

Sunday Bible Study Session 1 – November 23, 2014

"Seventh Seal and Silence" – (Revelation 8:1, 2)

Read Revelation 8:1, 2 – *"¹When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them."*

REVELATION – OUTLINE (Review)

- I. Celebrity-ship of The Lord Jesus Christ – [Revelation 1](#)
- II. Characteristics of Church Age – [Revelation 2, 3](#)
- III. Church in Heaven – [Revelation 4, 5](#)
- IV. Tribulation – [Revelation 6-19](#)
- V. Millennium – [Revelation 20](#)
- VI. The Eternal State – [Revelation 21](#)

TRIBULATION (Review)

- I. The dispensation of the Church is never mixed with the dispensation of Israel (Note the [Timeline Diagram](#)).
- II. The Tribulation is related to the Age of Israel only.

REVELATION CHAPTER 6 (Review)

Review a [Summary of Daniel's 70th Week](#), given in Daniel 9:24-27, also given to us, with an emphasis on the [seals](#) in [Revelation 6:1-17](#).

Of the 7 seals mentioned in Revelation 6:1, Chapter 6 does not present the 7th seal; it's presented in Chapter 8 where we are now. Evangelism during the Tribulation is presented in between (Chapter 7); the first wave is the 144,000 believing Jews, 12,000 from each tribe.

REVIEW: [TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL](#)

TRIBULATION – 3 VIEWS

REV. 6 – (SEALS) – SUMMARY OF THE TRIBULATION

REV. 8-11 – (TRUMPETS) – PRESENTS THE TRIBULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE GENTILES

REV. 12-19 – (VIALS) – PRESENTS THE TRIBULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE JEWS.

Note Revelation 7 is left out from the 3 views above; it is a parenthetical passage that presents the [four waves of evangelism](#) during that Tribulation period.

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Read [Revelation 7:9-17](#). In verse 9, the phrase "*after these things*" means after the evangelizing done by the 144,000 (first wave), and presents their converts "*a great multitude which no one could count, with palm branches in their hands.*" They are not sitting, as those in heaven, but *standing*. These are martyrs of the Tribulation, having been killed and are in heaven. These are presented through verse 12, worshipping and praising God with the angels: "*Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.*"

DELIVERANCE OF A MULTITUDE – [REVELATION 7:13-17](#)

John is watching this powerful scene – an elder approaches and asks: "Who are these clothed in white robes?" John said: "*You know*".

- I. Ministry of Deliverance – John is told that these are people who "*came out of great tribulation.*" Horrors, intense wrath, judgment. These folk are in Heaven because they were martyred, and because they refused to embrace the Antichrist. Is this the same crowd we saw praying under the altar in [Rev. 6:9-11](#)? The worst thing that could happen turned out to be the best thing – Killed!! Pain and sorrow gone – Safety and joy present!
- II. Method of Their Deliverance – [Eph. 2:8, 9](#) – God's provision of Grace. Eternal Salvation for all who believe ([Heb. 9:28; 10:10-14](#)).
- III. Destined to a Heavenly Presence – [Rev. 7:15-17](#) – This multitude at home in God's presence.
- IV. Destined to a Heavenly Profession – "*serve Him day and night in His temple*"
- V. Destined to Heavenly Provisions – vs.16 – no more hunger or famine in [Rev. 6:5, 6](#); See hunger – [Rev. 13:16-18](#). "No more thirst"; in the Tribulation water "turned to blood" not fit to drink – people will chew their tongues in pain and agony. In Heaven "no more suffering" "no more weeping" God gives eternal REST and PEACE

Vs. 17 – "*The Lamb shall feed them, lead them and wipe away all tears*"

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Read [Revelation 8:1-4](#)

Verse 3 is a picture of those who had suffered martyrdom, now in a praise meeting among the angels.

REVELATION 8:1 Intro. Review:

1. The six seals of Chapter 6 present a general summary of the Tribulation.
2. Chapter 7 – principle of evangelism, with evangelists scattered all over the world (144,000 evangelists).
3. Chapter 8 – continues with the 7th seal, which contains the 7 judgments (7 trumpets).
4. The 7th Trumpet is the SECOND ADVENT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.
5. These 7 trumpets take us all the way to the end of the Tribulation.
6. Note 3 pictures of the Tribulation:
 - (1) Rev. 6 – The Tribulation – general summary – 4 horsemen
 - (2) Chapter 8 and following – we have the tribulation again – but with emphasis on how Gentiles will be judged.
 - (3) Chapter 16 we have the vials – which reveals how the Jews will be judged.