

REVELATION 7 WHO SHALL STAND?

INTRODUCTION:

The last verse of the previous chapter in **Revelation 6: 17** asked the question: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? The Greek word translated stand speaks to: abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up).

John saw the visions in Revelation because he obeyed and entered the rest of God, his Sabbath called the Lord's Day, **Revelation 1: 10**, even as those who **stood by** the Cross of Jesus in **Matthew 27: 49**, being called 'the rest' who said: 'let be and let us see if Elijah will come and save him.' They dramatized or illustrated one of the purposes of the rest of God, his Sabbath, viz.: **stand still** or be silent or quiet and see (have vision of) the things that pertain to salvation. John was in communion with God and was shown these visions as promised by **Isaiah 58: 14**.

The answer to the question in **Revelation 6: 17** is not only answered in **Chapter 7** but the preceding Chapters and is one of the salient messages of the entire book of Revelation. Those who abide, continue or covenant are those who **remain**. Those who **stand by or stand still** are like John who enters the rest of God and are granted the privilege to behold and see, for only with thy eyes shall thou behold and see the reward of the wicked (and those saved), **Psalms 91: 8**. For, no evil shall befall thee, nor any plagues come near thy dwelling, **Psalms 91: 10**. Those who **stand** are substantially those that **remain**. Thus the book of Revelation is about **the Remnant**.

Chapter 7 is the last or deuterous measure in the first set of seven Chapters on the measuring reed or rod. The first set of seven speaks to the precept of the **Name of God**. It presents the answer to the last question in the previous Chapter as those who are sealed while the Four Angels or Messengers stand and hold the four winds of the earth that they should not blow on the earth, sea or trees. And as those who are of the great multitude from every nation, kindred, people and tongues which stood before the throne.

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Those who were of the great multitude could not be numbered; however, 144,000 were from the Twelve Tribes of Israel being 12,000 from each tribe.

Therefore those sealed have something to do with the Name of God and the deuterios measure. Again the last or deuterios Chapter in the second set of seven, **Chapter 14**; reveals that **the Lamb's Father's Name** was written in the foreheads of the 144,000.

The Greek word translated seal speaks to a signet, stamp impressed, or mark of genuineness. Therefore the Lamb's Father's Name is what is impressed in their foreheads and on their minds. This speaks to their source and object of trust, prayer and worship. Moreover, have I given them my Sabbaths to be a **sign** (mark or signet) between me and them that I am the Lord which sanctifies thee, **Exodus 31: 13**. The seventh day Sabbath is what is: the Seal, having the deuterios or recount precept embedded: recounting (remembering) the holiness of the Lord. The Hebrew word translated seven is Sheh-bah which speaks to completeness, perfection, or as an appellation or Name: a mark of identity and individuality, which means: **Sacred Full One or Holy one. The Remnant** therefore receives the seal or mark for which they stand in substance and represent: **holy unto the Lord**. Those who are truly or genuinely the Lord's keep His Seventh Day Sabbath as a worship, prayer and praise day and each day of the week holy unto the Lord.

Therefore **Chapter 7** recounts the Name of God: his mark of individuality or identity, authority, power and character, and will be the first Chapter that is measured and then the preceding 6 Chapters; then Chapter 14 and its preceding 6 Chapters; then Chapter 21, and its preceding 6 Chapters and then the Conclusion Chapter 22.

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STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE:

V1 And after these things I saw four angels (a messenger; especially an “angel”; by implication a pastor: - angel, messenger) standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds (air) of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Like the four Beasts of **Chapters 3-5** and the four Angels bound in the River Euphrates, **Revelation 9:14**, there are four Angels who shall stand on four corners, east, west, north and south, of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea nor on any tree. Four Messengers, like Elijah and Elisha who said as the Lord lives before whom I stand, **1 Kings 17: and 18: 15**, on each quadrant of the earth prevent the four winds from hurting the earth, the sea or any tree. So because of these four others were made to stand.

V8 Of the tribe of Zabulon (habitation) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph (let him add, increase) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin (son of the right hand) were sealed twelve thousand.

Those who had made God who is my refuge their habitation, **Psalms 91: 9**, from the eastern corner, were sealed twelve thousand. Those who received the former rain and increased were sealed twelve thousand from the western corner. Those as son of the right hand were sealed twelve thousand from the western quadrant of the earth. These all now received the Spirit in the latter rain.

V15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord and who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart and has not lifted up his soul to vanity nor has sworn deceitfully. This is the generation of them that seek Thee that seek Thy face, O God of Jacob. He that doeth these things shall not be moved, **Psalms 24:3-5 and Psalms 15: 5**.

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THE SEAL (AND THE SPIRIT) OF THE LIVING GOD:

V2 And 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 given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Another Messenger comes from the east, eternity or heaven bearing the seal of the Living God and cried with a loud voice to the four Messengers standing on the four corners of the earth who had the power to hurt the earth and the sea. He led those who had a work of sealing to perform even as Jesus was sealed by the Father, **John 6: 27**, and as Paul spoke: who hath also sealed us and given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts, **2 Corinthians 1: 22**. Those who receive the earnest of the Spirit are marked or sealed as belonging to God such that they are able to stand not only on earth but in heaven. It is the Spirit that leads us into all truth, **John 16: 13**.

V9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

A great multitude from all nations, and kindred, and people and tongues which could not be numbered previously described in **John 21** as the 153 big fishes from the 17 nations and people groups identified in **Acts 2** were also made able to stand in the last harvest before the throne and the Lamb clothed in white robes of the character or righteousness of God and having palms in their hands.

V16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

These were clearly of those whom the Lord had said other sheep I have which are not of this fold them must I also bring, they will hear my voice, and there shall be one Shepherd and one fold, **John 10: 16**. These shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat.

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SERVANTS OF GOD SEALED:

V3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

The generation of the righteous that seek Thee, that seek Thy face, O God of Jacob are the servants of God that are sealed in their foreheads representing that their minds are fully and completely given only to God. The four Messengers which stand on the four corners of the earth, have not only power to hold back the winds but also to hurt the earth, the sea and the trees. They are asked of the sealing Messenger and his group to hold strain until the work of sealing is over.

V10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

This generation forms the congregation of the righteous which is as the one Leper that was made whole and return with praises, they shout with a loud voice: salvation to our God who sits upon the throne and unto the Lamb!

V17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And as it is said: for God is in the generation of the righteous, **Psalms 14: 5**, even so are they standing before the throne and the Lamb in the midst of the throne shall lead us unto living fountains of waters and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes.

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THE NUMBER 'CALLED OUT' OR SEALED:

V4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Even as the number of those who are sealed are called out that John heard even so will these **144,000** be called out of all the tribes of the children of Israel for a special work which they have to perform. Note that it is 11 Tribes of the original twelve that are named in this chapter with the exclusion of the Tribe of Dan which is replaced by Levi who now occupies a quadrant instead of being in the centre of the camp immediately around the Temple (likewise Ephraim one of Joseph's sons is substituted with Joseph). The Tribe of Dan represents one third of the tribes on the Northern quadrant that are lost even as the one third angels that the Draco constellation tail drew and cast to the ground. These are as the 11 Disciples who assisted in the harvest of the 153 Big Fishes out of the sea of Tiberias in **John 21**, viz.: 7 were in the first boat plus the other 4 in the smaller boat that came and assisted to pull in the harvest to the shore. Unlike the First Harvest of the 153 Big Fishes out of the Sea of Tiberias led mainly by the 7 Disciples in the First Boat in **John 21** realized in **Acts 2**, the Last Harvest, according to Revelation, will have on Board, the Chairman, in the Tribe of Levi, as the efficacy of the High Priestly Minister as recorded in the Book of **Leviticus** will be of full effect and sway. What a harvest it will be! Glory! Hallelujah to the Lamb that was slain!

V11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

These 144,000 will work with the ministering spirits: '100,000,000,000,000' (Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand and thousands of thousands) of or all angels round about the throne, the elders and four beasts who fall prostrate and worship before the throne on their faces.

144,000 co-rulers with Christ

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The four beasts have the appearance of the ensigns (in the east, Judah: lion, in the west, calf or ox: Joseph or Ephraim, in the south, man's face: Reuben and in the north, flying eagle/serpent: formerly Dan now Levi) which represents the families of the children of Israel which encamp on the four quadrants or corners of the earth as outlined in the book of Numbers, in chapter 2. Though the tribe of Dan is not sealed in the number, as quadrant leader the ensign remains. Which tells you that it is not will of God that any should perish but that all should come unto repentance, but none can be saved against his own will.

JOIN THESE JUDAH, REUBEN, GAD AND HEAVEN: PRAISE, MAN, OVERCOME:

V5 Of the tribe of Juda (praise, thankful) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben (see ye a son) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad (overcome, ground upon and attack) were sealed twelve thousand.

