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Revelation Chapter 7b

Last week in our study into the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation we spoke about several different very important aspects of the 144,000 who are clearly called by name out of the 12 tribes of the house of Israel. And I want to open this morning's study with a very clear and concise observation here in the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation concerning these 144,000 who were chosen from the 12 tribes of Israel who were redeemed from mankind as first fruits for both Yah the Father and the Lamb, who is... his only begotten Son. To verify this through Scripture, let's go back and do exactly that. Let's verify this through the Scripture found in **Revelation chapter 14 verses one through five: E1**

Rev 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps,

Rev 14:3 and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,

Rev 14:5 and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

We know several things about these 144,000 that are indeed the redeemed of mankind who have chosen to be the first fruits of mankind specifically put into service for our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son according to Revelation chapter 14 verse one, and again in Revelation chapter 14 verse four.

We also know that these 144,000 have not defiled themselves with women and that they are virgins according to Revelation chapter 14 verse four. We also know according to Revelation chapter 14 verse five, that these redeemed who have come out of the house of Israel are blameless and that no lie has ever come out of their mouths according to Revelation chapter 14 verse five. And so... we find a little bit more information here in Revelation chapter 14 concerning the 144,000 than we do in Revelation chapter 7 concerning these 144,000. **E2**

If we turn back to Revelation chapter 7, we also see a separate group of people here starting in verse nine. This second group of people here are known as “*the great multitude*”. This great multitude is a great multitude of people that no one could number. Not only could no one number this great multitude of people... but this great multitude of people came from every nation, and from all tribes and people and languages.

Now... I want to stop right here for just a moment because I cannot tell you how many times I’ve heard people try to proclaim that only 144,000 people are going to make it into heaven. Nowhere in our God breathed Scripture are we ever told that only 144,000 people are going to make it into heaven. It’s not in there, and you can’t find it, and the reason you can’t find it, is because it’s not in there.

I want to be clear here in the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation; the 144,000 are a very unique set apart people that have been taken from the 12 tribes of Israel to represent the firstfruits of the incoming harvest. And if you don’t know what the incoming harvest is... or the “firstfruits”, and what that means... I would encourage you to go view this past Wednesday’s study into the 12th chapter of the book of Exodus.

Just this past Wednesday during our live Bible study broadcast, we covered the celebration of firstfruits. Now I know that many modern-day professing Christians have no idea what firstfruits even is... and I want to tell you right up front my friends... that is a shame for today’s modern-day professing Christian to not know what firstfruits is. Firstfruits can be found in **Leviticus chapter 23 verse 10 through 14. E3:**

Lev 23:10 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest,

Lev 23:11 and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Lev 23:12 And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD.

Lev 23:13 And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin.

Lev 23:14 And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

During each harvest year, depending on which harvest it was... the Israelites were commanded to bring the very best of their crops before Yahovah. When a sacrifice, or an offering was made to the one true Elohim of Israel... it was always to be taken from the firstfruits, or the very best of the flock.

If you read through Leviticus chapter 23, you will find that firstfruits comes immediately after the first Sabbath after the Passover. Once again... our Messiah died on Passover day, not on some Roman rooted “*Good Friday*” which is another whole teaching in itself but... this is why he is called, “*our Passover Lamb*” in first Corinthians chapter 5 verse seven. He was resurrected on firstfruits... not on some Roman rooted man concocted pagan Easter Sunday morning. This is why our Messiah is also referred to as “*the firstfruits*” in first Corinthians chapter 15 verse 23. Our Messiah was raised up on firstfruits to wave the sheaf offering before our Father in heaven to signify the new incoming harvest and so that we would be accepted just as were told in the Vic it is chapter 23 verse 11.

Now just as a side note... If none of that made any sense to you just now... please... take the time to go back and watch our study that we have been doing over the past two weeks on Exodus chapter 12, and you will better understand the true anniversary of the death of your Messiah, and the true anniversary of his resurrection according to Scripture... and not according to some denominational charter of men.

These 144,000 are a remnant that comes directly from the 12 tribes of the house of Israel who have shown themselves to be blameless, and have been chosen specifically for our Father and his only begotten Son. This 144,000 who are virgins, who come from the 12 tribes of the house of Israel, who have never spoken a lie, and who have been found blameless, have been set apart for a very specific task. We are not told exactly what that task is here in Revelation chapter 7 but... I believe that the reason that we are not told what that task of the 144,000 is here in Revelation chapter 7 is because I believe... that anyone who has read their Bibles from the beginning to the end already knows what these 144,000 have been set apart for.

These 144,000 who have never spoken a lie, who have never defiled themselves with women, who are originally from the 12 tribes of the house of Israel, who are found blameless, and have been selected as the firstfruits of the new harvest... have been clearly selected for a purpose.

Last week we spoke about what is known as the “*Greater Exodus*” that is found woven all throughout the 66 books of our Bibles. And we read through several chapters like Jeremiah chapter 23 versus one through eight, and Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses one through seven, and Micah chapter 5 verses 7 to 15, which all describe the “*Greater Exodus*” in great detail. But I’d like to take a moment to read one more Scripture to you that may help us to understand the scriptural realization of the “*Greater Exodus*” that is still yet to come. Let’s turn to **Isaiah chapter 11 verses one through 16: E4**

Isa 11:1 *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

Isa 11:2 *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

Isa 11:3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Isa 11:6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isa 11:7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Isa 11:8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

Isa 11:9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isa 11:10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Isa 11:11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isa 11:13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Isa 11:14 But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.

Isa 11:15 And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals.

Isa 11:16 And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

Once again... we see a very clear and distinct second Exodus that is going to take place in the very near future. What's important to understand here is that the shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit in Isaiah chapter 11 verse one, points us directly to our Messiah who came from the very body of David whose father was Jesse.

Most Christians have no idea that our Messiah is ever even mentioned in the Old Testament let

alone the fact that our Messiah was a Jew who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah. This aspect of our Messiah (although an extremely important one) is rarely taught within today's brick-and-mortar churches. This once again, is a shame for today's modern-day professing Christian not to know. And for those of you who still don't know who your Messiah is or where we came from, or who he was raised up from... I would encourage you to go read second Samuel chapter 7.

Here in Isaiah chapter 11 we can clearly see the culmination of the events written about in book of Revelation. And once again here in Isaiah chapter 11 verse 11... we are told and I quote... that *"In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hammath, and from the coastlands of the sea"*.

But what I find extremely interesting here in this Scripture, is the word *"Lord"* found in Isaiah chapter 11 verse 11. If you've been with us for any length of time here at Holy Impact Ministries, you already know the importance of the word *"Lord"* in the Old Testament. The majority of the time that we see the word *"Lord"* in the Old Testament is capitalized. And it's capitalized for a very good reason. The word *"Lord"* in your English translated Bible is a blooper. Simply put... it does not belong there. In most cases... the word *"Lord"* in the Old Testament actually covers up the Hebrew name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he wrote in his Scripture over 6500 times. I want us to take a look at the word *"Lord"* in Isaiah chapter 11 verse two at the top of the Scripture, and I want us to notice that it's capitalized. Why? Because it's covering up the true name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Let's first examine the context of **Isaiah chapter 11 verse two:**

Isa 11:2 *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

What is being said here, is that the spirit of Yahovah shall rest upon him... him who? Him... the branch of the root of Jesse. The spirit of Yahovah is going to rest upon the branch that comes from the root of the stump of Jesse. Once again, Jesse was David's father. David was the shoot that came forth from Jesse his father, and the branch from David is the one who shall bear fruit...who is our Messiah. Once again... to verify this all you have to do is go read second Samuel chapter 7.

The spirit of Yahovah will rest upon the branch who was our Messiah. Now how do I know that this says that the spirit of Yahovah will rest upon the branch who is our Messiah? All we have to do is go look at that word *"Lord"* that is capitalized in verse two and see what the original Hebrew word *"Lord"* is translated from. What was the original Hebrew word? It is the name of our Elohim. It is the name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **(Show Them)**

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yehôvâh

BDB Definition:

Jehovah = “the existing One”

1) *the proper name of the one true God*

1a) *unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of H136*

Part of Speech: *noun proper deity*

Knowing this... I want us to now skip down to verse 11 and I want us to notice that the word “*Lord*” in verse 11 is not capitalized? Why would the first word “*Lord*” be capitalized... and the second word “*Lord*” not capitalized? Because the Hebrew language it’s talking about two very distinct, and separate persons. So if the second word “*Lord*” is not translated from “*Yahovah*”... then what is it translated from? The original Hebrew word translated into the uncapitalized English word “*Lord*” is “*Adonay*”, which truly does mean “*Lord*” in its truest sense, and this particular Hebrew word can be used to describe both men and God. **(Show Them)**

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אדני

’ădônây

BDB Definition:

1) *my lord, lord*

1a) *of men*

1b) *of God*

2) *Lord - title, spoken in place of Yahweh in Jewish display of reverence*

Part of Speech: *noun masculine*

I want us to notice that these are two very different and distinct Hebrew words that have been translated into the same English word “*Lord*”. Why? Why not just tell us that one is *Yahovah* and the other is “*Adonay*”? Why the deception? Why the confusion?

We must remember that when the King James version of the Bible was translated from the

Hebrew and the Greek and Aramaic languages... it was translated during the time of the Reformation era. During the time of the Reformation era there was a war going on within Christianity itself. During the Reformation era men like John Huss, William Tyndale, Ulrich Zwingli, Thomas Cranmer, Patrick Hamilton, John Knox, and William Hunter among hundreds of thousands and even millions of others were murdered in cold blood because of the rejection of the Roman Catholic church, including its own concocted brand of what it calls "*The Trinity*".

The King James version of the Bible was actually translated by a committee of 47 scholars and clergyman over the course of many years, and finally published in 1611. We can't say for certain which individual wrote any given passage. But... we do know that these 47 scholars were organized into six different companies, two each, working separately at the colleges of Westminster, Oxford, and Cambridge on different sections of the Bible assigned to them.

Within these three different colleges, Westminster, Oxford, and Cambridge, there should be no doubt in our minds that at least a few of these 47 men were most likely devout Catholics. And because the Roman rooted religion of Catholicism has made it very clear that she and she alone has the authority to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... it should be of no surprise to us that certain Scripture found in our English translated Bibles leans heavily toward the Roman rooted religion of Catholicism.

Only today... as knowledge has increased, (just like Daniel prophesied that it would in Daniel chapter 12 verse four)... can we now with the click of a mouse, go back and look at the original Hebrew and Greek text to see what the Scripture originally said in its original Hebrew language. And only today, has this generation been blessed with the knowledge of the truth of our God breathed Scripture as it was originally spoken.

There is no doubt in my mind why these translators used the same English word "*Lord*" to translate two very different things. One is the name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... the other one is simply an honored title which is more or less what the English word "*Lord*" should truly be used for.

Sarah the wife of Abraham called her husband "*Lord*" in Genesis chapter 18 verse 12. Ephron the Hittite called Abraham "*Lord*" in Genesis chapter 23 verse 11. Rebecca the wife of Isaac called the servant of Abraham "*Lord*" in Genesis chapter 24 verse 18. Jacob calls Esau "*Lord*" in Genesis chapter 33 verse eight... and so, my point is that when we read Isaiah chapter 11 verse two, it speaks of Yahovah himself by name... and then when we move down to Isaiah chapter 11 verse 11, it is speaking of our Messiah who is the branch that came from the shoot of Jesse, which was the body of David, and who now sits on David's throne. And there's a whole study that we could get into concerning these things that I won't go any farther into here today for time's sake but... I just want us to be aware of the fact that there is going to be a "*greater Exodus*" than the Exodus that we find in the book of Exodus. And this greater Exodus will have everything to do with our returning Messiah.

I also want us to clearly understand that both the Father and the Son are going to return... not just the Father alone, and not just the Son alone. The book of Revelation clearly and distinctly speaks of both the Father who is indeed the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... and his only begotten Son Yeshua Hamashiach as both returning together. And so... even though at times our English translated versions of Scripture may allude to our Father in heaven being and egg... I assure you... that he is not. The idea of three: coequal God's is not found anywhere within the confines of our God breathed Scripture.

What's important to understand here is that a "*Greater Exodus*" is indeed found within the confines of our Scripture over, and over, and over again. However... we do not hear of a rapture being spoken of over, and over, and over again. We see no shadow pictures of a rapture occurring over, and over, and over again. We see no instances... or examples of a rapture occurring over, and over, and over again. And so once again, I would submit to you that a pre-tribulation rescue... does not fit the biblical pattern that our Father in heaven has clearly used to teach us all things from the beginning of time.

So where did this "*pre-tribulation rescue*" idea originate from in the first place? The truth is... that it originated from two Roman Catholic Jesuit priests. The pre-tribulation rescue was not taught by the early church nor was it taught by the church of the first centuries or the reformers. Around 1832 a Jesuit priest had come up with a view of prophecy that countered the historical view of prophecy that was prophesied by all of the reformers. This new view of prophecy was well on its way to blindsiding God's people and was full to the brim with human cunning and deceitful schemes.

You see all of the reformers from Wycliffe to Huss, to Tyndale all believed that the Pope of Rome was indeed the antichrist. The Jesuit priests of today were originally known as "*the Society of Jesus*". But they were put together by the Roman Catholic Church as an Army of priests that would go out into the world and combat the Reformation and stop the protestant churches from protesting against Rome. People were leaving the Catholic Church 1000 and droves.

These two Jesuit priests came up with a doctrinal theory originally called futurism. A Roman Catholic priest by the name of Francisco Rebera began to teach that all of the events in the book of Revelation were to take place literally during the 3 ½ year reign of the antichrist. This deflected the historical events that point directly to Catholicism as being the harlot that rides the beast who drinks from a Golden cup full of the blood of the martyrs of our Messiah.

Later on, another Jesuit priest by the name of Emmanuel Lacunza, built on Francisco Rebera's doctrinal theology called futurism, and he wrote a book entitled "*The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty*" (which can still be found on Amazon today by the way). This Jesuit priest by the name of Emmanuel Lacunza wrote this book under the pen name of Rabbi Juan Josafat Ben-Ezra, who was supposed to be a converted Jew who accepted the Messiah as his Lord and Savior. And so, this Roman Catholic Jesuit priest by the name of Emmanuel Lacunza was

clearly a blasphemous liar to begin with, who couldn't even use his own name to write his own book.

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The reason that this Jesuit priest, Emmanuel Lacunza lied about who he was, and lied about the author of his book is because he knew that during the Reformation era, no protestant Christian was going to buy a book about the Messiah that came from a Roman Catholic Jesuit priest. The protestant Christians were rebelling against Rome and Catholicism at that time... again, they were leaving Catholicism droves.

And so, this Roman Catholic Jesuit priest decides to just simply lie about who the author of his new book is so that people will begin to read it, and start to believe in it. And so Lacunza publishes this book back in 1812.

A man by the name of Edward Irving from Scotland then takes over this false doctrine because he loves Lacunza's book and he translates the book into English and he publishes it again in London in 1827. Edward Irving then begins to teach and preach this doctrine throughout Scotland and continuously emphasizes the pre-tribulation doctrine that he took from Lacunzas book, and he spreads this false doctrine all over Scotland

Enter into the picture one John Nelson Darby... who was introduced to the Lacunza doctrine by a group of people called the "*Evernights*" who studied under Edward Irving in Scotland. Now, of course we know that John Nelson Darby was a prolific writer that had written over 30 volumes of Christian doctrine with over 600 pages in each volume. This man was literally a writing machine.

Darby organizes futurism into a system of prophetic teachings called "*dispensationalism*". And so it was, that the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine was first introduced into the United States and Canada between the 1840s and the 1870s.

