

REVELATION CHAPTER 7



The Sealing of God's Servants

REV.7:1 And after these things I saw **four angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, **holding the four winds** of the earth, **that the wind should not blow** on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

**** DAN.7:2** Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, **the four winds** of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

**** ZEC.6:5** And the angel answered and said unto me, these are **the four spirits** of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the LORD of all the earth.

The four winds are spiritual forces that God uses to manipulate the physical world to do His will. "For

the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will." (Dan.4:25) These are the winds of God's judgements upon man--sinful wicked idolatrous man--for refusing the Love and Laws of God and His Saviour Jesus Christ.



REV.7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, **having the seal of the living God:** and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom **it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,**

REV.7:3 Saying, **Hurt not** the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God** in their foreheads.

**** Rev. 9:4** *They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, **but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.***

**** Eze. 9:4** *and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and **put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.**”*

**** Rev.14:1** *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his **Father's name written in their foreheads.***

There were four angels being prepared to execute the judgements of God upon sinful man and his corrupted Earth. But this angel came first, who had the seal of God in his hand, and he said to the four angels of judgement:

"Hurt not the Earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

He said, *"Wait! Don't mete out the judgements of God yet on evil men until we have sealed the good men--the servants of God--with the seal of God in their foreheads."*

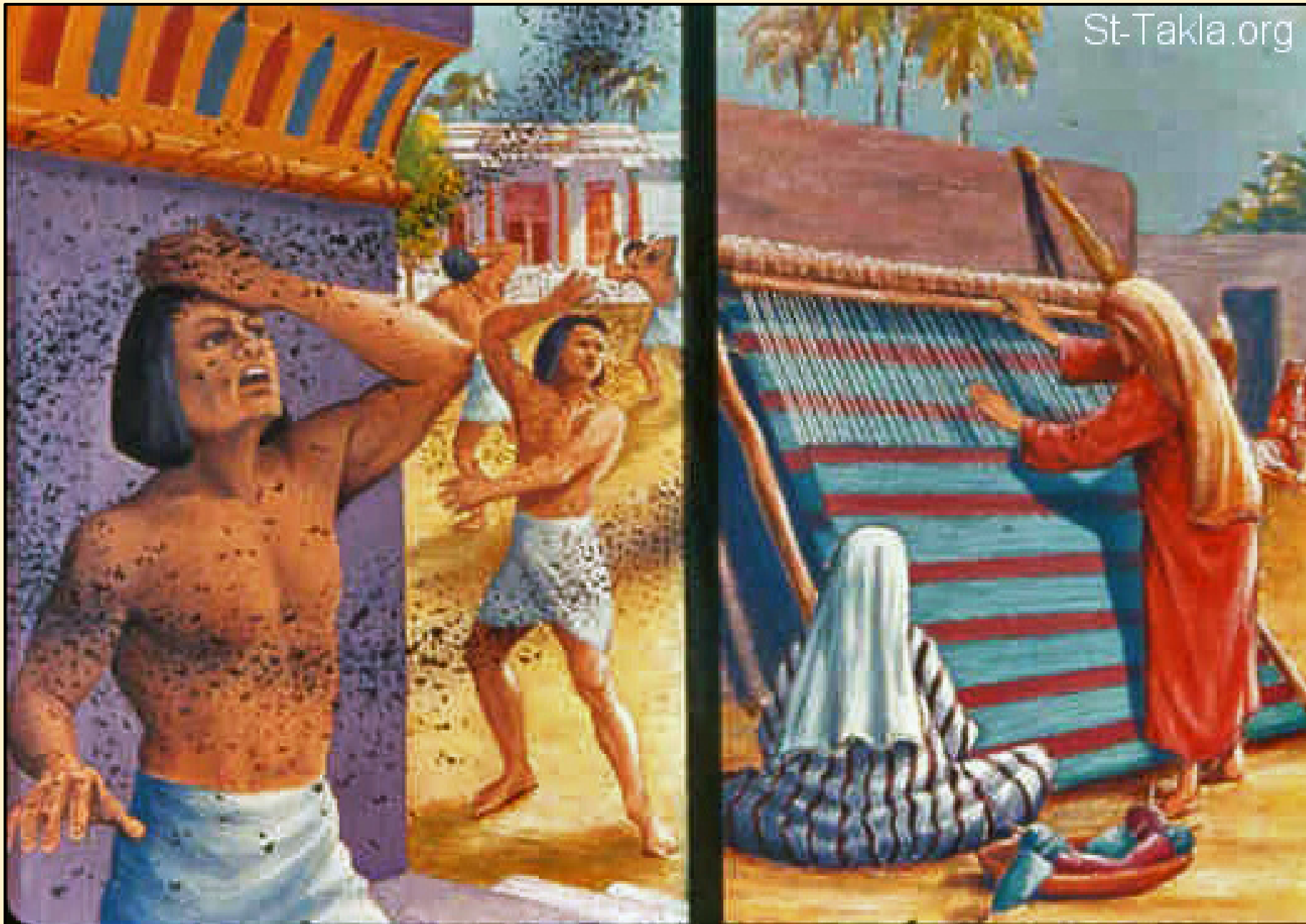
QUESTION: Are Christians going to escape all the horrors of the tribulation? Christians are going to go through some of the horrors, aren't they?



