

## Revelation Chapter 7 - Sealed Servants and Tribulation

### Theme

This lecture explores Revelation Chapter 7, focusing on the sealed and saved servants amidst the tribulation. It discusses the chronological structure of Revelation, the role of judgment and salvation, and the rise of the Antichrist. Key themes include the sealing of 144,000 servants, the great multitude saved during the tribulation, and the symbolism of white robes and palm branches. The lecture emphasizes the importance of understanding the interludes and timelines within Revelation, as well as the significance of accepting the gospel to avoid the wrath of Christ.

### Takeaways

1. Revelation chapter 7 focuses on sealed and saved servants.
2. The book of Revelation is divided into timelines: past, present, and future.
3. Judgment begins with the church in chapters 2 and 3.
4. The wrath of Christ is initiated with the opening of the seventh seal.
5. Chapter 7 is an interlude providing more detail before the seventh seal.
6. The book of Revelation is somewhat chronological but not strictly so.
7. The Antichrist's power is discussed in chapters 12 and 13.
8. The scroll in Revelation may represent the final judgment of Jesus Christ.
9. Daniel chapter 12 discusses the time of trouble and the sealing of the book.
10. The tribulation is divided into two parts: the first three and a half years and the latter three and a half years.

### Highlights

- "Revelation is the fifth gospel because more people are going to get saved here than they ever did in any of the four gospels."
- "As Christians, we are told we are sealed. We are under the ownership of God. We are identified. Our identity is through the seal."
- "The victory of the Spirit over death and the flesh."

## Chapters & Topics

### Revelation Chapter 7

Revelation chapter 7 discusses the sealed and saved servants, providing an interlude in the narrative of the book of Revelation. It highlights the sealing of 144,000 servants and the saved multitude, offering hope amidst the judgments.

- **Keypoints**
  - Sealed servants refer to the 144,000 who are marked for protection.
  - Saved servants are the result of the ministry of the sealed servants.
  - Chapter 7 serves as an interlude before the opening of the seventh seal.
- **Explanation**

Chapter 7 is an interlude that pauses the narrative to provide more detail about the sealed and saved servants. It emphasizes the protection and salvation of God's people amidst the unfolding judgments.

- **Considerations**
- Understand the distinction between sealed and saved servants.
- Recognize the chapter as an interlude providing additional detail.

## Chronology of Revelation

The book of Revelation is structured with a timeline that includes past, present, and future events. It is somewhat chronological but not strictly so, as it includes interludes and shifts in focus.

- **Keypoints**
  - The book is divided into past (chapter 1), present (chapters 2-3), and future (chapters 4 onward).
  - Judgment begins with the church in chapters 2 and 3.
  - The wrath of Christ is initiated with the seventh seal.
- **Explanation**

Revelation's structure includes distinct timelines, with chapters 2 and 3 focusing on the present judgment of the church and chapters 4 onward detailing future events. Interludes like chapter 7 provide additional context and detail.

- **Considerations**
- Recognize the division of timelines in Revelation.
- Understand the role of interludes in providing additional context.

## Judgment and Salvation in Revelation

The book of Revelation outlines the process of judgment and salvation, emphasizing the importance of accepting the gospel to avoid the wrath of Christ. It highlights the role of Jesus as the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

- **Keypoints**
  - Judgment begins with the church and extends to the world.
  - The wrath of Christ is for those who reject the gospel.
  - Salvation is offered through Jesus, the Lamb of God.
- **Explanation**

Revelation emphasizes the necessity of accepting Jesus' sacrifice to avoid judgment. Those who reject the gospel face the wrath of Christ, while believers are saved through His sacrifice.

- **Considerations**
- Understand the significance of Jesus' sacrifice for salvation.
- Recognize the consequences of rejecting the gospel.

## The Antichrist and the Tribulation

The Antichrist's rise to power is a key element in the book of Revelation, occurring during the first three and a half years of the tribulation. This period is marked by peace for the Jews and the construction of the third temple.

- **Keypoints**
  - The Antichrist rises to power during the first half of the tribulation.
  - The Jews live in peace during this time, possibly rebuilding the temple.
  - The midpoint marks the beginning of the Great Tribulation.
- **Explanation**

The Antichrist's rise is gradual, with the first half of the tribulation characterized by peace for the Jews. The midpoint marks a shift to the Great Tribulation, with increased persecution and conflict.

- **Considerations**
  - Recognize the timeline of the Antichrist's rise to power.
  - Understand the significance of the midpoint in the tribulation.

## Four Angels and the Four Corners of the Earth

The four angels standing at the four corners of the earth represent the entirety of the earth, symbolizing north, south, east, and west. They hold back the four winds, which are often used as a metaphor for God's judgment.

- **Keypoints**
  - Four corners represent north, south, east, and west.
  - Wind symbolizes God's judgment.
  - Angels hold back the winds, pausing judgment.
- **Explanation**

The lecture explains that the four angels are holding back the winds, which are metaphors for God's judgment. This is a pause in the ongoing judgment described in Revelation, where the angels are instructed to hold back until God's servants are sealed.

## Seal of the Living God

The seal of the living God is a sign of ownership, identity, protection, security, confirmation, divine origin, and God's providence. It is used to mark God's servants, indicating their allegiance and identity as God's property.

- **Keypoints**
  - Seal signifies ownership and identity.
  - It provides protection and security.
  - Represents divine origin and God's providence.

- **Explanation**

The seal is compared to a stamp used in ancient times to mark ownership and identity. In the biblical context, it signifies that the sealed individuals are under God's ownership and protection, marked as His servants.

## 144,000 Sealed from the Tribes of Israel

The 144,000 sealed individuals are from the tribes of Israel, specifically listed in Revelation. The tribe of Dan is not mentioned, while Joseph's sons are included differently. Being from a tribe does not necessarily mean living in a specific geographic area.

- **Keypoints**

- 144,000 are from the tribes of Israel.
- Tribe of Dan is not mentioned.
- Joseph's sons are included differently.

- **Explanation**

The lecture discusses the specific listing of tribes in Revelation, noting the absence of Dan and the inclusion of Joseph's sons. It emphasizes that tribal identity is not tied to geographic location, allowing for a global understanding of the 144,000.

## Simplistic Thinking

Simplistic thinking refers to the tendency to oversimplify complex issues, which can lead to misunderstandings and incorrect conclusions.

- **Keypoints**

- Oversimplification can lead to misunderstandings.
- Complex issues require nuanced understanding.

## Intermixing of Tribes

In biblical times, tribes often intermixed due to various circumstances such as civil wars and religious practices.

- **Keypoints**

- Tribes moved due to civil wars and religious practices.
- Intermixing was common in biblical times.

## The Sealing of the 144,000

In the Book of Revelation, 144,000 individuals are sealed as a special group during the tribulation period.

- **Keypoints**
  - 144,000 are sealed during the tribulation.
  - They are considered a missionary army.

## Great Multitude from All Nations

A great multitude from all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues is saved during the tribulation, representing a massive revival.

- **Keypoints**
  - A great multitude is saved during the tribulation.
  - Represents a massive revival.

## Prophecy of Joel

The prophecy of Joel speaks of the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days, which is connected to events in the Book of Revelation.

- **Keypoints**
  - Joel's prophecy speaks of the Spirit's outpouring.
  - Connected to events in Revelation.

## Symbolism of White Robes and Palm Branches

In biblical symbolism, white robes represent purity and righteousness, while palm branches symbolize victory and peace.

- **Keypoints**
  - White robes symbolize purity and righteousness.
  - Palm branches symbolize victory and peace.