



“The Tribulation Saints”

Revelation 7:9-17

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Rev 7:9-17]

INTRODUCTION:

Are the martyred Tribulation Saints the church or a separate group in heaven?

Main point: Old Testament Saints are identified as a separate group from the church and Tribulation Saints are not identified as the church either.

"28 "I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." [Luk 7:28 NASB95]

Exegetical Outline of Revelation's Second Vision:

1. Second Vision: Heavenly Throne Room and _____ Judgment Cycles (4:1-16:21)

1. God the Father declares the _____ for the restoration of His kingdom to Israel. (4:1-11)

"6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;" [Act 1:6-7 NASB95]

1. The Father's plan begins the _____ of the nations and national _____ of Israel.

"25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." 27 "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." [Rom 11:25-27 NASB95]

2. The Seven-Sealed Scroll and the Glorified Lamb of God begin the _____ period. (5:1-14)

"26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of **the prince who is to come** will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end [will come] with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 "And **he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week**, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and **on the wing of abominations [will come] one who makes desolate**, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." [Dan 9:26-27]

2. The Seven Seals and the _____ of the 144,000 and the Tribulation Saints. (6:1-8:1)

1. The first six seals introduce the _____ and the beginning judgments of the _____. (6:1-17)

(1) The Revelation introduces the Antichrist prophesied in Daniel 9:27 with the 1st seal.

"1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer." [Rev 6:1-2 NASB95]

(2) Jesus speaks of the mid-week _____ of _____ by the Antichrist spoken by Daniel.

"15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains." [Mat 24:15-16 NASB95]

2. The abomination of desolation is followed by the _____ according to Jesus.

"21 "For **then there will be a great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will." [Mat 24:21 NASB95]

2. The Interlude introduces the sealed _____ tribes and the _____ saints. (7:1-17)

1. Those sealed are contrasted with those marked on _____. (7:1-8)

1. **The breaking of the 7th seal is delayed to _____ the first fruits of God's kingdom on earth. (7:1-3)**

(1) There is quiet before the storm and a delayed introduction of the mid-trib's _____ tribulation.

"1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. ... 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." 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 7:1, 3-4 NASB95]

(2) A preview of kingdom's in conflict and Israel's national _____ in [Rev 14:1-5]

"1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb [was] standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, **having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads**. ... 4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These [are] the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been **purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb**." [Rev 14:1, 4 NASB95]

2. **The Antichrist is given authority _____ all the profane for the judgment of the nations. (13:16-17)**

"16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 17 and [he provides] that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has **the mark**, [either] **the name of the beast or the number of his name**." [Rev 13:16-17 NASB95]

2. Those sealed on earth are contrasted with those martyred and are in _____. (7:9-17)

1. **They are a _____ of martyrs. (7:9-12)**

"9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which **no one could count**, from every nation and [all] tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches [were in their hands];" [Rev 7:9 NASB95]

(1) "After these things" introduces a contrast to the sealing of the _____.

(2) John looked and beheld an _____ multitude in contrast to the 144,000.

(3) People from every _____, all tribes, peoples, and tongues including Jews not sealed. [v9]

(4) They are clothed in white robes representing the _____ of Christ.

(5) Palm branches are the _____ celebration of Christ's 2nd coming contrasting church _____.

2. **Tribulation martyrs increase the crowded _____ around the heavenly throne. (7:10-12)**

"10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and [around] the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, [be] to our God forever and ever. Amen."" [Rev 7:10-12 NASB95]

(1) The tribulation saints suffer under _____ judgments contrasts church and 144,000.

"13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." [Rev 7:13-14 NASB95]

(2) The tribulation saints duties are different from _____ duties in the kingdom.

"15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. 16 "They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."" [Rev 7:15-17 NASB95]

3. Comparison charts of Millennial views