

# **THE CLASH**

## **PART 3**

**144,000 Witnesses  
and the  
The Cloud Rider Rescues Zion**



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## I. Timing of the 144,000

### Revelation 7:1-8 (Mid-Point of the Tribulation)

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. <sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of those who were sealed. 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

<sup>5</sup> of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand sealed;  
<sup>6</sup> of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand sealed;  
<sup>7</sup> of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand sealed;  
<sup>8</sup> of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand sealed;  
of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

**144,000**

**God's Tribulation 'Untouchables'**

Marked with a 'guarding' seal protecting them from disease, harm and death during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Tribulation.

They stand as the 'firstfruits' of redeemed Israel and the restoration of national Israel in the Millennial Kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

### Revelation 14:1-5 (End of Tribulation: The Lamb & the 144,000 on Mt. Zion)

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000, having His Name and the Name of His Father written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. <sup>3</sup> They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

### Flawless Testimony

<sup>4</sup> These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup> And in their mouth was found no lie, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

## II. Sealing the 144,000

### A. Sealed on their Foreheads

1. The word SEAL or SEALED is used 16 Times in Revelation 7:1-8
2. The Sealing is done by Angels - Rev. 7:2-3
3. Sealed with Name of Jesus and the Father on their Foreheads - Rev. 14:1

### B. The Last-Days Hatred by Satan and Antichrist for the Father and Son

1. Islamic Theology rejects the relationship of the Father and Son - 1 Jn. 2:22  
*22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.*
2. Psalm 2:1-3; John 16:1-3; 1 John 2:23; **Isaiah 48: 12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.  
<sup>13</sup> Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; <sup>16</sup> Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me.

### C. The Benefits of the Sealing

1. A Permanent “Guarding” Seal to remain unharmed - 2<sup>nd</sup> half Tribulation  
Protected throughout the cataclysmic outpouring of God’s final wrath and Satan’s final fury they will preach the gospel and confront sinners and explain what’s happening on earth is God’s righteous judgments!
2. All believers are permanently Sealed with the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 1:22  
*He has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee*  
Eph. 1:13; 4:30; Rev. 3:12, 22:4
3. God Guarantees the 144,000 will not become Martyrs in the Tribulation  
Satan’s plan is to empower the Caliphate to wipe out all the Jews but the Islamic hope that one day Jews will cease to exist won’t happen as long as the God of Israel exists.

### III. Identifying the 144,000

#### A. Converted Orthodox Jews

1. It's possible a majority of the 144,000 are Born-Again, Orthodox Jews

“Orthodox Jews” = Modern day, unsaved Pharisees/Apostle Paul - Phil. 3:5

2. 144,000 Born-Again, Apostle Paul's would be a powerful ministry team
3. The Most highly committed religious group in Israel today
4. One of the fastest growing segments of Israel's population

In 2020, the Orthodox Jewish Population in Israel numbered **1.2 million** representing 13% of the population. It is expected to reach 2 million by 2033.

- #### B. Orthodox Jews are the most vocal group pushing for the temple, the reinstatement of animal sacrifices and more Jewish access to the Temple Mount

Through the religion of Islam, Satan now fully controls the Temple Mount

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| <b>The Dragon's<br/>Strangle-Hold<br/>on the<br/>Temple Mount</b> | 1. Captured Israel's Holy Temple site with the Dome of the Rock         |
|   | 2. Sealed Eastern Gate with 16' of concrete to prevent Israel's Messiah |
|   | 3. After 6 Day War (1967), Islam took full control of the Temple Mount  |
|   | 4. This year, Ramadan was scheduled the same time as Passover           |

- #### C. Orthodox Jews are a powerful political block in Israel's Knesset - **Dan. 9:27**

<sup>27</sup> Then he (Antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with many for 7 years; But in the middle of the 7, he will bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

In this peace treaty with Antichrist, Israel successfully **demand**s and **negotiate**s to build their Temple on the Temple Mount, to share the Mount with the Dome of the Rock and to have permission of practice daily sacrifices

## IV. Regathering the 12 Tribes

### A. John's Vision Anticipates the Regathering of ALL 12 Tribes

In the last 75 years or so, Jewish communities have become known in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, India, China, Ukraine and other countries.

