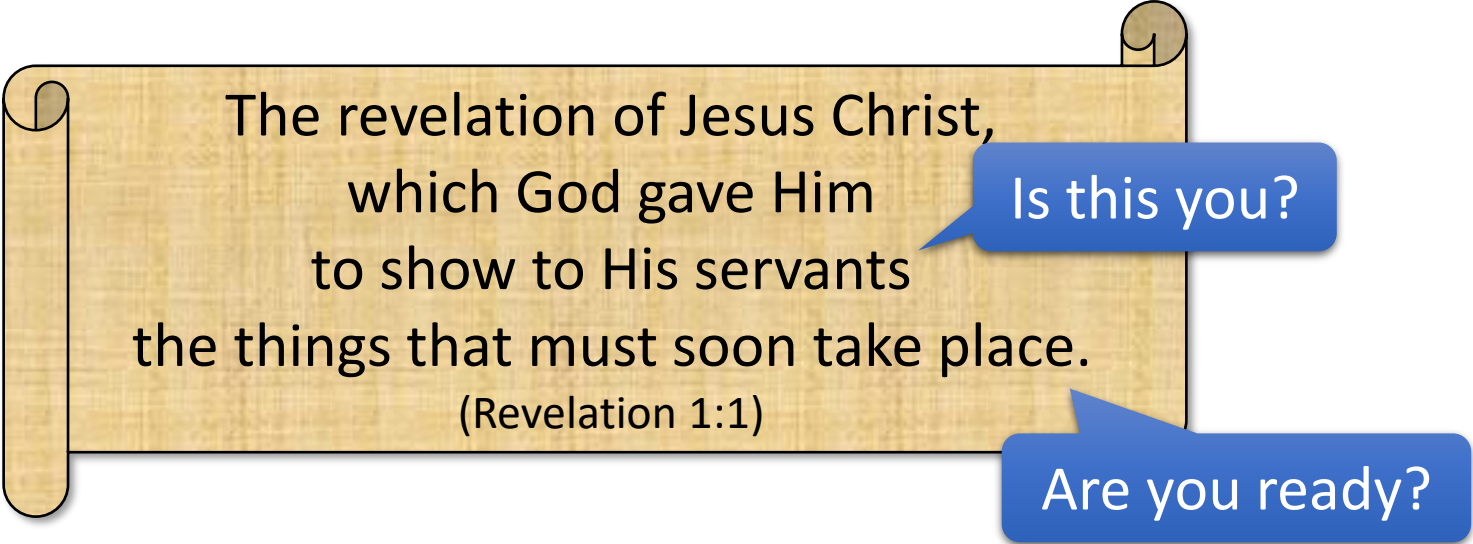




The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

13. Before the seventh seal is opened...

A scroll with a light brown, textured background and a black border. The scroll is partially unrolled, with the top and bottom edges curled. The text is centered on the scroll. To the right of the scroll, there are two blue speech bubbles with white text. The top speech bubble points to the text on the scroll, and the bottom speech bubble points to the text below it.

The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him
to show to His servants
the things that must soon take place.

(Revelation 1:1)

Is this you?

Are you ready?

Revelation so far...

1:1-8

Prologue

Behold, He is
coming with clouds
(Revelation 1:7)

The first section...

1:9 – 3:22

The vision of Christ, then His messages to the seven churches

I know your works...

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals



The second section... (Part 1)

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals

- **The throne of God**
- **The scroll in God's right hand**
- **The Lion of Judah and the Lamb**

The second section... (Parts 2 and 3)

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals

6:1-17

- The first seal – **a white horse**
(Revelation 6:2) ← Deception, lies
- The second seal – **a red horse**
(Revelation 6:4) ← Warfare, people killing one another
- The third seal – **a black horse**
(Revelation 6:5) ← Famine and plenty, rich and poor
- The fourth seal – **a pale horse**
(Revelation 6:8) ← Disease, famine, untimely death
- The fifth seal – **the martyrs**
(Revelation 6:11) ← “Rest a little longer...”
- The sixth seal – **the day of wrath**
(Revelation 6:16) ← “Hide us from the wrath of the Lamb”

The sixth seal – **The great day of His wrath**

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones
and the generals and the rich and the powerful,
and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves
in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,
calling to the mountains and rocks,

***“Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him
who is seated on the throne,
and from **the wrath of the Lamb**,
for the great day of His wrath has come,
and who can stand?”***

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

(Revelation 6:15-17)

The second section... (Part 4)

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals

Revelation 7:1-17 – An interlude before the seventh seal

After these things...

