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CHAPTER 7

7 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.

² 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,

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

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 were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

⁶ Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

⁷ Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

⁸ Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

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;

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

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 God,

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.

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

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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.

¹⁵ 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.

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

¹⁷ 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. (Revelation 7:1-17)

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The **fifth seal** opens (in 6:9), and the great tribulation begins in chapter 13. The spirits under the altar call for justice but must wait till their brothers die as they had before they are avenged.

Four angels hold back **the winds of the sixth seal** until one from the East seals Israel's male virgins, the firstfruits to ascend after the dead rise at the first resurrection of the fall harvest (in Rev. 20:4-5). [Its martyrs rise from the dead before its survivors ascend with them.] (See 7:1-8, 9-17; also 14:1-5; 14:14-16; 15:1-5)

Jesus is *the firstfruits from the dead* (in 1 Cor. 15:20), but the tribulation ends and the male virgins are sealed, *redeemed from among men—the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb* (in 14:4):

¹⁵ For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches. ...

²³ And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. ... ²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. (Rom. 11:15-16, 23, 25)

The passage refers to the virgins' ascension as the firstfruits, subsequent to the first resurrection *after the tribulation* (in 14:4; Mat. 24:29-31). The four winds (in 7:1) are the keys (to 6:13): after

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the virgins are sealed to ascend, angels let loose the winds. At the **sixth seal**, stars fall *like a fig tree drops untimely figs when shaken by a great wind*, (6:13). Its winds shake the powers of the heavens. The skies are dark. The earth quakes. Men tremble at His wrath (in 6:12-17) Every eye sees Jesus on the throne at the right hand of power. He shouts and a great trumpet sounds. (Rev. 6:16; cf. Mat. 24:29-31, p. 146) The dead rise before the firstfruits ascend with martyrs and survivors following after.

The Jews' foremost desire was their peers' acceptance. They loved the honor that came from men more than honor from God (in Jn. 12:43). They weren't alone in that; its unbelief is in the church today. As a result He further hardened the Jews to resist Him but reconciled gentiles to Himself (in Rom. 9:18, 25, 27).

—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (Rom. 4:16b-17 ESV)
[The law [Torah] is like a teacher in Gal. 3:24]

The firstfruits are sanctified—*set apart for God*. By his faith in God's promise, Jacob's sons were holy. In their unbelief, the Jews were cut off, but the nations were brought in to provoke their jealousy. Although Jews were holy, their behavior revealed their disbelief. We are also holy, but whoever boasts against the Jews proves his own disbelief. Since they were cut off, we can be cut off too, contrary to the teachings of men. (Rom. 11:17-21)

The Firstfruits

After the male virgins are sealed, the first harvest begins (in 14:14), not before. Martyrs who died for the testimony of Jesus and for the Word of God, unwilling to worship the beast and its image and refusing its mark in their foreheads or hands, rise to life at the first resurrection. They return to reign with Christ for a thousand years. [Gr.: *anistemi* means “stand up.”] Survivors are caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord. (1 Thes. 16-17) [Gr.: *perileipo*, “left over” (pass.: survive)] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end

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of heaven to the other. (Mat. 24:31) It's the first of two harvests (in Rev. 20:4-5). Like a fig tree, shaken by a great wind (Rev. 6:13), stars fall from the sky, and the dance of the virgins begins:

¹¹ For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

¹² Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. ¹³ Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. (Jer. 31:11-13; cf. Is. 51:11; 61:3)

When He woke Lazarus to life out of death, Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11) He shouts at His appearing. Paul wrote to a church that thought the living ascend but not the dead. He replied to their fear for the dead: the dead rise, *anistemi*, before the living are *caught up together with them*:

¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thes. 4:15-18 NIV) [Gr.: *Parousia* is "nearness," translated "coming." *Anistemi* is "stand up, arise, or get up."]

Believers who remain alive and are worthy are taken up with those chosen to rise from the dead. Together they meet the Lord in the air led by 144,000 male virgins. (3:15-19) After His wrath is poured out, Jesus returns to Jerusalem with the victorious ones.

³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who

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do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. (1 Thes. 4:3-7 NIV)

We obey by faith and are assured of things hoped for. The firstfruits ascend, leading the elect. If we surrender our lives to God as living sacrifices, abiding in the Spirit, we may survive the beast and ascend with the martyrs to meet the Lord in the air:

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (Lk. 21:34-36 NIV) [Lit: “begging that ye may be able” – ZGE; “praying that ye may be accounted worthy to escape...” – YLT]

⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ... ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, (2 Thes. 1:5-8, 11 ESV)

Angels catch us up, and His indignation falls in a flash—! Apart from holiness, no one can see the Lord until His coming. (Heb. 12:14) *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (1 Thes. 4:16)*

15 Then I saw another great and wonderful sign in heaven: seven angels who have seven plagues—the last ones, for with them God’s wrath is finished. ² And I

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saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had overcome the beast and his image and the number of his name standing by the sea of glass, holding the harps of God. ³And they are singing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, ...