ANSWER: There's a verse that the pre-Tribulation "*rapturists*" use all the time, "*that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things*" (Lu.21:36).



They use that verse to try to prove that they're going to escape the Tribulation entirely in a Pre-Trib Rapture. We don't think the writer, the Holy Spirit, meant that there was going to be an escape by a Pre-Trib Rapture, but that's how many churches teach it today. So what does that verse mean?



As already mentioned in chapter 3, our interpretation is that it's quite evident from reading the description of the Tribulation that if you want to take a prototype of Israel and the Land of Goshen during the plagues of Egypt, Israel was not affected by any of the plagues at all. (*Ex.7-11*)

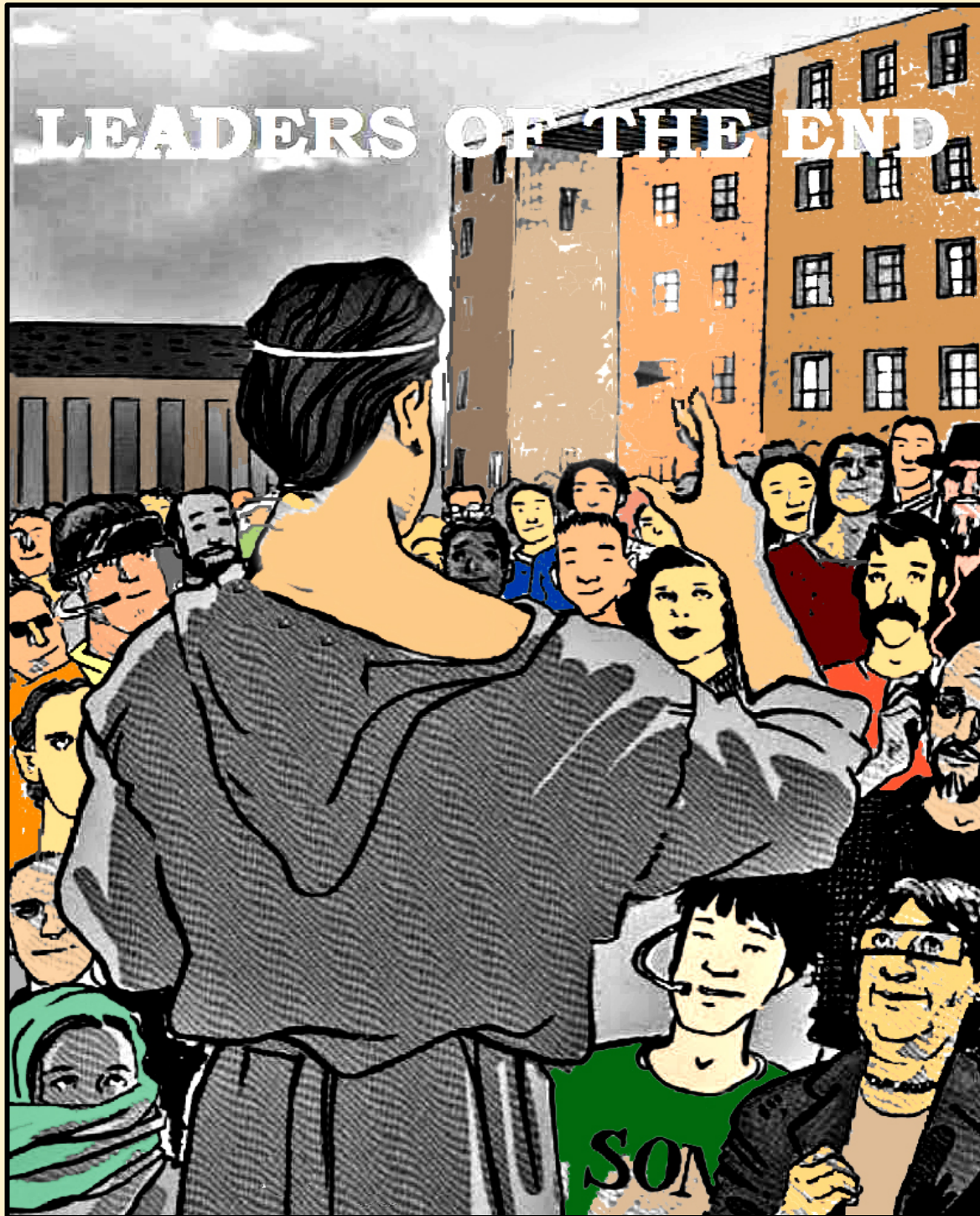
There was light in the Land of Goshen, there were no locusts, no diseases, and no plagues in Goshen at all. The plagues only affected their persecutors. The thing

