



“Who are the 144,000? Part 2”

Revelation 7:4-8

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Rev 7:1-8 NASB95]

INTRODUCTION:

Are the 144,000 the literal descendants of the 12 tribes?

Main point: God is not finished with Israel and the tribulation will be a time when the nation is brought under chastisement and called to national repentance with the fulfillment of the Covenants, the Abrahamic, the Land Covenant, and the New Covenant, and Christ's return to establish God's kingdom on earth.

Contextual point: There is a pause between the Seal #6 judgment and Seal #7 in order to redeem and call 144,000 young men of the 12 tribes of Israel to gather tribulation saints and to be the first fruits of a national repentance of Israel to bring the return of Christ and the kingdom of God to earth.

Reason for the pause: An angel with the seal of God comes...”3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." [Rev 7:3]

1. How do we interpret a prophetic passage?

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: [Rev 7:4 NASB95]

1. Take the plain sense of God's word _____ because God cannot lie.
2. God's unconditional covenants are not determined by _____ but accomplished by God.
3. Interpret prophetic symbols as _____ in it's context or in other prophetic passages.
4. Pray that the Holy Spirit teaches us the things freely _____ by God.
5. When prophecy is completed the covenants and promises will _____.

2. What can we learn about the 12 tribes represented in Chapter 7?

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: [Rev 7:4 NASB95]

1. Jacob _____ about what would befall his sons in the days to come.

"1 Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come." [Gen 49:1 NASB95]

1. We learn that future prophecy is given in a _____ future context.
2. We learn Jesus' tribe is given _____ and they are listed first in Revelation 7.

"5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand [were] sealed,...” [Rev 7:5 NASB95]

1) Jesus is identified as the _____ of the _____ of Judah

"5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." [Rev 5:5 NASB95]

2) Judah “_____” is the 4th son of Jacob by Leah who is prophesied to rule over the tribes.

"8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. 9 "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? 10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him [shall be] the obedience of the peoples." [Gen 49:8-10 NASB95]

3. We learn prophecy is _____ but it is never dismissed or altered from its literal meaning.

"12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." [2Sa 7:12-13]

2. We learn about the _____ of God's mercy and justice.

1. The father's attitudes and actions, their sins and victories effect their future _____.

1) Simeon & Levi were _____ and scattered for massacring inhabitants at Shechem. (Gen 34).

"24 All who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. 25 Now it came about on the third day, when they were in pain, that **two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi**, Dinah's brothers, each **took his sword** and came upon the city unawares, **and killed every male.**" [Gen 34:24-25 NASB95]

2) We learn that by God's _____ the temple service was later given to the tribe of Levi.

"8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day. 9 Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)" [Deu 10:8-9 NASB95]

2. God turns our _____ into the means by which we _____ His grace and mercy to others.

"5 we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. ... 20 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God," [Dan 9:5, 20 NASB95]

3. We learn Israel's failures do not erase what God has said He is _____ to do.

1. Dan and Ephraim are excluded from the _____ during the period of the Great Tribulation.

1) Both tribes were the seat of _____ for the 10 northern tribes

"28 So the king (Jeroboam) consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt." 29 He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. 30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went [to worship] before the one as far as Dan." [1Ki 12:28-30 NASB95]

2) But both tribes are allotted land in the _____ Kingdom.

"1 "Now these are the names of the tribes: from the northern extremity, beside the way of Hethlon to Lebo-hamath, [as far as] Hazar-enan [at] the border of Damascus, toward the north beside Hamath, running from east to west, Dan, one [portion.] ... 5 "Beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one [portion.]" [Eze 48:1, 5 NASB95]

2. The Lord will _____ His people.

"30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." [Heb 10:30 NASB95]

CONCLUSION:

The time of Jacobs trouble God administers justice to Israel but God will be righteous to save His sinful people that He elected and saved by His mercy and unmerited grace.

✳ "26 for the demonstration, [I say,] of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." [Rom 3:26 NASB95]

✳ "34 "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." [Jer 31:34 NASB95]