

Part 3, The Judgments of the Lamb

Revelation 6 thru 18

Chapter 8

The First Interlude

Revelation 7

1. God calls a "Time Out." It is here we are introduced to the first answer to the question, "Who is able to stand?" Who does John hear next? Who is able to stand?

144,000 Jewish Evangelists

2. Despite God's righteous judgments upon mankind, the Lord continues to give people the opportunity to return to Him. What is God demonstrating here?

3. These evangelists have a special identifier. What is it and what does it do?

4. How did the prophet Ezekiel predict God would prepare the land for Israel's return in Ezekiel 34:26; 36:8-9?

5. Paul uses the phrase in Galatians 6:16, "Israel of God." What does it refer to?

6. What is the "sealing" of these evangelists? The author offers a clue to us from Ezekiel 9:3-5.

Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side; 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." To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity" Ezekiel 9:3-5

7. Why would anyone want to hurt these 144,000 Jewish Evangelists?

A Multitude of Martyrs

8. Who is the great multitude described in Revelation 7:9-10?

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10

9. The message of this group is not a petition for more judgment but praise for their salvation. We were all once destined for an eternity apart from God.

What did Jesus do for us all according to Isaiah 53:6-7?

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth
Isaiah 53:6-7*

10. The angels and the elders and the creatures are all so overwhelmed at the purity and sincerity of the martyrs' worship and

the reminder of the greatness of the grace of God. What do they all do
Revelation 7:11-12?

*All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen"* **Revelation 7:11-12**

11. In (Revelation 7:13-17 John is asked, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" What is the answer?

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 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 dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"
Revelation 7:13-17

12. What kind of saints are these in this passage? And, what are they not?

13. Rather than a place where believers sit on clouds and play harps—what is done in heaven?

14. In heaven, where will we be in proximity to God?

15. In Revelation 7, we see 144,000 on the earth and a multitude in heaven. What do they have in common?