that Israel was suffering was the persecution of man, not being persecuted by God. The Egyptians were being persecuted by God.

From the description of the things that are going on during the Tribulation, although the Church is being persecuted by the Antichrist Government, the Antichrist and his people are suffering horrible plagues, curses and all kinds of horrors which God's Word definitely says will not touch the people who have the Seal of God in their forehead! They'll have so much on their hands defending themselves from these plagues that they won't have much time to persecute you and me! So, you don't need to fear the coming tribulation if you love the Lord! God can be a much greater Enemy to them than they could ever be to us! *(1Jn.4:4)*

So we think that's what the escape means: that you'll be counted worthy to escape all these things that befall them. We don't think any of those diseases are going to affect us, none of those plagues, none of those horrors described in the Tribulation, none of them! The thing that we have to suffer is the persecution of the Antichrist and his Mark of the Beast people.





It's important to note that there is a difference between the Great Tribulation and the Wrath of God. They are two separate events. First comes the seven trumpets of Tribulation followed by the rapture of the saints at the last trumpet. After we have left this earth, then the seven Vials of the Wrath of God are poured out upon the wicked. The Church is already gone! 1 Thes.5:9 says: "For God hath not appointed us to wrath."

REV.7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an **hundred and forty and four thousands** of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Whether the 144,000 is a symbolic or literal number we don't know, but we do know this: they are going to be God's people during that horrible tribulation period to guide the rest of the church through it and to stand up and witness against the Antichrist regime unto the very end.

The devil, who is the great counterfeiter, is going to be out sealing his children too at this time, putting a mark in their right hand or forehead, which is the famous 666 mark of the Beast, the Antichrist dictator and his government. (Rev.13:15)



And all those who refuse to bow down to him will be killed.

So, though the 144,000 are going to be sealed against being hurt by God's judgments on the wicked, the wicked are going to be hurting them and even killing some of them.

But to die for Christ is gain and they shall stand *"before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple...and they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more...and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."* (Rev.7:15-17)

REV.7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude**, which no man could number, of **all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues**, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and **palms** in their hands;

The major emphasis here, of course, was put on the 12 Tribes of Israel, but that doesn't mean they were the only saints. It should be obvious because John then saw a number of saints that no man could number, that God could number but no man could number.

