a look at a writer's inkhorn and that's what that looks like

so he's ready to now go ahead and and seal with this writer's inkhorn so the writer's inkhorn was in his hand and he says here writer's inkhorn by side and they went in and stood beside the brazen altar and the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the Carib so now the glory of

Israel departs whereupon he was to the threshold of the house and he called to the man clothed with linen which had the writers in corn by his side and the Lord said unto him go through the middle of the city through the midst of Jerusalem and as always remember that the the focal point of God's plan is always Jerusalem through the midst of Jerusalem and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof so we just need to push pause here and just think about this for a minute

Jerusalem is God's holy city it is it is marked for great things the New Jerusalem is going to come down and it's going to be established here in Jerusalem Jerusalem is going to be the center of the new creation and God has his people established in Jerusalem and now these angels are going to go through or the same is gonna go through with an ink horn and he's gonna set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and cry for all the abominations that are done in the middle of Jerusalem so what is striking here is that God's people in Jerusalem don't care there's a bomb ination taking place in Jerusalem in the midst of the city and God's people don't care so now God is going to unleash his fierce anger upon his people but he's gonna separate out those who actually care who are grieved who sigh and cry for all of this abomination in Jerusalem and and we see the same thing now in the end time there's gonna be a division between Israel that loves the truth Israel that is grieved by the evil that is being done in the world in God's name and Israel that doesn't care



Israel that in fact is participating in these abominations and so those that sigh and cry which should be all of us are going to be marked and this mark is to be protected from God's wrath and I think many times people miss read this and they think that this mark is going to protect us from the tribulation but we're going to see that no in fact those that are sealed come through the Great Tribulation and and we just saw in Chapter 6 God is waiting to add more to the number of the martyrs so the seal is not about being protected from physical harm the seal is about being protected from God's wrath upon Israel for the abominations that are done in the land and God's wrath upon all evil man for the abominations that are being done against his will and against his people verse 5 and to the others he said in my hearing so once they're marked go you after him through the city so first he goes through the city he marks those that are grieved for the abomination then he says to the others in in and this is what Ezekiel heard go you after him through the city and smite and let not your eyes spare neither have you pity slay utterly he's talking about his people let's not get confused here and think he's talking about evil men in general this is about Jerusalem and this is about the people in Jerusalem who couldn't care less slay utterly old and young both maids and little children and women and so how's this going to be done well there's going to be some kind of force that comes in that is being directed and being given permission you know that that rider on the white horse victory was given to him he was wearing a crown it was granted in and so something of Forces now granted

permission to come in and slay utterly  
old and young both maids and little  
children and God has had it and women  
but come not near any man upon whom is  
the mark and begin at my sanctuary begin  
at the holiest place then they began at  
the ancient man which were before the  
house who I'm sure they thought highly  
of themselves

these ancient men I'm sure they were  
well respected and they had a great  
regard for themselves and God says begin  
there back to Revelation 7 so he these  
angels then are this angels what is  
going to seal those that are God's  
people he's gonna set a seal upon their  
forehead and I heard the number of them  
which were sealed so he doesn't see  
anything but he's listening and he heard  
the number that were sealed and there  
were sealed a hundred and forty-four  
thousand of all the tribes of the  
children of Israel so what's interesting  
here is that he is just give this image  
here what's interesting here with  
144,000 is it really is a picture of  
completion it is twelve times twelve and  
so we just have this flipped around it's  
12 times 12 so it's 144,000 which is 12  
times 12 times a thousand so what what  
this is really and remember when we  
mustn't get confused here this is all  
symbolic language so I think many people  
think it's literally 144,000 and no more  
I think what God is showing us here is  
this is a complete set of his people  
this is the complete set of all of the  
righteous of it within Israel so here's  
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it's 12 x 12 of all the tribes of Israel  
so God right here God is fulfilling all  
of the outstanding promises that he has  
to Israel and we've covered that we've  
touched on that in previous chapters