⁵After these things I looked, and the Temple of the Tent of Witness in heaven was opened. ⁶Out of the Temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, dressed in pure bright linen and wearing wide gold sashes around their chests. (Rev. 15:1-3a; 5-6 TLV)

The elect martyrs rise from their graves. We who survive tremble at the sound of the great trumpet of God, but as our legs fail, the angels snatch us up to meet Him. But *the dead in Christ shall rise [stand up] first*. In other words, no one ascends to meet the Lord in the air before the first resurrection of its martyrs.

The first of Tishrei is the Feast of Trumpets, a sabbath rest—a holy convocation, a large gathering. It's Rosh Hashanah, the season of His coming on a cloud at the first resurrection and the trumpet of God immediately after the tribulation (in Mat. 24:29).

Ten Days of Awe are sanctified to repent and be reconciled to God. Tishrei 10th is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, a sabbath for fasting, an offering by fire, and *a solemn assembly*.

Jesus returns to destroy the prophet and the beast, and a great angel locks Satan in hell, sealing him in. Tishrei 15th is a *shabbat* for the Feast of Booths. Jerusalem hails Yeshua to His throne on the Day of Sukkot, under a tent for the marriage of the Lamb.

Prophetically, Sukkot's harvest is figuratively gathered when the earth is *full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea* (in Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14). Its **eighth day** is its last sabbath, a portent of **the Day outside of time** (in Rev. 20:11-15).

The Ark of God

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Gen 6:8) He built the ark in godly fear. The Lord led the animals into it, male and female, two by two and shut its door when the rain began.

The air is still, and the virgins are sealed. The sun doesn't shine; the moon isn't lit; stars fall from heaven—its powers are shaken. Jesus appears at the great trumpet on Yom Teruah. His

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shout raises the dead; the archangel calls the firstfruits; the great trumpet blasts; the mighty tremble, and angels catch up the elect.

¹⁶ Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. ... ¹⁹ And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

(Ex. 19:16, 19 NKJV) [Moses spoke and God listened.]

¹⁸ Now all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed and stood afar off. ¹⁹ And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. ²⁰ And Moses said unto the people, Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. (Ex. 20:18-20)

¹⁴ Then the LORD will be seen over them,
And His arrow will go forth like lightning.

The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet.
And go with whirlwinds from the south.

(Zec. 9:14 NKJV)

¹³ And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the great trumpet shall be blown and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem. (Is. 27:13)

⁵ God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. (Ps. 47:5-6)

Tribulations precede our joy. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Teruah, is the Day of Trumpets; on Yom Kippur Israel calls out for the One who atoned for her; at Sukkot He returns for her. The feasts are prophetic figures of actual events, but their times are sealed:

⁵ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are

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saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night, or of the darkness.⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thes. 5:1-11 ESV) [Wrath comes like a thief.]

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” (Jn. 14:21 ESV) [Obedience is the key.]

Our carnal nature opposes the words of God. Apart from Him we are evil. *Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? (Gal. 4:16 NIV) God deliver us from evil! (Mat. 6:13)*

The tribulation is **not** the indignation of God. A separate event, His wrath is after the persecution that tests our faith:

²⁶ “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.²⁸ “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.²⁹ But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. (Lk. 17:26-29 NIV)

His warnings qualify us to whom His promises apply. Those who want Him want to be like Him. We who believe confess Jesus as our Lord and live by our faith. Believing in the power of God to conform us to His Son, we press into our high calling.

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¹⁰ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.
(Dan. 12:10-11) [See “Of Times . . . , pp. 294-6]

What was before comes again, but its days are shortened. Yeshua comes when the virgins are asleep. Half are looking up. Our vessels are full; our lamps are lit; our hearts are His:

²⁵ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Mat. 25:1-13 NIV)

The darkest hour describes the spiritual condition of the world when He comes for us *at midnight* as the tribulation ends.

³⁵ “Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. (Mk. 13:35-36 NASB)

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The rest of the dead rise again on the **last day** when we are judged by our deeds, even idle words and unclean thoughts.

Remember, God is loving, kind, and benevolent. Our Creator desires our companionship. He knows us well. We strive to enter in by faith, trusting in His workmanship as we seek His Kingdom and His righteousness. Jesus Christ came in our flesh as a man who understands our weaknesses. He is our Friend, born *the wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. (See Is. 9:6) Have faith in God. He is good.

To his contemporaries, Paul wrote, *we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ*. (Rom 14:10b) This is at the last trump on the last day when the rest of the dead rise and is normative. Saints from ages past rise **on the last day**. We have all sinned, but by dying to our own desires, we can believe the words of God and gain the mind of Jesus. Resurrections are extraordinary; each has its own purpose:

⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2 Cor. 5:9-10 NASB) [His throne is high on a *bema*.]

Our bodies turn to dust by death, and no one is amazed. Why not believe that out of dust they'll be transformed by life?

¹⁵ My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ In thy book [scroll] all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. (Ps. 139:14-18; cf. 1 Cor. 15; Divisions, p. 40]

The prophecies are often out of order; they're designed that way. The events in chapter 8 do not immediately follow chapter 7; those in 14 do.