- The sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)

After these things...

- The multitude come out of great tribulation (Revelation 7:9-17)

The sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)

After these things I saw four angels
standing at the four corners of the earth,
holding back the four winds of the earth...

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun,
with the seal of the living God... saying,

*“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees,
until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”*

(Revelation 7:1-3)

The sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)

*“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees,
until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”*

Questions:

1. Who are sealed?
 - **The sons of Israel, God’s servants**
2. What is the purpose of a seal?
 - **To show ownership**
3. What is the seal?
 - **The Lord’s name?** (Revelation 14:1)

...harm...only those men who do not have
the seal of God on their foreheads.

(Revelation 9:4)

The sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)

And I heard the number of the sealed,
144,000,
sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel...
(Revelation 7:4)

10 x 10 x 10

$$12 \times 12 \times 1000 = 144,000$$

12 tribes?

12 apostles?

The sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)

12,000 from the tribe of **Judah** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Reuben** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Gad** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Asher** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Naphtali** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Manasseh** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Simeon** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Levi** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Issachar** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Zebulun** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Joseph** were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of **Benjamin** were sealed.

Judah is first!

Ephraim?

What has happened to the tribe of Dan?

144,000

(Revelation 7:5-8)

What is the nation of Israel?

- A nation created by God through Abraham and Isaac – **Genesis 12:2**
- A nation to which God spoke and revealed Himself – **Deuteronomy 5:7-8**
- The nation to which the Lord Jesus came – **Micah 5:2, John 1:11**
- A nation to which God has made unbreakable promises – **Jeremiah 31:35-37**
- The nation with which the Lord Jesus still identifies – **Revelation 5:5**
- The nation to which the Lord Jesus will return – **Zechariah 14:3-4, Matthew 23:37-39**

What is the nation of Israel?

Brethren, my heart's desire
and prayer to God for Israel
is that they may be **saved**.
(Romans 10:1)

Has God cast away
His people? **Certainly not!**
(Romans 11:1)

Have they stumbled
that they should fall?
Certainly not!
(See Romans 11:11-15)

A partial hardening has happened to Israel
until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.
And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:

*The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.*

(Romans 11:25-27)

They are beloved
for the sake of
their forefathers.
(Romans 11:28)

**For the gifts and the calling
of God are irrevocable.**
(Romans 11:29)

What is the nation of Israel?

And I will pour out on the house of David
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that,
they will look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced.

They shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child,
and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn.
(Zechariah 12:10)

On that day there shall be a fountain opened
for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to **cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.**

(Zechariah 13:1)



What is the nation of Israel?

**If the nation of Israel
still has a place in God's purposes,
should we be surprised
by the hatred that Jewish people face?**

The sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)

*“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees,
until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”*

In summary...

- This vision is about the people of Israel
- They have become “servants of our God”
- They are being protected by God during the time of trouble

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After these things

I looked, and behold,

a great multitude that no one could number,

from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

and crying out with a loud voice,

“Salvation belongs to our God

who sits on the throne,

and to the Lamb!”

(Revelation 7:9-10)



Joy and
celebration

The multitude come out of great tribulation (Revelation 7:9-17)

Who are these,
clothed in white robes,
and from where have they come?

Sir, you know.

These are the ones coming
out of **the great tribulation**.
They have washed their robes
and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.

Tribulation or trouble
Daniel 12:1 ?
Matthew 24:21-22 ?

(See Revelation 7:13-17)


The multitude come out of great tribulation (Revelation 7:9-17)

Therefore they are before **the throne of God**,
and serve Him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne
will shelter them with His presence...

Literally: “will spread
His tent over them”

For **the Lamb** in the midst of the throne will be their **shepherd**,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

(Revelation 7:15,17)



Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!

Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power and might,
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.
(Revelation 7:12)

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Revelation chapter 7

What can we see and hold to from this?

- Israel still has a place in the purposes of God
- God keeps His covenant promises
- God will wipe away every tear from our eyes

The seventh seal...

When He opened **the seventh seal**,
there was **silence** in heaven
for about half an hour.

(Revelation 8:1)

Why?



The scroll has been opened...