From **verses 9 and 14**, it certainly appears these are saved or sealed just before and/or during the **tribulation!** *“And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation” (v.14)*



It's either symbolically Spiritual Israel, children of Abraham by faith (*Ho.1:10, 11; Jn.11:52; Rom.9:6-8; Gal.3:26-29; 4:28; Eph.2:12-19.*), or a special class of Jewish Christians of Jewish



heritage or background. This seventh chapter names them tribe by tribe of ***"the children of Israel"***, 12,000 of each tribe, which sure sounds literal! If so, if these are flesh Jews as some contend, that certainly isn't many of the millions of Jews in the World today! And it takes the Antichrist and Tribulation to finally drive them to Jesus!

That certainly would be a ***"remnant"*** (*Isa.1:9; 10:21,22;*

Jer.23:3; Rom.9:27; 11:5) --Not even one out of 100! As this literal interpretation seems too exact and incredible, it seems to us to be symbolic of the most dedicated witnesses of the Tribulation and would refer to any Christian! We believe that the New Testament is more inclined, in the case of these particular passages, to the spiritual and symbolic interpretation.

Verse 9 is the great hosts of Heaven and earth who believe in Jesus Christ--be they Jews or Gentiles, be they Israelites or goyim--because there's no longer any Jew or Gentile in Christ Jesus, no male nor female, no black or white, no rich or poor, no difference in the Kingdom of Christ now! We're all the same to Jesus, all brothers and sisters in the one great Family of God!



REV.7:10 And cried with a **loud voice**, saying, **Salvation** to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the **Lamb**.

**** REV.12:10** *And I heard a **loud voice** saying in heaven, now is **come salvation**, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of **his Christ**...*

REV.7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

REV.7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.



REV.7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are **arrayed in white robes**? And whence came they?

REV.7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, **thou knowest**. And he said to me, these are they which **came out of great tribulation**, and **have washed their robes**, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

Their white robes represent their salvation made possible only in Christ.

**** Re. 22:14** *“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the **right to the tree of life** and **may go** through the gates into the city. (New International version)*

**** REV.3:4** *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled **their garments**; and they shall walk with me **in white**: for they are worthy.*



**** ISA.61:10** *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the **garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness** ... (Mt.22:11-13)*



John said, “You know!” Yes, he knew, he was just asking a rhetorical question, he wanted to see if John knew.

“He said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Those who are saved! This is the great mighty host of God in Heaven, the saints, the millions of the saved that are getting this Mark of God in their foreheads.

REV.7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne **shall dwell among them.**

REV.7:16 They shall **hunger no more, neither thirst** anymore; **neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.**

REV.7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne **shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:** and God **shall wipe away all tears** from their eyes. **700 years earlier, the prophet Isaiah had said something very similar:**



**** ISA.49:10** *They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even **by the springs of water** shall he guide them.*

**** ISA.25:8, 9** *He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD **will wipe away tears** from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, lo, **this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.***

