

# Apocalypse Now ( Revelation Revisited)

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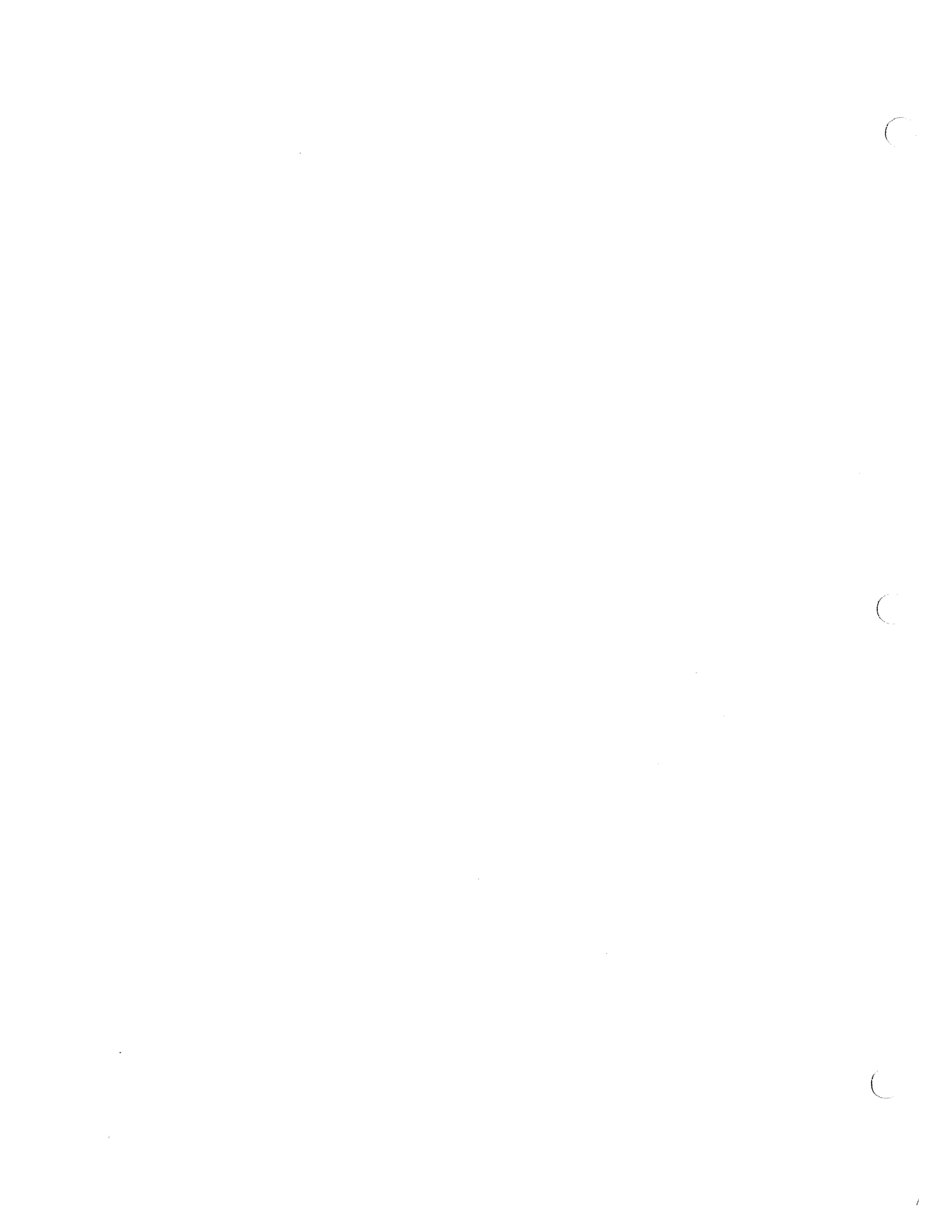
## 144,000 Spirit-filled Evangelists - Revelation 7

1 I sometimes hear - or read - about a “coming global revival” on this earth that will change  
2 the course of human history. Well, such a spiritual move is coming, but not in my  
3 lifetime. Indeed, it will occur AFTER the Rapture. Consider Jesus’ prophecy regarding  
4 such a revival, Luke 18:8 **Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find**  
5 **faith on the earth?** Our Lord intimated that the spiritual well-being of humanity at His  
6 return would so low as to be non-existent. So much for any predicted great global  
7 revival prior to the Rapture.

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9 Yet Revelation 7 informs us clearly that a great world-wide coming to salvation will take  
10 place. When and how and with whom?

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12 Rev. 7:1-17

13 **And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth,**  
14 **holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor**  
15 **on the sea, nor on any tree. [2] And I saw another angel ascending from the east,**  
16 **having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to**  
17 **whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, [3] Saying, Hurt not the earth,**  
18 **neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their**  
19 **foreheads. [4] And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were**  
20 **sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of**  
21 **Israel. [5] Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben**  
22 **were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. [6]**  
23 **Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were**  
24 **sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. [7]**  
25 **Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed**  
26 **twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. [8] Of the**  
27 **tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed**  
28 **twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. [9] After**  
29 **this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations,**  
30 **and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the**  
31 **Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; [10] And cried with a**  
32 **loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the**  
33 **Lamb. [11] And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders**  
34 **and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,**



1 [12] Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour,  
2 and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. [13] And one of  
3 the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white  
4 robes? and whence came they? [14] And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he  
5 said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed  
6 their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] Therefore are they  
7 before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that  
8 sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. [16] They shall hunger no more,  
9 neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. [17] For  
10 the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them  
11 unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.  
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13 We need to know clearly who these 144,000 “sealed” or protected evangelists are. There  
14 have been several cults begun from Revelation 7 with quite ridiculous interpretations of  
15 the passage. One of the finest Bible expositors of the last century, Dr. Harry A. Ironside  
16 (who passed away about 1950) pointed out the heresies often generated from Chapter 7:  
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18 *I am sure that many of my hearers have often been perplexed by conflicting theories*  
19 *regarding the 144,000. The way in which so many unscriptural and often positively*  
20 *heretical sects arrogate to themselves this title would be amusing if were not so sad. You*  
21 *are perhaps aware that the Seventh-Day Adventists apply it to the faithful of their*  
22 *communion, who will be found observing the Jewish Sabbath at the Lord's return. They*  
23 *suppose that these will be raptured when the Lord descends and judgment will be poured*  
24 *out upon the rest of the church. Then we have the followers of the late Pastor Russell*  
25 *(Jehovah's Witnesses) who teach that the 144,000 include only the 'overcomers' of their*  
26 *persuasion who continue faithful to the end, following the teaching of the system*  
27 *commonly called 'Millennial Dawnism.' That very absurd and weird cult known as 'The*  
28 *Flying Roll' makes claim to the same thing, only with them the 144,000 are those who*  
29 *will have their blood so cleansed that they cannot die, but will have immortal life on this*  
30 *earth. Besides these, there are many other sects, whose leaders consider their own*  
31 *peculiar followers will be the 144,000 sealed ones at the end time. All of these, however,*  
32 *overlook a very simple fact, which if observed would save them from their folly. That is,*  
33 *the 144,000 are composed of 12,000 from each tribe of the children of Israel. There is*  
34 *not a Gentile among them. Whenever I meet people who tell me they belong to the*  
35 *144,000 I always ask them, 'Which tribe please?' And they are invariably put to*  
36 *confusion for want of an answer.*

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39 So it is very clear that the 144,000 are Jews (verse 4: “...from all the tribes of Israel.”  
40 Some of today’s critics of scripture ask, “Well, what do you suppose that means?” I  
41 would say it means ... 12,000 Jews from each tribe, just as Scripture says!



1 Note carefully also the word “servants” in verse 3. That word “servant” comes from the  
2 Greek word *doulos* which means bond servant (in our case) to the Lord Jesus Christ. So  
3 right away we become aware of the fact that there will be multitudes of followers of Jesus  
4 during the Tribulation - who may have missed the Rapture, but somehow have found  
5 salvation in Jesus during this perilous 7 year period. They are amazing Christians in that  
6 they are followers of Jesus in a period that could eventually cost them their very lives for  
7 we are not assured in Scripture that the “seal” or “protection” lasts the entire 7 years.

