

## **THE FATE OF BELIEVERS IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION (PART I)**

### **A REMNANT OF 144,000 WILL BE SAVED FROM ISRAEL**

**Rev. 7:1-8**

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus Christ alone is qualified to open the Book of Destiny because He, alone can save us from the coming judgment. As the seals have been broken, great tragedies have occurred upon the earth. One fourth of the world's population exterminated at once with pestilence, famine, war, natural disasters and world disorder. When all of God's judgments have fallen, the earth and the world will be utterly destroyed.

**Will there be anybody left? Can anybody survive all that will come? Will anybody turn to the Lord and be delivered? Yes!**

#### **I. JUDGMENT IS IN THE HANDS OF GOD, NOT EVIL (7:1,2)**

1. Four angels stand holding the four winds of judgment until God tells them to release the judgment. God is in control and He is merciful.

- Every person has the privilege of escaping judgment. Every person can be saved
- Every person who refuses to accept Jesus will face God's wrath for eternity.

#### **II. GOD WILL DELAY JUDGMENT TO SEAL ISRAEL (7:2,3)**

1. God will seal His people, Israel.

- God will place His "mark" or seal indicating that Israel belongs to Him.
- God's church is sealed by the Holy Spirit and is protected by the Holy Spirit.
- All unbelievers will have the seal of Satan (Mark of the Beast) upon them.
- Judgment will fall on all those who do not have God's "mark" upon them.

2. God placed His "seal" upon Israel once before:

- God brought ten plagues upon Egypt which were devastating but they did not affect Israel. They were sealed by the lamb's blood over their doors.

3. Although believers will be spared God's judgment, they will be persecuted and slaughtered by the antichrist during the last three years and a half of the tribulation.

### **III. GOD WILL SEAL 144,000 JEWISH BELIEVERS (7:4-8)**

1. God will seal 12,000 from each of Israel's tribes. (These 144,000 are not Jehovah Witnesses as they claim).
2. 144,000 Jews will believe in Jesus and an innumerable number of Gentiles. will also believe.
3. The 144,000 are a special body of believers who are dedicated to serve the Lord Jesus totally and wholly during the terrible days of tribulation.
  - They will never have married.
  - They are called the servants of our God. (Witnessing, encouraging, ministering)
  - They will be the FIRST Jewish men to be saved during the tribulation.
4. God promised that He would not forget His people, Israel.

-Romans 11:2 - Romans 11:15 - Romans 11:23-26

### **CONCLUSION**

1. The last days of the earth and world are in the hands of God, not evil.
2. God does not want people to perish, even in the last days.
3. Israel will finally realize that Jesus IS God and believe.
4. Multiplied millions will believe in Jesus, but will still have to face Satan's persecutions through the antichrist.
6. The Holy Spirit will not be there. The Church will not be there.