Now... enter into the picture another preacher by the name of CI Scofield. Scofield also comes under the influence of Darby's newfound pre-tribulation rescue doctrine and his new dispensationalism teaching. CI Scofield saw John Nelson Darby as the most profound Bible student of modern times. And so... Scofield writes his own version of the Bible called the "*Scofield reference Bible*". 3 million copies of this Bible were sold in the first three years, and so it is... that many of today's modern United States preachers follow after the teachings of CI Scofield's "*pre-tribulation rescue doctrine*" because that's what they are taught in today's modern-day seminaries, and Bible schools, and colleges throughout the United States.

Enter into the picture one Dwight Lyman Moody. DL Moody created the Pentecostal movement

and was the last link in the teachings of the pre-tribulation rapture that sprang up from the two Jesuit priests, Francisco Rebera, and Emmanuel Lacunza. And the false doctrine of a pre-tribulation rescue spread like wildfire throughout the nation and on into Hollywood and on into today's entertainment industry.

The Assemblies of God are the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world. In 1914 they ordered their Sunday school and study materials from the Moody press. The Assemblies of God... who were the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world... believed whatever the Moody Bible Institute taught which included... the pre-tribulation rescue theory.

And so it is today, that today's modern-day version of Christianity has discarded the historic teaching of the early assemblies concerning prophecy, and have replaced it with the deceptive teachings of two Jesuit Catholic Priests.

From there.. people were hooked, and have been ever since. Even though the Catholic church does not teach pretribulation rapture, it was indeed created by its Jesuit Society, just like the Muslim faith.. but that's another story.

And so... when we read Revelation chapter 7, and we see that the 144,000 are clearly descendants of the 12 tribes of Israel... you can understand why many denominational Harlots are now trying to disconnect the 144,000 from the house of Israel and claim that they themselves are the 144,000. This is nothing more than a feeble attempt to push what is known as "*replacement theology*" which teaches that their version of the church has replaced the house of Israel as God's chosen people. Which once again... is not found anywhere within the confines of the 66 books of our Bibles today or yesterday.

When we read the book of Revelation, I want everybody within the sound of my voice to realize how important it is to get down on your knees and to face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and to ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach Jesus our Messiah for the discernment that only he can give. You cannot get the discernment that you need from a man. You cannot get the discernment that you need from a pastor, or a priest, or a Bishop, or a Pope, or a Rabbi. The discernment that you need to understand the Scripture properly... only comes from the author of the Scripture. And if we don't understand anything else... we need to understand this.

Replacement theology, dispensationalism, futurism, and all the rest of the man-made "*isms*" need to be taken out to the curb, put in the trashcan, and left for the garbageman to take away. We need to audit our faith on a daily basis. We need to be asking ourselves why it is that we believe what we believe on a daily basis. We need to be able to give an account for what we believe through the Scripture. And when I say "*through the Scripture*", I'm not talking about through one cherry picked Scripture or another that we have heard some stranger standing behind a pulpit sell us.

The 144,000 are 144,000 people chosen from the 12 tribes of the house of Israel to be the first

fruits of our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son, period.... we need not insert any man's interpretation, or theology, or philosophically driven nonsense into the Scripture. And we certainly do not need two Roman Catholic Jesuit priests who are as lost as the day is long to sell us on some book that was written by a Rabbi that does not exist and Hollywood to teach us what our God breathed Scripture says.

So, we have the 144,000 that are an elected, and uniquely chosen group of people that are direct descendants of the 12 tribes of Israel... and then we have the great multitude that no one can number. Both groups are going to be included in our messiahs soon coming kingdom. Both groups are going to be chosen to be the children of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Both groups, will bow down and give their allegiance to the Passover Lamb that we see opening the seals right here in the book of Revelation.

And so, I don't want there to be any confusion about how many people are going to make it into his coming kingdom. We are told right here how many people are going to make it into his coming kingdom. We are told that there is going to be a great multitude that no one can number that is going to make it into his coming kingdom. And so... out of all of the people who have ever lived on the face of the earth from the beginning of Adam and Eve to today... there is indeed going to be a great multitude of people.

