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CONTRASTS

Revelation 7:

- 144, 000 sealed Israelites
- an innumerable multitude of saints in Heaven
 - redeemed, forgiven, sanctified followers of Jesus, have eternal life

Revelation 8:

- unbelievers
 - receive 4 types of judgment, worldwide disaster and death

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Fact: Without a rescue from sin, eternal death is a certainty. Eternal death is separation from God.

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How does someone get saved in the Tribulation?

By the gift of God's grace, then faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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1st - acknowledge that the Holy Spirit -GOD – was active in the Old Testament

Job 29:4-5 Just as I was in the days of my prime, When the friendly counsel of God was over my tent; When the Almighty was yet with me, When my children were around me

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Exodus 31:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 "to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 "And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Oholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you

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Judges 3:9-10 When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim.

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1 Samuel 16:13-14 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.

The Spirit worked differently in the Old Testament compared to the time after Pentecost.

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2nd – acknowledge that before Pentecost there was a need for the INDWELLING Holy Spirit

- God promised to meet that need

Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

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Jeremiah 31:31-33 Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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Who was the New Covenant and Holy Spirit promised to?

- The Israelites!
- but when Jesus came and offered the New Covenant to them, the leaders of the nation rejected Him.

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Who was the New Covenant and Holy Spirit promised to?

- God kept the promise that He made through Ezekiel, and Jesus kept the promise that He made at the Last supper:

John 14:16-17 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever -- "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

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PENTECOST – This was a special festival for Israel, that occurred 50 days after the Feast of Firstfruits.

Acts 2:1-11 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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(Back to the Tribulation...)

Who gets saved?

Revelation 7:3-4 "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel

- Revelation 7 is an answer to the question of Revelation 6:17: "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads

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Revelation 14:3-5 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

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Based on Rev 7 and Rev 14, the 144,000 are:

Israelites from all 12 tribes

Bond servants of God

Sealed – with the Holy Spirit, indicating ownership and protection.

Purchased– bought with the blood of Jesus

from the earth – not a group of angels or resurrected Israelites, but real Jewish mortals who were alive before Rapture

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Based on Rev 7 and Rev 14, the 144,000 are:

Celibate Men - not been defiled with women; they are virgins; their special ministry is so demanding that they do not concern themselves with personal comfort

Obedient disciples – who follow the Lamb

First fruits – the earliest crop, the first ripe fruit ready for picking, an indication that there is more fruit to come

- the first of the Jews to receive salvation during the Tribulation; more will be saved

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Based on Rev 7 and Rev 14, the 144,000 are:

Survivors - 144,000 standing with the Lamb in victory on Mount Zion; surviving disasters from wrath of God

Evangelists – share gospel around the world, results are an innumerable multitude of saints in Heaven from every nation, tribe and tongue

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144,000 Israelites

- alive before the Rapture
- after the signing of the 7 year covenant between Israel and the antichrist - saved and sealed
- saved in the first half of the Tribulation
- understand the gospel and tell others about Jesus the Messiah

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Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death – *hamartiology*
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord -
soteriology

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SALVATION: What happens when God gives His gift of eternal life?

- A. Regeneration** – new birth
- B. Conversion** - repentance and faith
- C. Justification** – declaration of right legal standing with God
- D. Adoption** – placed into the family of God
- E. Sanctification** – progressive growth in holiness
- F. Perseverance** – remaining in Christ
- G. Glorification** – receiving a resurrection body

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B. Conversion – repentance and faith, grieving over sin

Romans 6:11-13 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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SALVATION: What happens when God gives His gift of eternal life?

C. Justification – declaration of right legal standing with God

“It is necessary to understand that salvation is a matter of righteousness. People are condemned to eternal spiritual death because they lack the righteousness that a perfectly holy God possesses and requires for fellowship with Him. The only way sinners are ever reconciled to God is by being given the righteousness that belongs to God Himself.”

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Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

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D. Adoption - placed into the family of God

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

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E. Sanctification – progressive growth in holiness

Beginning – past sanctification

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

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E. Sanctification – progressive growth in holiness

Middle – progressive sanctification - ongoing

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F. Perseverance – remaining in Christ

“All those who are truly born of the Spirit and united to Christ by faith are kept secure in Him by God’s power and thus will persevere in faith until they go to be with Christ in death.”

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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G. Glorification – receiving a resurrection body (final sanctification)

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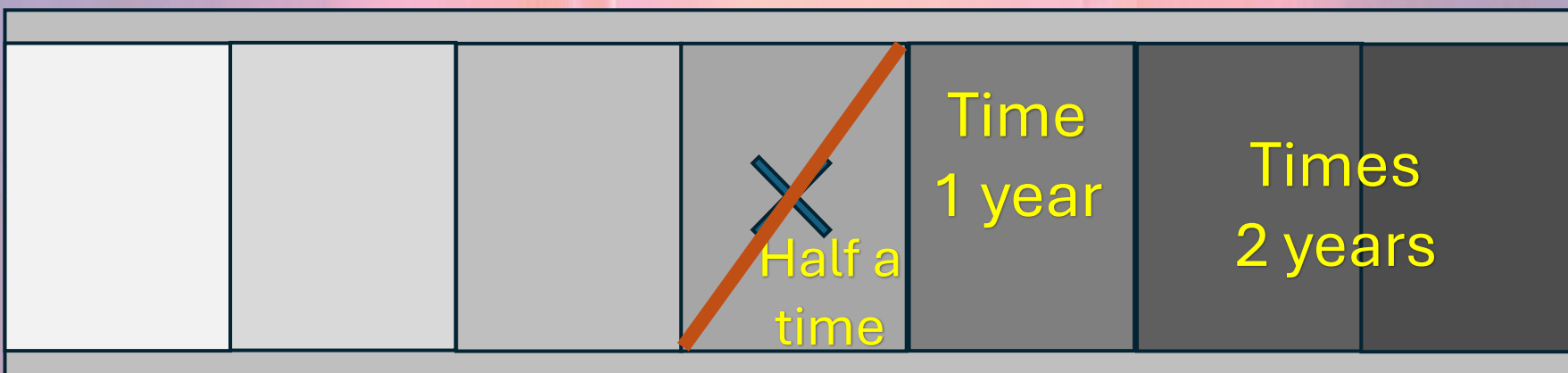
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- the gospel message!
- 144,000 Jews will share during 7 years of Tribulation

Revelation 7:1-17 presents a cause and effect:

There will be such great rejoicing in heaven as God saves multitudes through their ministry!





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