

AN UNUSUAL REVIVAL

*144,000 Jewish Evangelists, the Mark of God,
and the Great Tribulation Revival.*

Revelation 7

INTRODUCTION

LESSON 6: THE SEVEN SEALS (REVELATION 6-7), PART 2

Now I watched when the Lamb
opened one of the seven seals,
and I heard one of the four living creatures
say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”

(Revelation 6:1)

In Revelation 6, the Lamb opens the Seven Seals, one by one, and with each opening the earth experiences a different judgment from God. These seven judgments probably will happen in close succession.



WHAT IS THIS BOOK?

Daniel 12:1-4 (CEV)

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in **the book**—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.



WHAT IS THIS BOOK?

Daniel 12:1-4 (NIV)

³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

⁴ But you, Daniel, **roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.** Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

If this is the same book as Revelation 5-7, the scroll is a **Decree** from God, an *Order After Hearing*, concerning “the time of the end.”



THE SEVEN SEALS

SEAL	REFERENCE	IMAGE	IDENTITY	
First	Revelation 6:2	White Horseman	Antichrist	
Second	Revelation 6:3-4	Red Horseman	War	
Third	Revelation 6:5-6	Black Horseman	Famine	
Fourth	Revelation 6:7-8	Pale Horseman	Death	
Fifth	Revelation 6:9-11		Souls of Martyrs	
Sixth	Revelation 6:12-17		Supernatural Disasters	
Seventh	Revelation 8:1-2	The Seven Trumpets	Second series of Seven Judgements	

FOUR ANGELS STOP THE WIND

Revelation 7:1-3 (ESV)

1-2 After this I saw four angels. Each one was standing on one of the earth's four corners. The angels held back the four winds, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. These angels had also been given the power to harm the earth and the sea.



THE WITNESSES AND THEIR MARK

Revelation 7:1-3 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel come up from where the sun rises in the east, and he was ready to put the mark of the living God on people. He shouted to the four angels, ³ “Don’t harm the earth or the sea or any tree! **Wait until I have marked the foreheads of the servants of our God.**”



THE 144,000 WITNESSES

Revelation 7:1-9 (ESV)

⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

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| 1. Judah | 7. Simeon |
| 2. Reuben | 8. Levi |
| 3. Gad | 9. Issachar |
| 4. Asher | 10. Zebulun |
| 5. Naphtali | 11. Joseph |
| 6. Manasseh | 12. Benjamin |

Who is new?
Who is missing?
And why?



THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

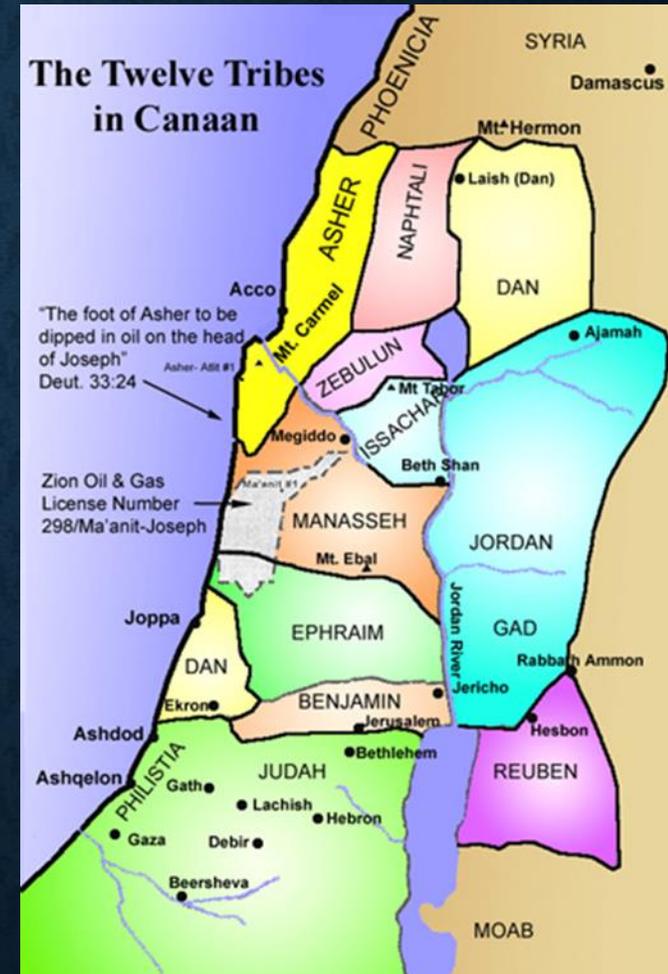
TRIBES	TRIBES	TRIBES	TRIBES
Birth Order	Entering Egypt	History of Israel	“States” of Israel
Gen.35:23-26	Exodus 1:1-4	1 Chronicles 2:1-2	Joshua 13-19
Ruben	Reuben	Ruben	Ruben
Simeon	Simeon	Simeon	Simeon
Levi	Levi	Levi	Judah
Judah	Judah	Judah	Dan
Dan	Issachar	Issachar	Naphtali
Naphtali	Zebulun	Zebulun	Gad
Gad	Benjamin	Dan	Asher
Asher	Dan	Joseph	Issachar
Issachar	Naphtali	Benjamin	Zebulun
Zebulun	Gad	Naphtali	Manasseh (son of Joseph)
Joseph	Asher	Gad	Ephraim (son of Joseph)
Benjamin		Asher	Benjamin

DAN AND EPHRAIM

In the list of tribes of Israel in Revelation, Dan is missing and Ephraim is not mentioned by name. The question is **why**?

- The tribe of Dan is omitted altogether.
- The tribe of Ephraim not mentioned by name, but it is referred to with his father's name, Joseph.

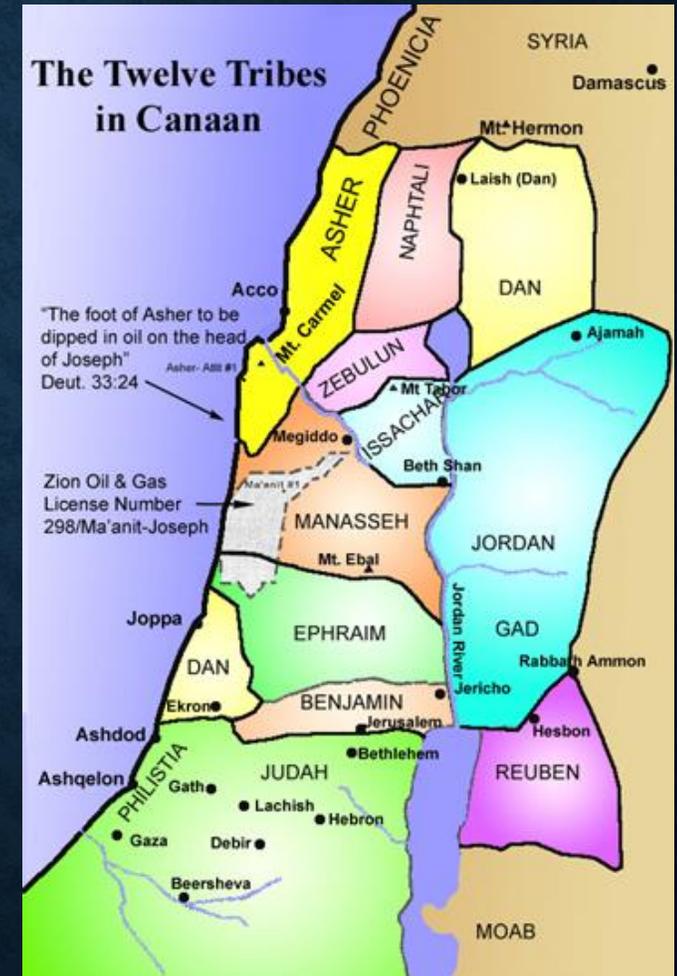
We are not sure why, but here is a possible explanation: Ephraim and Dan became places of idolatry early in the history of Israel.



DAN AND EPHRAIM

1 Kings 12:25-30 (CEV)

²⁵ Then Jeroboam fortified Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. From there he went out and built up Peniel. ²⁶ Jeroboam thought to himself, “The kingdom will now likely revert to the house of David. ²⁷ If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam.”



DAN AND EPHRAIM

1 Kings 12:25-30 (CEV)

²⁸ After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” ²⁹ One he set up in **Bethel**, and the other in **Dan**. ³⁰ And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other



DAN

The punishment for the tribe of Dan seems stricter than Ephaim's. Why? We are not sure, but here is a possible explanation:

In one of the biggest and most important battles of Israel in Judges, Dan refused to fight against Sisera and his 900 iron chariots (Judges 4).

Judges 5:17

¹⁷ The people of Gilead stayed across the Jordan. Why did the tribe of Dan remain on their ships and the tribe of Asher stay along the coast near the harbors?

DAN

Another misstep was to move away from its inherited land in an attempt to make things right. (Judges 18).

Judges 18:1 (CEV)

¹ About this time, the tribe of Dan was looking for a place to live. The other tribes had land, but the people of Dan did not really have any to call their own.

Dan moved next to the enemy, near Damascus and next to Syria. As a result, they adopted a culture influenced by pagan worship.

DAN

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Jeremiah 8:16 (CEV)

¹⁶ Our enemies have reached the town of Dan in the north, and the snorting of their horses makes us tremble with fear. The enemy will destroy Jerusalem and our entire nation. No one will survive.”

Dan was among the first to be captured by armies of the enemy.

DAN AND THE MERCY OF GOD

The grace of God is great and Revelation 7 is NOT the end of the tribe of Dan! In Ezekiel 48, after the Great Tribulation, God restore Israel and here, he restores Dan!

Ezekiel 48:1-7

¹⁻⁷ Each tribe will receive a section of land that runs from the eastern border of Israel west to the Mediterranean Sea... The tribes will receive their share of land in the following order, from north to south: **Dan**, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben, and Judah.

DAN AND THE MERCY OF GOD



THE STEADFAST LOVE OF
THE LORD NEVER CEASES;

HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;
THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

- LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

DAN AND THE MERCY OF GOD

Dan made a series of bad choices and as a result, they will not enjoy God's protection during the Great Tribulation nor the honor of sharing 12,000 evangelists to God's important mission of spreading the gospel during the Great Tribulation.

Even so, they are not cast out from the mercy and grace of God. After enduring the consequences of their decisions, they are restored by the mercy and grace of God!

REVIVAL IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION?

Revelation 7:9-12 (CEV)

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."



REVIVAL IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION?

Revelation 7:9-12 (CEV)

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”



ETERNAL BLISS

Revelation 7:13-17 (CEV)

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “**These are they who have come out of the great tribulation**; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ 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.

ETERNAL BLISS

Revelation 7:13-17 (CEV)

¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**