And at the same time... I want us to understand how many people have lived on the face of the earth from the time of Adam and Eve to today. Literally trillions upon trillions of people have walked the face of the earth. What fraction of this number is contained in the great multitude we simply do not know. But... we do know that many are called and only few are chosen. And we also know that straight is the gate and narrow is the path and only few there be that find it. **Rev chap 7: E2**

Even more importantly what I want us to see here in Revelation chapter 7 is where this great multitude that no one can number comes from. Where does this great multitude of people come from? This great number of people that no one can number is coming out of the great tribulation. That's where they're coming from according to Revelation chapter 7 verse 14. Were they here on earth for the great tribulation? You bet they were. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. And you know what that means? It means... "prepare".

The next thing that I'd like to address are the 12 tribes of Israel that are mentioned here in the book of Revelation. If you've been with us in our study into the book of Genesis... then you're already familiar with the idea that the 12 tribes of Israel in the book of Genesis are somewhat different from the 12 tribes that we see here in the book of Revelation. Why is that?

The 12 tribes of Israel listed here in the book of Revelation is different because over time the 12 tribes of the house of Israel has morphed and taken shape, and has formed into the chosen house of Israel.

We must remember the lessons that were given to us in the writings of the first part of the book of Revelation when the seven letters were given to the seven assemblies. What was the message given in the seven letters to the seven assemblies? It was to stay the course... It was to keep the faith even unto death... It was to hold on to what you have been given. The message was... that he who conquers... will be found worthy. Not he who shrinks back. He who is faithful even unto death... not he who runs and cowers under his bed. The message is that he who stands the same way that our Messiah stood... for the truth of his Father's word... would be found worthy.

And so it is, with the 12 tribes of the house of Israel. I want us to notice that the 144,000 were not chosen because they decided to sit it out. The 144,000 were not chosen because they shrank back in the face of adversity. The great multitude was not there with our Messiah because they had chickened out when things got tough, and ran from persecution. The great multitude was there because they were murdered for the namesake of our Messiah. They had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

What were we just told in Revelation chapter 6? We just got done seeing the souls that were kept under the altar who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had held fast to. And what were they told? They were told that they needed to rest a little longer until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers were murdered just as they themselves had been murdered.

If we look closely at Revelation chapter 7, we find that two tribes are conspicuously absent from the listing of the 12 tribes of Israel. And the tribe of Manasseh... Is essentially given double billing because of the mention of the tribe of Joseph. We have to remember that Joseph was Manasseh's father. These are very important pieces of the puzzle that we need to understand

Jacob... Abraham's grandson, was given a new name by Yahovah. His new name given to him by Yahovah was "*Israel*". We often times say "*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*"... But... a more realistic improper choice of words would be "*Abraham, Isaac, and Israel*", because Jacob was renamed "*Israel*". Israel (also known as Jacob) married two sisters, Leah, and Rachel, and he also took on two concubines. From both Leah, and Rachel, and his two concubines... Jacob (also known as Israel) produced 12 sons. The 12 sons went on to become the founders and the namesake of the 12 tribes of Israel.

When Jacob became an old man, he wanted to bestow the traditional blessings upon his two grandson who were the sons of Joseph. Their names were Ephraim and Manasseh. And so, Jacob took his two grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh, and he not only blessed them... but he also adopted them as his own two sons. And so, at this point in time... for a short period of time there were actually 14 tribes of Israel. You had the original 12 sons of Jacob +2 of his adopted grandchildren which he took from Joseph and adopted as his own two sons which made a total of 14 sons that Jacob had. Thus... For a period of time there was actually 14 tribes of Israel.

Now, I know that this can get a little bit confusing... but with a little bit of study it's not really all that hard to understand. On Jacob's deathbed he called all of his sons around him and he pronounced a prophetic blessing on each one of them. And during that particular blessing... Jacob took the tribal authority away from his son Joseph... and he gave that authority to both Ephraim and Manasseh his sons. And therefore... the 14 tribes of Israel was reduced from 14 to 13 because Joseph was removed from the equation. And so... when the house of Israel fled from Egypt during the Exodus... there were actually 13 tribes of Israel.

Later on, in the book of Exodus, we find that Yah removes the tribe of Levi from among the ranks of Israel and he sets them apart as a tribe of priests dedicated to serve him and his temple. Yah specifically stated that the tribe of Levi was no longer to be counted among his brothers and among the tribes of Israel. And so it was, that the 13 tribes of Israel was then reduced by one more and then became the 12 tribes of Israel. However... these 12 tribes of Israel are not the same 12 tribes of Israel that were originally constituted. Joseph was no longer among them and neither was Levi. Ephraim and Manasseh had effectively replaced them.

What we need to realize is that all throughout the history of the house of Israel from the time that the house of Israel entered Canaan, right up through to today... It is this modified group of 12 tribes that has made out the 12 tribes of the house of Israel. But the story doesn't end here.

Here in Revelation chapter 7 we get yet another modification to make up the 12 tribes of Israel. For some unstated reason... the tribes of Dan and the tribe of Ephraim are no longer included... But the tribe of Levi has been reinstated, and Joseph has also been readmitted into the group.

What we need to understand is that the 12 tribes of Israel have gone through several different changes throughout history. And so, we shouldn't be surprised to see that there is a final changing of the guard if you will hear in the book of Revelation.

Now... with that being said, there are some biblical scholars out there who believe that John just got it wrong, or that there was some translation of the book of Revelation that is in error. But I would submit to you that these biblical scholars do what biblical scholars do best. When biblical scholars can't find an answer in the Scripture... they begin to fill in the blanks with whatever seems suitable to their own human understanding. And this is exactly why we have so many different denominational empires, and chapters, and counsels of men who in reality equate to nothing more than the blind leading the blind. Our Messiah chastised the pastors and priests of his day for doing this exact same thing when he called them hypocrites in Matthew chapter 23, and told them that they traveled over sea and land to make one follower, and when he did become a follower, they made him twice as much a child of hell as they were. Once again you can read that in Matthew chapter 23 verse 15 and I would encourage you to read that whole chapter to get a complete picture concerning what our Messiah thought about the religion of Judaism and the prestigious Rabbis his time.

One of the reasons that the tribe of Dan may have been excluded from the 12 tribes of Israel is

their connection with idolatry. And you can read more about that particular story of the book of Judges chapter 18. There are some biblical scholars that actually believe that the antichrist is going to come from the tribe of Dan. And I'll let you do your own homework on that, but the truth of the matter is, that we're really not told in the Scripture specifically why Dan is left out of the 12 tribes here in the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation. It may very well have been because of their unrepentant transgression against the law that they were excluded.

Next week we're going to continue on in our study into the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation because there is much more to know concerning this "*great multitude*" that we read about here in the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation." We can find the remnants of this great multitude that comes out of the tribulation all throughout the book of Revelation. We find this great multitude of people back in Revelation chapter 5 verse nine. We find this great multitude of people in Revelation chapter 11 verse nine. In Revelation 13 verse seven, Revelation chapter 14 verse six, and in all kinds of other very interesting places, and we'll get into that more next week on our Father's seventh day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern standard time right here on our next live Seventh day Sabbath broadcast.

We've covered a lot of ground here concerning the seventh chapter of the book of Revelation which alludes to things like the greater Exodus, and the condemnation of a pre-tribulation rescue, but more than that, my hope and my prayer is that you will take the time to take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock, and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the very end... you and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I like to thank each and every one who is within the sound of my voice for sharing your time with me here on our father's seventh day Sabbath.

Take the time to sit somewhere and be still today. Take the time to sit in silence and allow him to speak to you. Contemplate what we just read here in the Scripture today. Think on these things, and meditate on the Scriptures, and give him the opportunity to answer the questions that you have because it's from him and him alone that we are given the truth that we need to contend for the faith.