where all of these prophets come in they pronounced the greatest of judgments the fiercest of God's wrath upon his people Israel and Judah and these very same prophets then turn around and they foresee a time of millennial setting a time when Israel will be re-established a time when Israel will rule with Christ and so it's kind of strange like what's going on here there's all this judgment Ezekiel Jeremiah Zechariah Zeya Amos all of them are pronouncing judgment on Israel and on Judah and every single one of them then sees a time when Israel and Judah are established in Jerusalem they're established in the land and so here this is how those prophecies then are now fulfilled God is the god of his word of the tribe of juda were sealed 12,000 and that's significant now so we're going through the 12 tribes noticed the position of Judah Judah was the fourth born son of Leah and so he's not the firstborn but we know from Genesis when we read the story of Joseph that that whole process that Joseph went through while Joseph was going through that process Judah went from being you know what I would call a scoundrel to becoming a mature man and he grew up and he took responsibility and because he took responsibility and was willing to risk his own life in order to save Benjamin and ultimately Joseph he was then recognized by his father Jacob and a great blessing was pronounced upon him and so now we see that you know the scepter will never depart from Judah and here now as John hears the the different tribes being counted out Judah is in pride of place Judah is in primary position of the tribe of juda were sealed 12,000 of the tribe of

Reuben were sealed 12,000 of the tribe  
of GAD were sealed 12,000  
of the tribe of ASER were sealed 12,000  
of the tribe of Nephilim Nephilim were  
sealed 12,000 of the tribe of manasseh  
were sealed 12,000 of the tribe of  
Simeon were sealed 12,000 of the tribe  
of Levi were sealed 12,000 of the tribe  
of Issachar were sealed 12,000 of the  
tribe of Zebulun were sealed 12,000 of  
the tribe of Joseph were sealed 12,000  
of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed  
12,000 so twelve thousand from each of  
the tribes some have noted here that the  
tribe of dan is absent and have noted in  
Scripture I believe it's in judges where  
Dan leads the Israelites into idolatry  
and that could be the explanation as to  
why dan is left out and Joseph is Joseph  
and Manasseh now here dealing with the  
children of Israel the prophecy in hosea  
chapter 1 the beginning of the word of  
the Lord by Hosea the Lord said to hosea  
go take your wife of whoredoms and  
children of whoredoms so he wants hosea  
to experience what it's like to be god  
who is married to an unfaithful  
unfaithful wife for the land has  
committed great whoredom departing from  
the lord and she conceived again verse 6  
and bare a daughter and God said to him  
call her lo rue Hama for I will no more  
have mercy upon the house of Israel but  
I will utterly take them away and so God  
is faithful to his word and that's why  
Israel has suffered all the twelve  
tribes of Israel not just Judah I have  
suffered the way they have so here he  
says I will have this is the northern  
tribe the northern kingdom sorry that he  
will have no more mercy on the northern  
kingdom the house of Israel I'll surely  
take them away so as Syria came in and  
took them away but I will have mercy

upon the house of Judah that's the southern tribes and I will save them by their Lord by the Lord their God and will not save them by bow or by sword nor by battle by horses nor by horsemen and so we know the prophecy that the king and have just escaped in my name right now he was raised up and then Judah was able to go back to go back to Jerusalem and that King was actually anointed by God even though he was a pagan King now when she had weaned lo who Rama she conceived and bare a son then God said call his name lo Amy lo meaning not Amy we people for you are not my people and I will not be your God yet then so so again this is an example of this dynamic that we see from the prophets there's this great condemnation on Israel and Judah so here's the condemnation followed by the opposite a restoration that that this sort of second Exodus this great second Exodus is going to take place verse 10 yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea that King actually was Cyrus that I was trying to remember so here yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea so there's this great condemnation of them and yet their number shall be as the sand of the sea now this noticed this part of the prophecy here which cannot be measured nor numbered and I think this is why I would say that the hundred and forty four thousand twelve times twelve times a thousand is just symbolic of completeness this is a complete set of God's people but the promise is that when God's people are established they will not be numbered and they shall come to pass that in that place where it was