### 8 9 God’s Seal On Their Foreheads

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11 **Rev. 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have**  
12 **sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** God’s servants who will wreak  
13 destruction on the Earth soon are first commanded by God to “Hold off!” til the 144,000  
14 are protected.

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16 That verse tells us clearly that God intends to “hurt the earth” during the Tribulation time.  
17 But He will not allow the destruction to harm 144,000 Jews who will evangelize millions  
18 for Christs. They will be “sealed” or earmarked by some sort of sign in their foreheads.  
19 The followers of the Antichrist will also have a sign or emblem so placed: Rev. 13:14-18  
20 **And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he**  
21 **had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that**  
22 **they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did**  
23 **live. [15] And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of**  
24 **the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image**  
25 **of the beast should be killed. [16] And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and**  
26 **poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [17]**  
27 **And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the**  
28 **beast, or the number of his name. [18] Here is wisdom. Let him that hath**  
29 **understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his**  
30 **number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

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32 It would seem that once a person takes this dreaded identification, it is permanent. There  
33 is no recourse. The persecution of those who become followers of Christ will be deadly  
34 as we learn from the fifth seal in Rev. 6:9-11: **And when he had opened the fifth seal,**  
35 **I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for**  
36 **the testimony which they held: [10] And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How**  
37 **long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that**  
38 **dwell on the earth? [11] And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it**  
39 **was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their**  
40 **fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be**

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1 fulfilled.

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3 BUT....ISN'T THE HOLY SPIRIT GONE FROM THE EARTH FOLLOWING THE  
4 RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH?

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6 2 Thes. 2:5-12

7 [5] Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? [6]  
8 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. [7] For  
9 the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he  
10 be taken out of the way. [8] And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord  
11 shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of  
12 his coming: [9] Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power  
13 and signs and lying wonders, [10] And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in  
14 them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be  
15 saved. [11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should  
16 believe a lie: [12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had  
17 pleasure in unrighteousness.

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19 The ministry of the Holy Spirit that will be taken is His RESTRAINING force on the  
20 Earth. His convicting presence will assuredly remain as lost people cry out for rocks and  
21 hills to fall upon them. It was this time, I believe, that Joel wrote about (a passage that  
22 we Pentecostals quote so often): Joel 2:28-32 And it shall come to pass afterward,  
23 that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall  
24 prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: [29]  
25 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out  
26 my spirit. (This section of the prophecy is being fulfilled in our lifetime - at least in  
27 part.) [30] And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire,  
28 and pillars of smoke. [31] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into  
29 blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. [32] And it shall come  
30 to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord\*\* shall be delivered: for in  
31 mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the  
32 remnant whom the Lord shall call.

33 \*\* It these tribulation saints who refuse to take the Antichrist's (beast's) mark.  
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Can you even begin to imagine living in a major American city devoid of any law enforcement? No police? No sheriff? No state patrol? It would be an evil madhouse. Thus it will be during the Tribulation for the RESTRAINING INFLUENCE of the Holy Spirit is no longer here.

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1 The combination of the anointed ministry of the 144,000 sealed Jewish witnesses in this  
2 awful time of Antichrist's brutality will result in a major harvest of souls for Christ: Rev.  
3 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of  
4 all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and  
5 before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms (branches) in their hands;  
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7 Dr. Tim LaHaye observes: *It is exciting to think that more people will be saved during*  
8 *that time than responded under the preaching of the apostles, the early church fathers,*  
9 *the Reformation preachers, modern missions, fragmented denominationalism, radio and*  
10 *television preaching and even the present day when Bible teaching local churches seem*  
11 *to be gathering in such large numbers of souls.*

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14 The ministry of the 144,000 will be against the backdrop of chaos around the world -  
15 earthquakes, famine, war, catastrophic floods, and other such horrors. We have never  
16 seen anything of this horrific magnitude in all human history! Oh, my friend - you do  
17 not want to miss the Rapture and be "left behind" in this maelstrom.  
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It is interesting to note that today there are somewhere around 25,000 to 30,000 active full-time missionaries in the world today (sent from all Bible-believing churches). Compare that to 144,000 Holy Spirit anointed and God-protected Jewish "missionaries" in the Tribulation!
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21 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS WILL RECEIVE**  
22 **FABULOUS REWARDS IN HEAVEN**  
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24 1. Rev. 7:15 **Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and**  
25 **night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.**  
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27 I cannot find any distinction of rewards in Heaven for those who were raptured and those  
28 who became Tribulation saints. We are all found gathered around that magnificent  
29 throne of God so clearly described in chapter 4 of Revelation.  
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31 2. They will receive from God everything they ever need. Rev. 7:16-17 **They shall**  
32 **hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor**  
33 **any heat. [17] For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and**  
34 **shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears**  
35 **from their eyes.**  
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1 3. Here is a fascinating point: (From verse 17) "God shall wipe away all tears from  
2 their eyes." What does that mean? It is my own opinion that God will erase from our  
3 memories all the sorrows of earth. I don't believe we will recall much, if anything, of  
4 our lives now. Such would lessen the glory of being in God's presence.

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6 **YOU MUST CHOOSE CHRIST OR REJECT HIM**

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8 Whether you are a follower of Christ in this life now - or are saved during the Tribulation  
9 - you must make the decision. No one can make it for you. Regardless of the time in  
10 which you live, your eternal destiny is your choice and no one else's.

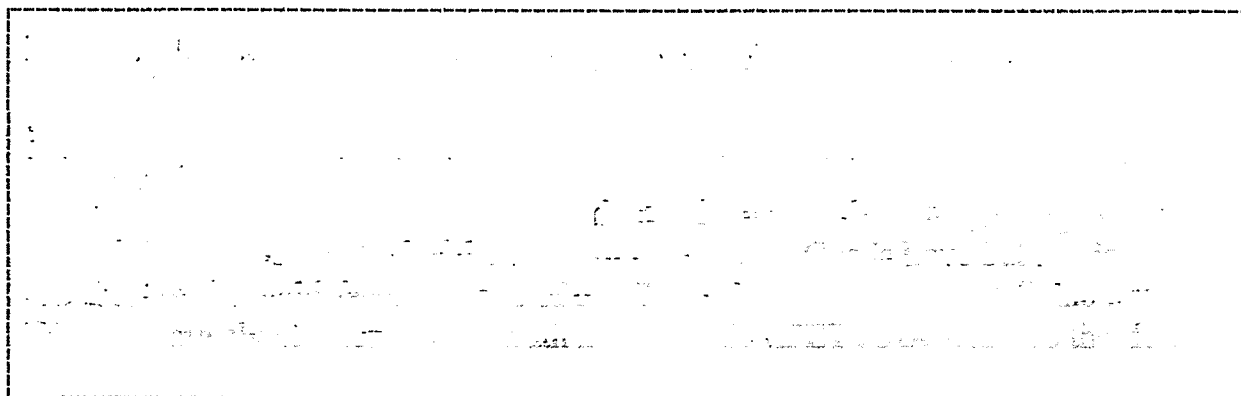
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12 **THE SEVENTH SEAL AND THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS**

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14 Revelation chapter 6 listed the first six seals of the Scroll of Divine Judgement. Then in  
15 chapter 7 we had a "parenthesis", so to speak, as we learned of the 144,000 sealed Jewish  
16 witnesses. So - what happened to the 7<sup>th</sup> seal?

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18 **Rev. 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven**  
19 **about the space of half an hour.**

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21 Can you recall 9/11? When the planes hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and  
22 another was brought down in Pennsylvania, everyone's eyes, it seemed, were glued to the  
23 TV sets. Everything else was set aside and the attention of the masses was on the  
24 tragedy of that awful day. So it would seem to be in Heaven. All of a sudden, the  
25 worship stops! The singing is replaced by silence. Why? **BECAUSE WE LEARN**  
26 **NOW FROM CHRIST HIMSELF WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN ON EARTH WITH**  
27 **THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS WHICH WILL MAKE 9/11 SEEM LIKE A PICNIC.**

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29 The horrors about to be inflicted on this planet - by God Himself - are so bone-chilling  
30 that even the angels stand breathless before the throne.