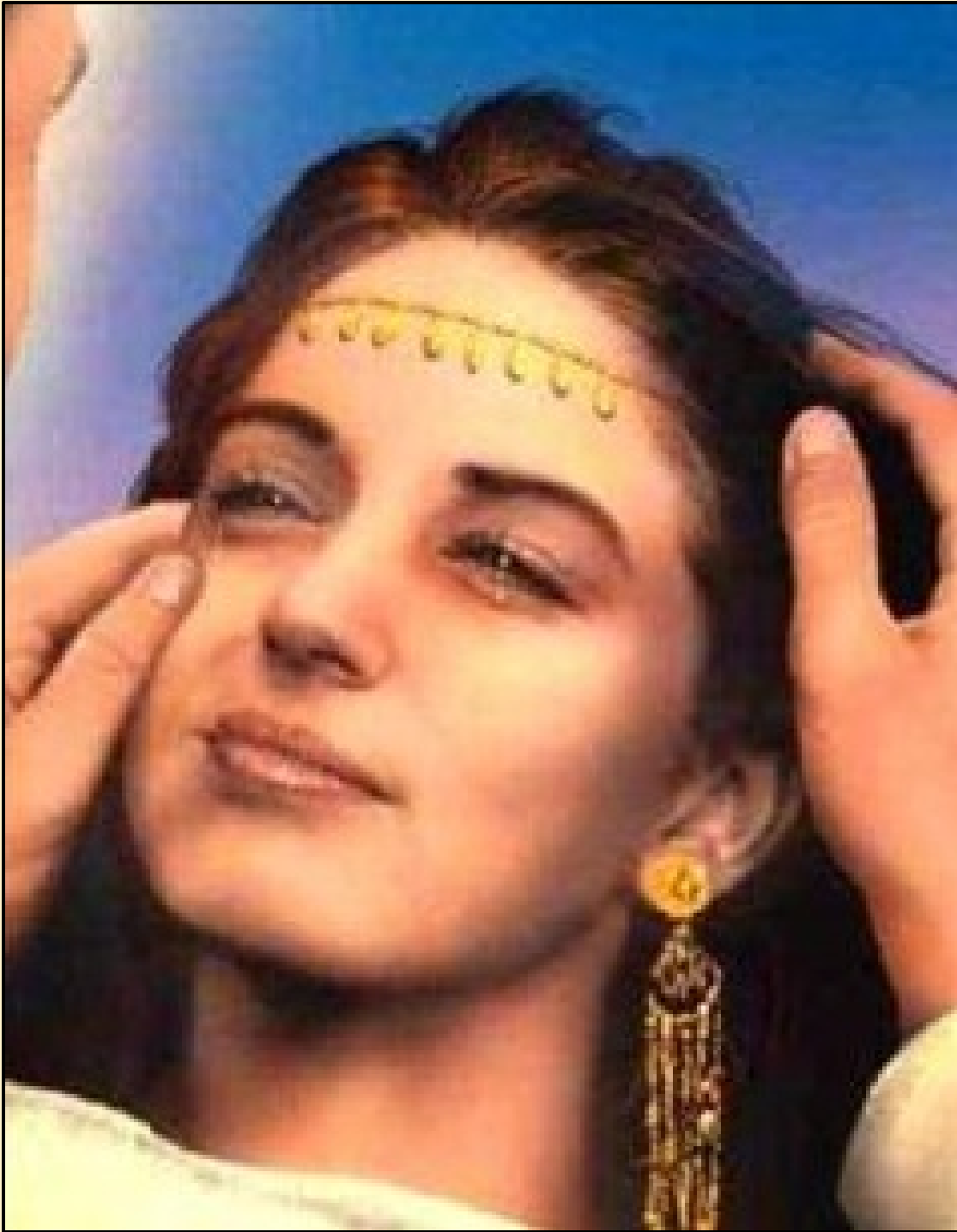


**** REV.21:3-4** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And **God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes**; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**** PSA.23:1, 2** The LORD is my shepherd; **I shall not want**. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he **leadeth me** beside **the still waters**.

