

**JUNE 23, 2022, SCRIPTURES READING and OUTLINE**

**OUTLINE - June 23, 2022 Call in: (667) 770-1404 - CODE: 644666**

**Scripture:** Rev 7 **Time:** 7:00-8:00 P.M. **Focus:** The Church Militant and Triumphant

**Thesis: Sealing of the Martyrs**

**1. Background:** There is a cessation of woes until those to become martyrs are sealed, resulting in a pause in the infliction of plagues on the peoples of the world.

**2. Restraint by the Four Angels**

A. John saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds of the earth that they should not blow. He saw another angel ascend from the east with the seal of the living God saying "hurt not the earth until the servants of God have been sealed in their foreheads. (Vs 1-3)

B. Every saint now bears the mark of God sealed upon their forehead. God keeps his eye upon those who belong to Him, and they can go through the worst days victoriously. 144,000 were sealed of the children of Israel. (Vs 4-8)

**3. Assembly of the Redeemed and Angelic Praise**

A. Then John saw a great multitude from all nations which no man could number, clothed in white robes, standing before the throne of God. They cried salvation to God and all the angels worshipped God saying "Amen, blessing and glory to God forever. (Vs 9-13)

B. One of the elders asked about those in white robes and John said, "These have come out of great tribulation and washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. They served God day and night in His temple. (Vs 14-15)

**4. Eternal Security**

A. The martyrs are prepared for heaven and have eternal security in God. They will never hunger or thirst anymore, nor be stricken by the sun or blazing heat. They are in the presence of God and receive all of His blessings. (Vs 16)

B. The Lamb, Jesus Christ, shall feed them and lead them to living waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. God is the great comforter and never forget the tragedies they endured to serve Him. They are now tearless and live in the shining glory of Christian hope. (Vs 17)

**Application:** The graciousness of God is seen in His tender care and comfort for those who follow the Lamb. Washing robes in the blood of the Lamb and making them white let us know that purity comes through costly and deliberate devotion and dedication to Christ. God fulfills His promise to His children by providing blessings, protection, and redemption. When all of the saints of God, the Church Universal, finally get together as one great multitude from all nations, languages, colors, ethnicities, and persuasions, they will praise God and continue to live their lives serving and magnifying Jesus Christ.

**READINGS****The 144,000 of Israel Sealed (verses 1-8)**

**1**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. **2**I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, **3**saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." **4**And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel: **5**From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, **6**from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, **7**from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, **8**from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

**Leviticus 24:11** <sup>11</sup>The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name with a curse; so, they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri the Danite.)

**Judges 18:1-2** <sup>1</sup>In those days Israel had no king. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking a place of their own where they might settle, because they had not yet come into an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. <sup>2</sup>So the Danites sent five of their leading men from Zorah and Eshtaol to spy out the land and explore it. These men represented all the Danites. They told them, "Go, explore the land." So, they entered the hill country of Ephraim and came to the house of Micah, where they spent the night.

**1 Kings 12:28** <sup>28</sup>After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

**Ezekiel 28:1** <sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me:

### **The Multitude from Every Nation (VERSES 9-17)**

**9**After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. **10**They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **11**And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12**singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." **13**Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" **14**I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **15**For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. **16**They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; **17**for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Revelation 1:6** <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

**Revelation 3:10** <sup>10</sup>Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

**Revelation 5:8** <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

**Revelation 1:6**, <sup>6</sup>and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Revelation 20:6** <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

**Nehemiah 8:17** English Standard Version (ESV) **17** And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing.