

Another Celebration in Heaven

Revelation 7:1-17

II Peter 1:20-21

20 **Knowing this first**, that no prophecy of the scripture is of **any private interpretation**(**It's a God thing**).

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*.

NOTE: It's impossible to take a **dogmatic approach** to the future prophecies in the Bible - **TRULY ONLY GOD KNOWS!!**

A. The **Four** Angels

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners 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.

Zechariah 6:1-5

1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

1. The **Seal of God**

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, **having the seal**(**signet**) 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,

2. Direct **orders**

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

Ezekiel 9:4

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

B. 144,000 Jews

4 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.*

5 Of the tribe of **Juda**(**praise God**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Reuben**(**see the son**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Gad**(**a troop**) *were* sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of **Aser**(**blessed**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Nephtalim**(**wrestlings**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Manasses**(**forgetting**) *were* sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of **Simeon**(**hearing**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Levi**(**joined**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Issachar**(**reward for hire**) *were* sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of **Zabulon**(**dwelling**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Joseph**(**adding**) *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Benjamin**(**son of the right hand**) *were* sealed twelve thousand.

Two brothers are not in this list Dan and Ephraim!

- **Possible Reasons**

1. **Dan struggled with idols**

Judges 18:29-30

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

30 And **the children of Dan set up the graven image**: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

I Kings 12:26-30

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and **made two calves of gold**, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he **set the one in Bethel**, and **the other put he in Dan**.

30 And **this thing became a sin**: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

2. **Epharim struggled with idols**

I Kings 11:26

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, **an Ephrathite** of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king.

Hosea 4:17-19

17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.

18 Their drink is sour: **they have committed whoredom continually**: her rulers *with* shame do love, Give ye.

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

3. God never gives up

Hosea 11:8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

C. The Other Celebration

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

1. The unnumbered people Praise the Lord for salvation

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

2. Worship

11 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(**like a dog licking his master's hand**) God,

3. The Praise Hymn of those in Heaven

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

D. New Arrivals Identified

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

14 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.**(**Saved during the Tribulation**)

A. The Fifth Seal - another Rapture (Revelation 6:9-11)

1. Martyrs for The Bible (Revelation 6:9)

9 And when he had opened **the fifth seal**, I saw **under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony**(**evidence given**) **which they held:**

2. Their question (Revelation 6:10)

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**

3. Their Clothing Identifies them - White robed (Revelation 6:11)

11 And **white robes were given unto every one of them**; and it was said unto them, that they should **rest yet for a little season**, until their fellowservants also and **their brethren**, that **should be killed** as they were, should be fulfilled.

1. Special Profession

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and **serve him day and night in his temple:**

2. Special Position

15b and **he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.**

3. Special Provision

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

Isaiah 49:10 They shall **not hunger nor thirst**; neither shall **the heat nor sun smite them**: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Matthew 13:16 *But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.*

4. Special Protector

17 For the **Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:**

John 4:6-10

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink.**

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

5. **Special Physician**

17b and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Isaiah 25:8-9

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and **the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces**; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; **we have waited for him, and he will save us**: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Revelation 21:4 (Everyone)

4 And **God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes**; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.