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1 Rev. 8:2-13

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven  
3 trumpets. [3] And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer;  
4 and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers  
5 of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. [4] And the smoke of  
6 the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out  
7 of the angel's hand. [5] And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the  
8 altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and  
9 lightnings, and an earthquake. [6] And the seven angels which had the seven  
10 trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

11 [7] The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood,  
12 and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all  
13 green grass was burnt up. [8] And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great  
14 mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea  
15 became blood; [9] And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had  
16 life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. [10] And the third angel  
17 sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it  
18 fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; [11] And the  
19 name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became  
20 wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. [12]  
21 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the  
22 third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them  
23 was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

24 [13] And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying  
25 with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the  
26 other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

27  
28 The subject of angels would make a great series. They come in different forms and  
29 ministries. Seven of them now stand before God's throne. It is possible that one of  
30 these 7 is Gabriel for we read in Luke 1:19: **And the angel answering said unto him, I**  
31 **am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and**  
32 **to shew thee these glad tidings. But this time around....there will not be "glad tidings."**

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34 What Happens To Our Prayers That Seem Unanswered?

35 **THE FIRST TRUMPET - GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS OF THOSE PRAYING**  
36 **FOR RELIEF FROM PERSECUTION**

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38 *A headline on today's Internet was headlined: **IRAN'S SECRET CHRISTIAN***  
39 ***MOVEMENT GROWS.** It continued: **The number of Muslim converts who are***  
40 ***risking prison or death by secretly worshipping as Christian in Iran's house church***  
41 ***movement has grown to as many as 1 million people, according to watchdog groups.***

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1 *The London-based Pars Theological Center is training as least 200 Iranian Christians*  
2 *to become the next generation of Iran's church leaders (the Christian Post reported).*  
3 *The persecution of Christians has persisted in Iran since the 1979 rise of the country's*  
4 *theocratic Shiite Muslim government with Christians facing the threat of death,*  
5 *lashing and torture. About 100 Christians currently remain imprisoned under Iranian*  
6 *President Hassan Rouhani's rule. In 2010 Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali*  
7 *Khamenei said the country's underground house churches "threaten the Islamic faith*  
8 *and deceive young Muslims." Despite the crackdown, there is now a growing*  
9 *movement of Christians in the Islamic Republic.*

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11 This article is germane, I believe, to the prayers mentioned in this passage of Revelation  
12 8. These are perhaps the prayers of suffering saints through the centuries that seem to  
13 have been unanswered, those who have petitioned God in their prayers to avenge Himself  
14 on those who have persecuted believers and blasphemed the Creator. Note that the  
15 censer is filled with fire which is about to be cast on the earth.

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17 In Rev. 8:4 we read of the smoke of the incense. This incense, our prayers, are always  
18 before the Lord. Have you ever felt that your prayers don't get much higher than the  
19 light fixture on your ceiling? But the truth is our prayers are always on God's mind and  
20 heart and will one day be fulfilled to His pleasure.

## 21 22 **THE SECOND TRUMPET**

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24 Verses 8 and 9 describe the judgement heralded by the blowing of the second trumpet.  
25 Something like a huge mountain, on fire, is thrown into the sea. This likely is the  
26 Mediterranean Sea and the "mountain" is possibly a massive meteor. It must be  
27 incredibly large for it kills a third of the fish in the sea and perhaps because of a resulting  
28 tsunami destroys a third of the ships at sea (our U.S. Sixth Fleet is located there). As a  
29 result of so much death and destruction, there is blood in the water which becomes toxic.

## 30 31 **THE THIRD TRUMPET**

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33 This trumpet sounds and another meteor (the great star - Wormwood, scripture calls it)  
34 blazing like a torch) falls from heaven falls into the water sources. It pollutes one-third  
35 of the world's rivers. Water is always a critical issue, especially in the Middle East.