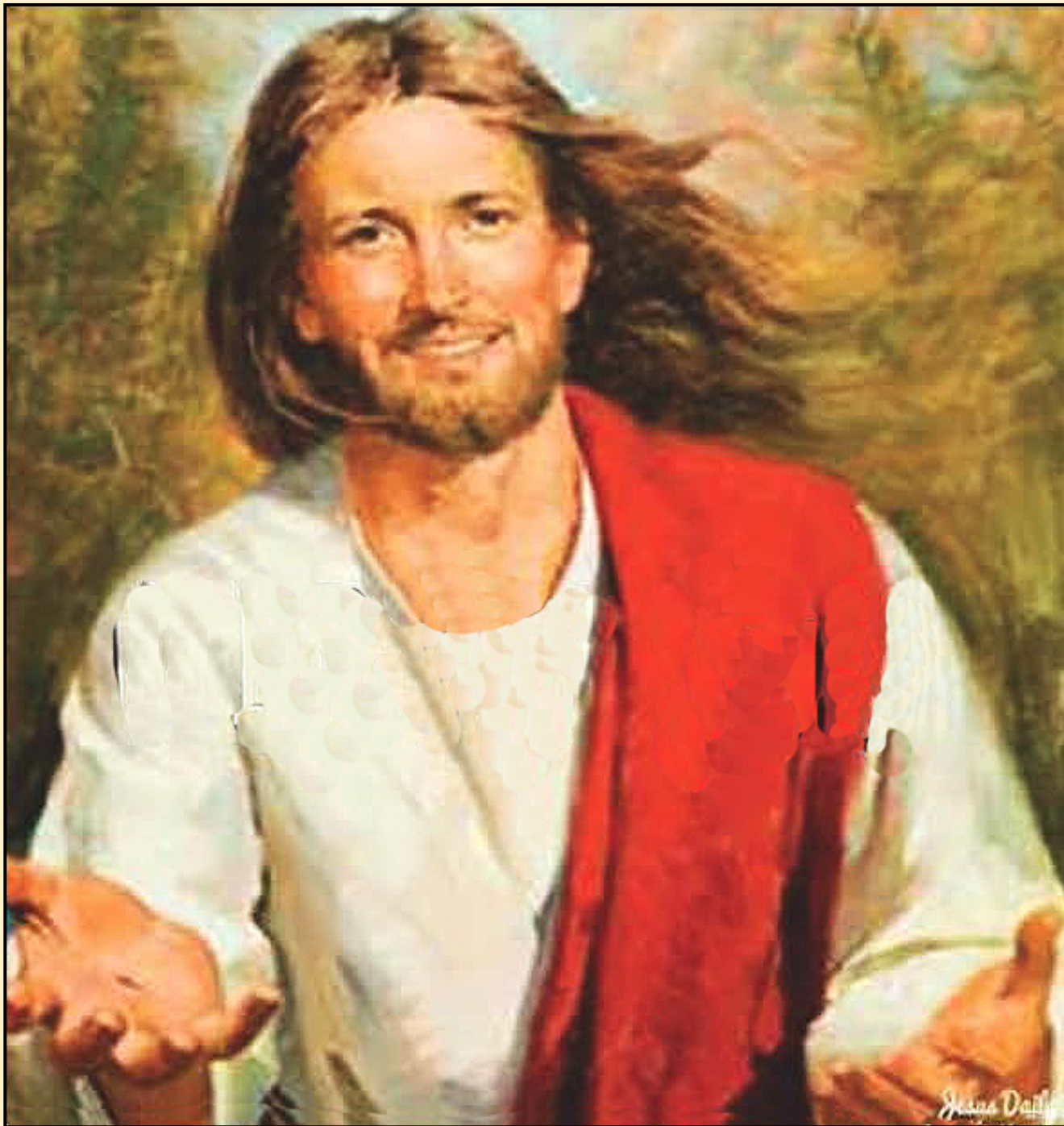
Here this seventh chapter ends with a beautiful vision of heaven--the raptured saints and the vision of Heaven!

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat." They lived in a hot country there where they didn't always appreciate sunshine, they liked the clouds better than the sunshine!



God doesn't say there aren't going to be any tears. A lot of people when they get to Heaven and face the Lord are going to cry and weep over their sins, their failures and faults and be ashamed, but nevertheless forgiven and saved. But isn't the Lord wonderful, loving and merciful? He says He's going to wipe away all those tears, and He's going to wipe away all that memory of those evil years, no more pain, no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears, only eternal, wonderful happiness, joy and paradise on Earth like this, only better, forever and ever and ever.

You see how these first seven chapters cover the whole history of man from the days of John until the days of our final heaven on earth! It is a kind of a "*résumé*", a preview of the history of man. Now in our next study we're going to get into the details of the End time, the last time, when He opens the Seventh Seal, the very End time seal, and he gives you the details of what happens in this End time period, in the eighth Chapter.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Please pray this simple prayer:

“Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen”

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