said unto them you are not my people  
that's in Jerusalem there it shall be  
said to them you are the sons of the  
Living God and so God this is God's plan  
he's he is the God of Israel  
and despite Israel's unfaithfulness  
despite Israel's whoredoms he is  
faithful to the Covenant and so Israel  
will be established and the whole world  
will be blessed when Israel is  
established then shall the children of  
Judah and the children of Israel be  
gathered together so all twelve tribes  
will be gathered together  
and to point themselves one head and  
they shall come up out of the land for  
great shall be the day of Jezreel so  
that's just one example of these  
constant prophecies where Israel will be  
punished for their unfaithfulness Israel  
and Judah and then Israel and Judah will  
be established because of God's  
faithfulness back to Revelation so I  
heard the number of them which were  
sealed and they were sealed 144,000 of  
all the tribes of Israel and then I  
mentioned here that Judah was in pride  
of place and that's coming from the  
prophecy so revelation all the  
prophecies that are outstanding in the  
Old Testament going all the way back to  
Genesis all the way back to Genesis 3  
all of these prophecies God completes  
them in Revelation and so here we see in  
Genesis 49 when Jacob pronounced this  
blessing on Judah Judah and this is  
after he was impressed with Judaism and  
maturation that he came to maturity  
Judah you are he whom your brethren  
shall praise and that's what Judah means  
praise your hand shall be in the neck of  
your enemies so that's gonna be  
fulfilled even though they're they're  
gonna suffer but it's gonna turn around

and we see that in zechariah zechariah  
12 and 14 your father's children shall  
bow down before you Judah is a lion's  
whelp from the prey my son you are gone  
up he stooped down he couched as a lion  
and as an old lion who shall rouse him  
up the scepter shall not depart from  
Judah nor a lawgiver from between his  
feet until shiloh come and unto Him  
shall the gathering of the people be and  
so Judah has pride of place and Shiloh  
is coming and that's that's all these  
prophecies are fulfilled back to  
revelation 7 and after this I beheld so  
now first john hears and he hears  
144,000 counted out  
but of 12,000 from each tribe he then  
looks and what does he see after this I  
beheld and lo a great multitude which no  
man could number so of all nations  
so all nations meaning those twelve  
tribes that he heard counted out when he  
looked he didn't see the twelve tribes  
when he looked he saw this massive great  
multitude from all nations he didn't  
look and say you know and then I saw the  
twelve tribes and beside the tribes I  
saw this great multitude he hears the  
tribes counted out when he turns and  
looks he sees this great multitude which  
no man could number of all nations and  
Kindred's and people and tongues so God  
is not a racist God is not saying you  
know I'm against all nations in fact we  
know that Egypt Assyria and Israel are  
going to be partners together serving  
God so everybody has this dis blessing  
of coming into Israel so so all nations  
going to be part of this great salvation  
so he says I all nations and Kindred's  
and people and tongues stood before the  
throne and before the lamb clothed with  
white robes and palms in their hands and  
I think that palms in their hands is

very interesting so when we look at this palms in their hands this goes back to Leviticus and the Feast of Tabernacles also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month when you have gathered in the fruit of the land you shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days on the first day shall be a Sabbath and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath and you shall take on you the first day the boughs of goodly trees branches of palm trees and the boughs of fig trees and willows of the brook and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days and you shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year it shall be a statute forever in your generations you shall celebrate in the seventh month so we know that this millennial rule of Christ is pictured by the feast of nickels and we know that when Christ returns he's gonna celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and it's gonna be a great feast for everyone and so this it seems preparatory the fact that they have these palm palm trees in their hands or the palm palms in their hands seems preparatory to the celebration of the the millennial feast now this feast then in Zechariah what we see is this and it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the king the Lord of hosts and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and it shall be that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the king the Lord of hosts even upon them shall be no rain no rain at all and if the family of Egypt go not up so whoever these people are they have such a grudge in such a hatred for Jerusalem and for the Jewish



nation that they they refuse to go up  
they refuse to submit well if they don't  
come they'll have no rain and they're  
gonna starve and there shall be the  
plague wherewith the Lord will smite the  
heathen that come not up to keep the  
Feast of Tabernacles this shall be the  
punishment of Egypt and the punishment  
of all nations that come not up to keep  
the Feast of Tabernacles so it seems  
like this is a preparatory the fact that  
palms are in their hands

it's preparatory to this feast  
celebration and this is what's going to  
happen to those human beings that are  
left that refuse to participate in this  
great feast and hear the other scripture  
I wanted you to see as Isaiah 25 and in  
this mountain shall the Lord of hosts  
make unto all people a feast of fat  
things a feast of wines on the leaves of  
fat things full of marrow of wines on  
the leaves well refined so we're gonna  
celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles with  
mankind and and God is gonna lift this  
says here in verse 20 in verse 7 and he  
will destroy in this mountain the face  
of the covering cast over all people so  
atonement pictures the binding of Satan  
and his deceptive ways will be stopped  
God

is gonna lift this veil then the people  
can come in to the Feast of Tabernacles  
and this said 144,000 of all tribes this  
great multitude of people we are going  
to help as king priests to facilitate  
the worship of Jesus by all these people  
on the earth and he will destroy this  
mountain and so this veil this deception  
will be lifted and they'll finally  
understand the plan of God and the will  
of God and this veil that his friend  
over all nations will be removed he will  
swallow up death in victory and the Lord

God will wipe away tears from off all faces and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth so Judah is in pride of place and God is going to make the whole world know that Judah has his scepter and that he is in pride of place and everyone will acknowledge that God is the God of Israel for the Lord has spoken it and it shall be said in that day lo this is our God we have waited for him and he will save us and this is the Lord and we have waited for him and he and we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation now look at Isaiah 60 I love this passage in Isaiah 60 verse 10 and the sons of strangers shall build up your walls so this is this priestly nation now all these human beings are going to come and they're going to serve and acknowledge that these people are the priests of God these are the kings of God and so the sons of strangers shall build up your walls and their kings shall minister unto you for in my wrath i smote you but in my favour have I had mercy on you and again we constantly see this dynamic of God being angry with his people of punishing his people but then remembering his covenant with Abraham and restoring his people therefore your gates shall be open continually they shall not be shut day nor night that men may bring unto you the wealth of the Gentiles and that their kings may be brought for the nation and Kingdom that will not serve you Shall Perish so we just saw that in Zechariah that if they will not come and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and acknowledge this royal priesthood they're gonna get the plagues and they're going to perish yeah those nations shall be utterly wasted the glory of Lebanon shall come

unto you the fir tree the pine tree in  
the box together to beautify the place  
of my sanctuary and I will make the  
place of my feet glorious the Sun is  
also of them that afflicted you shall  
come bending unto you so you know I  
think was very clear to us that the  
Islamic nations have a intense hatred  
for Judah and an intense hatred for the  
nations of Israel and what God is saying  
here is that their sons that afflicted  
you are going to come bending unto you  
and all they that despise you shall bow  
themselves down at the soles of your  
feet and they shall call you the city of  
the Lord the Zion of the Holy One of  
Israel so there's this full  
acknowledgment we were lied to  
we thought what God was with us and we  
acknowledge now God is the God of Israel  
whereas you have been Forsaken so God  
says that Jerusalem is gonna be  
surrounded by armies and that whole  
prophecy in Matthew 24 he begins except  
by saying do not be deceived and so the  
deception is for us to believe that God  
is Forsaken Jerusalem whereas you have  
been Forsaken and hated so that no man  
went through you I will make you an  
eternal excellency a joy of many  
generations you shall also suck the milk  
of the Gentiles and you shall suck the  
breasts of kings and you shall know that  
I the Lord and your Savior and your  
Redeemer the mighty one of  
Jacob so Jacob's gonna suffer both Judah  
and the truly the the tribes of Israel  
the nations of Israel but then God's  
gonna save save us for brass I will  
bring gold so there's gonna be an  
upgrade for brass I will bring gold and  
for iron I will bring silver and for  
wood brass and for stones irons  
everything gets upgraded I will also

make your officers peace and your exact  
richest nasai lence imagine this violin  
shall no more be heard in your land  
wasting nor destruction within your  
borders imagine that it's all all we  
know about the Middle East now and all  
we know about Jerusalem is just constant  
violence constant war constant rioting  
but there's gonna come come a time when  
Jerusalem truly will be Jerusalem the  
city of peace but you shall call your  
walls salvation and your gates praise  
back to Revelation chapter 7 after this  
I beheld and lo a great multitude which  
no man could number of all nations and  
Kindred's and people and tongues stood  
before the throne and before the lamb  
clothed with white robes and palms in  
their hand so again it's very important  
that we understand that God is working  
with all nations and these this first  
these are the firstfruits these  
firstfruits are being grafted into  
Israel from all nations as long as they  
repent and accept the whole and receive  
the Holy Spirit we are all we are all  
grafted in and we are all Israel and  
this is this this this multitude that  
that john sees from all nations and all  
tongues all Kindred's this this is a  
fulfillment of the prophecy in Genesis  
12 the prophecy to Abraham now the Lord  
said unto Abram get you out of your  
country and from your kindred and from  
your father's house unto a land that I  
will show you and I will make you a  
great nation and I will bless you and I  
will make your name great and you shall  
be a blessing  
and I will bless them that bless you and  
curse him that curses you and in you  
shall all families of the earth be  
blessed  
well here we see the beginning of that

promise where all families of the earth are blessed because this 144,000 symbol really represents all nations all families and that's just the beginning that we are now set up as the priesthood to facilitate the grafting in to Israel of the whole world and so by the time we get to the end Revelation chapters 21 and 22 we see all mankind that is repentant grafted into Israel we see the New Jerusalem come down from heaven with the 12 gates that the only way into the New Jerusalem is through one of the gates of Israel so therefore all those that are saved and that have offices in the New Jerusalem we will all come through one of the gates of Israel going back to revelation 7 so that fulfills the prophecy to Abram to Abraham and then in verse 10 and he cried with a loud voice saying salvation to our God which sits upon the throne and unto the lamb and I think it's important that we juxtapose our our position revelation 7:10 with revelation 6:10 so this crying with a loud voice is the same clamoring in the same intensity as the crying with a loud voice of the martyrs who are saying how much longer now there's this loud voice from this great multitude which includes these same martyrs saying salvation to our God which sits upon the throne and unto the lamb so so where there was this angst and an grief it's now replaced with intense joy intense joy in God and in his salvation and as he says the psalmist the sweet psalmist David said in Psalm 3:8 the same thing that they're echoing salvation belongs to the Lord his blessing is upon his people cielo revelation 7 continuing verse 11 and all the Angels stood round about the throne and about

the elders and the four beasts keep calling the beasts I'm gonna say living creatures just to separate what are truly beasts and wild animals that consume and destroy vs. these these angelic living creatures and all the Angels stood round about the throne and about the elders and the four living creatures and fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God he's just such a good God he's such a holy God and and what he has accomplished for mankind and through mankind it's just such a phenomenal thing that has that he has done through Jesus Christ who became a man and had such great love for Israel that he suffered and opened not his mouth because he was determined to redeem Israel and he was the only one then that that is worthy to open the seven seals and to perform God's will and to redeem Israel and so now we see this Redemption and there's just great glorying and praising of what our what an awesome God what a holy God what what a loving God is just such a what a merciful God and so they worshiped him saying Amen so they agreed with what all these Saints are saying that how holy God is in his salvation how awesome it is and they say Amen blessing and glory and wisdom and Thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever amen and one of the elders answered saying unto me what are these which are arrayed in white robes so so he heard this counting out of the 144,000 he turns around he sees this mixed multitude that no one can number they all have white robes and so the angel one of the elders asks him who are these people that have all these white