## 36 37 **THE FOURTH TRUMPET**

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39 The book of Genesis reports that on the first day of creation God said, "Let there be light  
40 and there was light." (He is the source of light - Genesis 1:3). On the fourth creation  
41 day God torches the sun that still blazes today. Now God reverses the issue and the light

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1 is reduced by a third. From that time on there will be more darkness on the earth than  
2 light.

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4 Now - as bad as the first four trumpets are - see what happens next with the warning  
5 angel who hovers in the air and calls out:

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7 **Rev. 8:13 Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other**  
8 **voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!**

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10 The tribulation woes now increase dramatically. This is the introduction to the fifth,  
11 sixth and seventh trumpet judgments. You have heard the saying, "Hell on earth!" It  
12 would seem that way when those trumpets are blown.

### 13 14 THE FIFTH TRUMPET

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16 When this trump is heard, a personage from eternity opens the key to the "great abyss,"  
17 where the fallen angels have been kept ever since their attempted coup of God in the very  
18 beginning of time. While many demons have been allowed to roam the earth and wreak  
19 destruction on humanity, even more of them have been locked up all this time. Now they  
20 will be unleashed on the earth. **2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that**  
21 **sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be**  
22 **reserved unto judgment; Their anger and desire for vengeance will be fierce. Here**  
23 **is the biblical account of their fall:**

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25 **Ezekiel 28:11-19 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [12] Son of**  
26 **man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith**  
27 **the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. [13]**  
28 **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering,**  
29 **the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the**  
30 **sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets**  
31 **and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. [14] Thou**  
32 **art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the**  
33 **holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of**  
34 **fire. [15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till**  
35 **iniquity was found in thee. [16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled**  
36 **the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as**  
37 **profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub,**  
38 **from the midst of the stones of fire. [17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy**  
39 **beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee**  
40 **to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. [18] Thou hast**  
41 **defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy**

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1 **traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour**  
2 **thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold**  
3 **thee. [19] All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou**  
4 **shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.**

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6 You will find another part of the story in Isaiah 14. Let it be said clearly again that those  
7 who live for Jesus and have accepted Him as Lord have the living Christ dwelling in their  
8 mortal bodies and need not fear demon possession. But oh the horror of being on this  
9 earth in the Tribulation period when these creatures are unleashed.

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11 **THE FIRST WOE: Rev. 9:2-3 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a**  
12 **smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were**  
13 **darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the smoke**  
14 **locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth**  
15 **have power.**

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17 This reminds me of being at Carlsbad Caverns in early evening when multitudes of bats  
18 come flying out of the cave for their nocturnal hunts. It seems that the sky becomes  
19 black with them. This is a microcosm of what it would be like possibly when eternity's  
20 "cave," the abyss, is opened and the fallen angels are released.

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22 These creatures will have a leader called Apollyon, which means destroyer. Rev. 9:11  
23 **And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name**  
24 **in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.**

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26 For five months these creatures will "sting" human beings still on earth. Verse 6 speaks  
27 of intense pain but not something fatal.

## 28 29 **THE SIXTH TRUMPET**

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31 **Rev. 9:13-15 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns**  
32 **of the golden altar which is before God, [14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the**  
33 **trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. [15]**  
34 **And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a**  
35 **month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.**

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37 Four horrible evil angels are released on earth who will kill one-third of human beings on  
38 earth. They apparently come from the Middle East (Euphrates). They bring with them  
39 a massive army: Rev. 9:16 **And the number of the army of the horsemen were two**  
40 **hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.** Are they human? Or  
41 inhuman? There is a big difference of opinion about that issue; however, one thing is



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sure: they kill a lot of people. Already in our study of the Tribulation, 25% of the population was killed early by the fourth horseman of the Apocalypse. So by the time the followers of Apollyon's army get done, a total of one half of the world's population - THREE BILLION - will have died.

Now between the sixth and seventh trumpet, we have yet another "parenthesis." And we will study that issue NEXT WEEK.