From the eastern quadrant is sealed twelve thousand from the Lion tribe of Juda that praises God. From the southern quadrant is sealed these two tribes, Reuben, see ye a son, with the man face bearing the likeness and the image of God, twelve thousand, and from the over-comers tribe of Gad, twelve thousand. Yea a man or son that praises God is as a lion that shall overcome or stand: out of the mouth of babes and suckling as He ordained praise because of the enemy that He might still the avenger, **Psalms 8: 2**. And He had appointed beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness, **Isaiah 61: 3**.

V12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

From these along with the heavenly hosts comes sheh-bah, perfect or complete praise. Note the seven or sheh-bah points in their Amen or so let it be: blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might can only be unto God who is the Seven-fold Spirit. Even so they say, let it be or Amen.

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WHO ARE THESE?

V6 Of the tribe of Aser (happy) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim (my wrestling) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses (causing to forget) were sealed twelve thousand.

The identity of these is what is called into question in this precept two of the tribes from the northern quadrant features here: Asher and Nephthalim and also one tribe from the western quadrant: Manasses. Of each of these tribes is sealed twelve thousand. The message in the names of these three is recorded as happy are those who by wrestling (or praying) prevails or overcomes like Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Joseph and many others including Daniel and Saul, you and I. The former things shall not come into our memories for the Lord will cause us to forget them. These of the children of Israel **shall stand or remain**. Those who by calling upon the Name of the Lord shall be blessed or happy: for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, **Romans 10: 13**. First it was praise and now it is prayer, **these shall stand**.

V13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

White robes are robes of light or righteousness which comes from an indwelling, a sealing or habitation of the Spirit within the body temple of those who are only given over to the Lord. These are they who presented themselves as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service and was not conformed to this world but instead was transformed by the renewing of our minds and proved what is that good and acceptable, the perfect will of God, **Romans 12: 2**.

THE RECOUNT: THE SEVEN ORIGINAL TRIBES IN CHURCH AMONG THE MULTITUDE

V7 Of the tribe of Simeon (hearing) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi (joined or attached) were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar (he will bring a reward) were sealed twelve thousand.

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From the southern tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand and from the northern tribe of Levi and also from the eastern tribe of Issachar. Thus the Sealing Angels or Messengers came full circle back to the eastern quadrant where they had first begun in **verse 5** for the first set of seven verses in Chapter 7.

These are the first eight tribes of the Children of Israel plus Manasses another of Joseph sons which includes also Levi which was not named originally on a quadrant in **Numbers 2** but now replaces Dan, hence those sealed in the first 7 verses includes the **7 original tribes named in Numbers 2** which are as **the 7 Disciples** in the Boat on the Sea of Tiberias in **John 21**. The meaning of the tribes' names when combined suggests: those who hears (hearing) are in union with Him for whom He will bring a reward. Remember, those who have ears let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches. The recount is done accordingly.

- 1 To realize this He sends four Angels or Messengers on four corners of the earth which holds the four winds from blowing on the earth, the sea and the trees.
- 2 An Angel or Messenger from the east with the seal leads those who are engage in the work of sealing.
- 3 They are allowed by the four Angels or Messengers to seal the servants of God in their foreheads.
- 4 The numbers that were sealed of tribes of the Children of Israel were called out: 144,000.
- 5 12,000 from each of these three tribes: Judah, Rueben and Gad
- 6 12,000 from each of these three tribes: Aser, Nepthalim and Manasses

V14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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The First Boat by the Spirit of God will fish by the gospel net and draw the great multitude who, will come out of great tribulation. They hear the words of Jesus who is on board as to where they should cast or preach the gospel and they obey enabling the multitude to have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. The end result is seen in the harvest of these who have come out of great trials and tribulation washing their character and made them spotless in merits of the spilled blood of the Lamb. The recount is now done:

- 8 They are helped by these Zabulon (habitation), Joseph (let him add or increase) (which will be his other son Ephraim which means double fruited as Manasses the other son was named already in **verse 6**) and Benjamin (son of the righthand), three which are four as Ephraim is double fruited who are as the four non-executives in the smaller boat that assisted the other 7 executives in the first boat in **John 21** to land the harvest. These are they who are a habitation for the Holy Spirit and are double fruited as the Son of the righthand, whom we know to be Jesus.
- 9 Thus the great multitude by the Spirit, from every nation, kindred, people and tongues which cannot be numbered is harvested and stand before the throne.
- 10 Their hearts are filled with gratitude and praise, they cry: salvation to our God upon the Throne and to the Lamb.
- 11 The Angels join in the worship falling down prostrates upon their faces before the Throne.
- 12 Praising God perfectly in the Amen of blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power, and might.
- 13 The Elders who were also redeemed ask the rhetoric, what are these that arrayed in white, and from whence came they?

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CONCLUSION:

V15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

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