

## The Book of Revelation

### Conclusion of the Great Tribulation and Introduction to the Revelation

#### Lesson X

Before we present this *Review lesson*, there is one last feature of the Great Tribulation that we must include.

*The Great Tribulation will be the time of the 144,000.*

In 1 Kings 19:18 we read of 7000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal. Does 7000 mean exactly that? We believe so. In Revelation 11:13 we read that 7000 will be slain in Jerusalem. Does that mean 7000 or does it mean 70? In Revelation 7:4-8 we read of 12,000 from 12 tribes which adds to 144,000. What does that mean? We notice that here *all* are from the Tribes of Israel, therefore *all* are Jews. Revelation 7:3 they are chosen servants of God. We believe they will take the place that the Church has now on earth. Perhaps saved and converted through the ministry of the *Two witnesses*, they will become flaming evangelists like the prophet Jonah who was instrumental in the salvation of the whole city of Nineveh, when he was sent *the second* time after having been disobedient *the first* time.

To look for the 144,000 in earth today is vain.

Revelation 14:1-5 *Review*

1. The Book of Revelation primarily concerns the Second Coming of Christ.
2. No major doctrine is introduced in Revelation that cannot be found in prior Scripture.
3. The Major sign of the soon return of Christ to earth will be will be *world-wide* tribulation. That is why so much space in Revelation is occupied with the subject of the Great Tribulation (Chapters 6-18)
4. Jesus said He would return *immediately after* the Tribulation. Matthew 24:29-30
5. Jesus described the Tribulation as being world-wide. Matthew 24:21-22
6. Jesus connected this Tribulation with the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. Matthew 24:15
7. Jesus confirmed what the Prophets had written. Revelation simply fills in some of the details. See Deuteronomy 4:30,31, Isaiah 2:17,19,21 cf Revelation 16:18 Jeremiah 30: 6,7, Daniel 12:1

*Outline of Revelation Chapters 19-22*

The Book of Revelation covers events of *Four major periods of time*:

1. Revelation Chapters 1-5  
The Church age and its Rapture to Heaven.
2. Revelation chapters 6-18  
The beginning and the ending of the Great Tribulation.
3. Revelation Chapters 19 -20  
The beginning and the ending of the Millennial reign of Christ. cf. Hebrews 6:5

There *is* another *age* coming.

4. Revelation 21-22 The ages of the ages. Cf Ephesians 3:21

**Revelation 19:1-16**

1. Revelation 19:1 Activity in Heaven.

Revelation 11:15 rejoicing.

Revelation 12:7-9 war

Revelation 12:10 rejoicing

Revelation 14:2 singing

Revelation 15:1-3 singing.

2. Rev. 19:1 There are “much people in Heaven”

Ephesians 3:15 speaks of the “whole family” and names Heaven first. I now know more people in Heaven than on earth!

There they all say “Alleluia”. See also Revelation 19: 3,4,5,6

Compare Psalm 146-150 opening and closing words. Praise the Lord. Praise Jehovah. Praise Jesus! That is what “alleluia” means. Remember the Book of Revelation is about Him!

3. Revelation 19: 7-9 Preparation for the Marriage supper of the Lamb. The return of the Lord will be a celebration! The Lamb is Christ. The wife, The Church, then will no longer be the Bride. The marriage has taken place It’s the wedding that changes a bride to a wife Revelation 19:11-16

a. He does not come alone. Every eye shall see Him .Revelation 1:7. Matthew . 24:38-44 He removes the wicked from the Earth by His angels.

5. Revelation 19:17-21 The result of His return. World Leaders and their armies turn against Christ. They and their armies are destroyed.

6. Revelation 20:1-3 The Devil is bound for 1000 years. He now goes about as a lion 1 Peter 5:8. Do not try to bind the Devil now!

7. Revelation 20: 4-6 At that time, all the righteous dead who have not yet been resurrected will be resurrected before the 1000 years.

8. Revelation 20:7-10 After the 1000 years, the Devil is loosed for a little time. This is the final Revolt against Christ. All are consumed. This cannot be the same event as Ezekiel 38 and 39; for there Ezekiel\ 39:2 , one sixth remain.

9. Revelation 20:11-15 The Great White Throne is set up in space. (This is not the same as the Judgment seat of Christ) it is the final judgment of all unbelievers. Cf Matthew 25:46

10. Revelation 20-22 All things made New.

The 1000 years is but the initial or first stage of the eternal Kingdom. During the 1000 years righteousness will *reign*. In the New Heaven and earth it will *dwell*. 2 Peter 3:13.

11. Revelation. 21:1-5 Note the “no mores”. What men long for today will come for *all believers*. The New Jerusalem comes *down* from Heaven . The city Abraham looked for. See. Hebrews 11:10,16 Hebrews 12:12 Isaiah 65:17 (What comfort in this verse.).