robes and where did they come from and I said unto Him sir you know he had John had no idea he hears this counting out he looks he sees this great multitude where did they come from he has no idea and I said to him sir you know and he said to me these are they which came out of Great Tribulation so he saw this sort of the closing bracket - the opening bracket which he saw with the fifth seal where he saw the martyrs and they cried out and they said how much longer and white robes were given to them and they said wait there's gonna be more that it can be added to your number and now we see this whole full complement which is symbolized by the number 144,000 and they all have white robes and and he's where did they come from and he said these are they which came out of Great Tribulation so they were willing to pay the ultimate price because of their love of God and their love for the truth and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb and this washing of the robes is a callback to what what Moses did with Israel when they were to meet God and the Lord said unto Moses go unto the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow and let them wash their clothes and white robes were given unto every one of them and it was said unto them that they should sorry so that was a Exodus so with the white robes with the washing of their clothes here we see them washing their clothes in the blood of the Lamb and again it's this this preparation to be prepared to meet God and so going back to what we saw in the fifth seal white robes were given unto every one of them and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season until their fellow-servants also and

their brethren that should be killed as they were should be fulfilled and so I just wanted to repeat this because this sealing of God's people in their foreheads

let's not misunderstand this or misinterpret this to mean that all when we get sealed in our forehead no harm will come upon us I think we need to read this the other way when we get sealed in our foreheads we now have the iron will of God to withstand any persecution and declare that Jesus Christ is Lord and that is the sealing and it is with that martyrdom that we wash our robes in the blood of the Lamb that we we we believe in the death burial and resurrection of Christ and we believe that that is the key to the salvation of mankind and no matter what anyone says we are holding on to that testimony and we are declaring that testimony faithfully and even if that cost us our lives that is the process of washing our robes in the blood of the Lamb and I think this this really satanic deception of the rapture that says that oh don't worry nothing's gonna happen to you and it starts to heat up you'll be whisked away you'll be in heaven everything's fine because you're so important and the world revolves around you in fact the whole universe revolves around you so you'll be in heaven and then when all the trouble is over you'll come back down this is just this is not what the scripture says the scripture says we love God so much that you know we love not our lives unto the death that we are quite resolved to give up our lives for this truth and what it means in the same way that God conquered evil through the love of Israel we



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so there's this inset chapter now of  
chapter 7 just to give us this  
encouragement that death is nothing  
death is nothing eternal life is  
everything and we wash our robes in the  
blood of the Lamb and then  
and in this great mixed multitude of the  
first-fruits being prepared to celebrate  
this great feast and bring all mankind  
into the truth as this deception is  
lifted from them and we can then  
minister unto them and bring them to God  
and now that rolls us in to Revelation  
chapter 8 verse 1 and when he opened the  
Seventh Seal There was silence in heaven  
about the space of half an hour it was  
just silent  
there was such anticipation for what  
happens in this seventh seal such all  
and shocked and wonder that in heaven  
there was silence waiting to see what  
this seal would unfold as the as the  
history and the story of mankind and  
God's love for mankind comes to its  
conclusion and that's where we will go  
next week  
when we cover Revelation chapter 8 what  
a wonderful blessing it is to understand  
what God is doing on the earth and to be  
a part of it  
Jesus Christ is our Lord our Savior our  
king our husband what a beautiful loving  
God he is we declare him king and we  
will witness no matter what god bless