### B. When John wrote Revelation (95AD) Records of the Tribes were non-existent

- 722 BC - Assyria killed and captured the Northern 10 tribes
- 586 BC - Babylon killed and captured many of the two Southern tribes
- 70 AD - Jerusalem destroyed and Jews scattered for 2000 years

### C. Israel's Evictions from their land are explained in the Mosaic Covenant (Numbers 33:56; Deut. 28:64, 68)

### D. In a Series of Miracles, portrayed by Ezekiel's Dry Bones, the nation of Israel began to emerge from the Dead in the late 1800's - Ezek. 37:10

*So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.*

- Ben Yahuda - Revived the ancient Hebrew Language - late 1800's
- Zionist Movement - Encouraged Jews to move to Palestine - late 1800's
- WWI (1914-18) Ottoman Empire lost control of the Promised Land
- 'British Mandate'- Create a Jewish national homeland in Palestine
- General Allenby (1917) enters Jerusalem after 673 years of Muslim control
- Balfour Declaration (1917) - "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine a national home for the Jewish people!"
- Hitler joined German Workers' Party (1919), the forerunner of the Nazi Party
- May 14, 1948 - British Mandate ends, State of Israel born! **Isaiah 43:5-6**

I will bring your descendants from the east, gather you from the west; I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'

## V. Flawless Testimony – Rev. 14:4-5

*<sup>4</sup> These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. <sup>5</sup> No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

### A. There are Separated Unto God - vs. 4a

*They didn't defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins.*

1. To qualify one must be celibate and remain unmarried - 1 Cor. 7:8

*To unmarried and widows: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do.*

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Tribulation, the terrors and pressures will be unprecedented and very difficult for these men to maintain marriage

2. Make a Covenant with your Eyes - Job 31:1, 7

*I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman. So my heart is not led by my eyes.*

### B. They are Dedicated Disciples - vs. 4b

*They follow the Lamb wherever he goes*

1. John describes the 144,000 as being wholly dedicated to Christ
2. To 'FOLLOW THE LAMB' means to read the word and obey whatever it says

### C. They Have a Flawless Testimony - vs. 4d

*No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

1. Your SPIRITUAL TRACK RECORD qualifies you for serving the Lord
2. We should Aim our life for the highest-level God can use! - Phil. 3:14  
*Press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God.*
3. No lying, no deceit - The example of unimpeachable character and dedication is what will draw millions to Christ in the turbulent Tribulation

## VI. Firstfruits: Set Apart for the Millennial Kingdom

*They were purchased from mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.*

They guarantee the future of Israel and fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant

### A. Set apart as representing the firstfruits of Redeemed Israel

1. God promised Israel would be saved - Rom. 11:26
2. These Are the Firstfruits of Israel's born-again population who will walk alive into the Millennial kingdom in their normal bodies

### B. Firstfruits of the Restoration of National Israel in the Millennial Kingdom

1. What awaits in the coming Kingdom is a fully redeemed and restored National Israel and Jerusalem taking center stage among the nations in a new world, with Eden-like paradise presided over by King Jesus.
2. Israel's status today: Hated (Mt. 24:9-10) Mocked (Ezek. 36:1-6)
3. Israel's complete reversal of fortune - Zech. 9:20-23

*<sup>23</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty says: In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'*

Abrahamic Covenant Promise Genesis 12:1-3	Millennium Fulfillment
● Defined Land Borders	● Maximized to fullest extent
● Israel a Great Nation National Identity forever	● Israel will rule the earth with the Lord for 1000 years
● Israel a Blessing to many	● King Jesus, worldwide blessing Num. 14:21; Isa. 64:1-2
● Descendants as the stars Gen. 22:17	● Overflowing with children

## VII. Israel's Land Allotment in the Millennium – Ezekiel 47:13

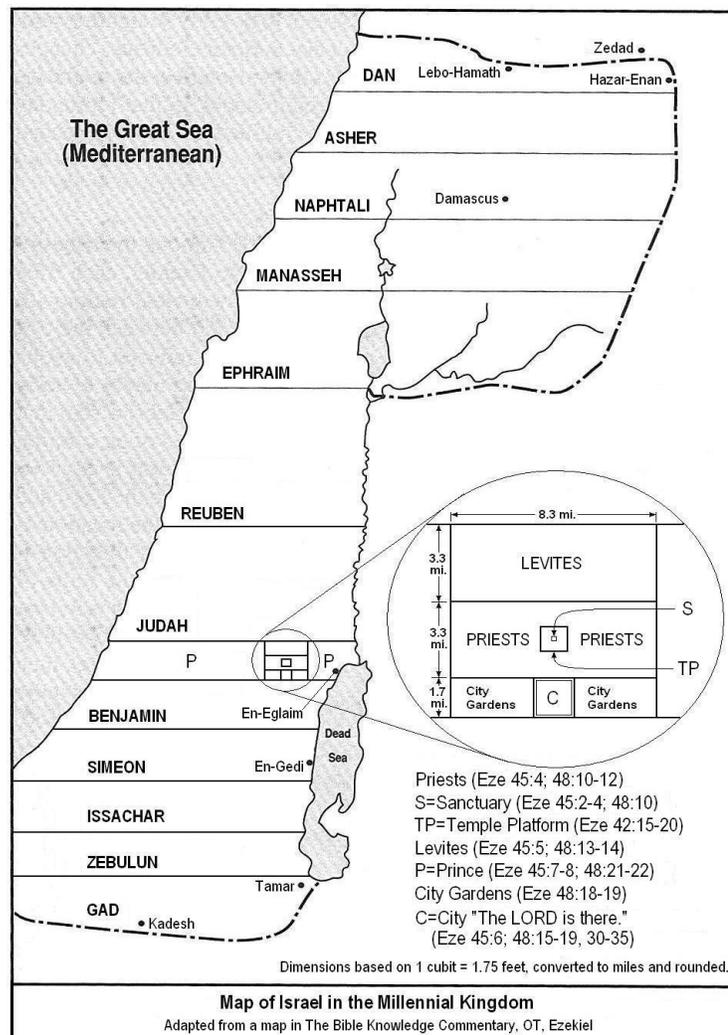
*Thus says the Lord GOD: "These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel.*

A. 144,000 are the vanguard of progenitors to repopulate Israel in the Kingdom

Today's Population Mismatch - Israel = 15 million / Arab = 400 million

A reversal by choosing 12,000 unmarried men from each of the 12 Tribes

B. Each tribe of 12,000 receive a Land Allotment to repopulate their Tribe throughout the Millennial Kingdom



## VIII. Israel's Population Will Be Like the Stars – Gen. 22:17

*“I will greatly bless you, and multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and sand of the sea.”*

### A. 10 Enhanced Reproductive Features in the Millennial Kingdom

Curse is lifted - Isa. 51:3	No infant mortality - Isa. 65:20
No disease - Isa. 35:6	No natural disasters
Healed gene pool	No war - Isa. 2:4
Increased fertility rate	Prolonged life - 144,000 = 1025 years old
No childbirth pain	Prolonged child-bearing period - Gen. 5:32

*Now after Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

### B. Marriage and Pro-creation for the 144,000 in the Kingdom - Isa. 4:1

*In that day seven women will take hold of one man and say, “We will eat our own food and provide our own clothes; only let us be called by your name. Take away our disgrace!”*

1. Tribulation survivors male to female ratio is 7 X 1
2. 12,000 Men for every 84,000 Women

## IX. The Cloud-Rider and the 144,000 - Rev. 14:1

*Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.*

Victory Scene - The 144,000 Standing with Jesus at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

*Behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. - Rev. 22:12-14*

## The Cloud Rider and Desert Marcher Prophecies Become Joined in the Son of Man (The Kingdom Owner)

Return of Jesus in the Clouds - His Trademark - The Sign of His Genuine Return

### