

Urgency Part 13 a

Revelation 7:1-8

¹ After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

² Then 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 to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed:

⁵ of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand *were* sealed;

⁶ of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand *were* sealed;

⁷ of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand *were* sealed;

⁸ of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand *were* sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand *were* sealed. These Jews will be saved during the tribulation.

1. Jesus Christ is holding the great book of God in his hands, the book of destiny. The book is so important and so secretive that God has it bound with seven seals. God is telling us what is going to come to pass in the last day that we may turn to His Son Jesus so that we can escape this terrible judgment. We have seen how the four horsemen were storming across the earth bringing death and destruction. We have learned how one fourth of the earth will be killed. The demonic power that the antichrist will unleash on the earth. But this is no comparison to what is yet to come in the final judgment.

Will anybody be saved in the tribulation? Can anyone survive such terrible things?
Revelation 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

The greatest thing about this text is that judgment is in the hands of God and we as believers escape judgment because of what Jesus Christ did for us.

Matthew 25:31-32 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the ^[a]holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and ^[a]perdition of ungodly men.

Revelation 20:12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before ^[a]God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second ^[b]death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

2. All God's people are sealed: God will give this command that the final judgment won't happen until all of God's people have been sealed with his name. This seal represents the mark of possession, authority and protection.

Revelation 9:4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, ^[a]a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, ^[b]having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Ezekiel 9:4 and the LORD said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.”

We learn in the New Testament that the believer is sealed with the Spirit of God; that the Holy Spirit seals and guarantees that the believer belongs to God.

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who^[a] is the ^[b]guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

In contrast to the seal of God upon His servants, The lawless and the rebellious followers of the beast(the antichrist) will bear his mark or seal Rev 16:2.

The demonic forces that are to be unleashed on the world will not touch God's people but every person who took the mark of the beast will be in a very bad way.

Revelation 16:2 First Bowl: Loathsome Sores So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a ^[a]foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

This should not seem strange to us, that God is going to judge the unbelievers who follow the antichrist. These judgments are for a world that did not listen.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward ^[a]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Jude 1:14-15

¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

Psalms 62:12 Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy; For You ^[a]render to each one according to his work.

Jeremiah 17:10, I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the ^[a]mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

God gives the most wonderful promise to the true believers. No believer will ever be judged and condemned to death and hell. There is nothing, absolutely nothing that can separate the true believer from the love of God.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 5:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Romans 5:8-10 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of [a]God! Therefore the world does not know [b]us, because it did not know Him.

3. God will give the counsel to seal the 144,000 Jews and they will be saved during the tribulation. The passage says 144,000 will be converted Romans chapters 9-11 that's how we know this happens during the tribulation. See there are a lot of Jews who don't believe in Jesus, that He is the Messiah. There will be a lot of Gentiles that will be saved also.

Romans 11:25-36 ²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own [a]opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be [b]saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷ For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.” ²⁸ Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. ³⁰ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³² For God has [c]committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has first given to Him, And it shall be repaid to him?”

³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

The 144,000 are very special to God they are dedicated to serve the lord during the tribulation: They are virgins, they have never been married. The days of the end times will be filled with horror after horror. The worst holocaust the world has ever witnessed will be launched by the antichrist.

1 Corinthians 7:26-27 I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that *it is* good for a man to remain as he is: ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

Revelation 14:4-5 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were [a]redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no [b]deceit, for they are without fault [c]before the throne of God.

Israel is to be saved in the end times Romans Chapters 9-11 You should read that during your study time. This is undoubtedly part of the restoration of Israel

Romans 11:1-15 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³ “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? ⁴ But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. [a]But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.⁷ What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸ Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day.” ⁹ And David says: “Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them.”¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always.”

Israel's Rejection Not Final

¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their ^[b]fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. ¹² Now if their ^[c]fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! ¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

Romans 11:23-26 ²³ And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree? ²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own ^[a]opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be ^[b]saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;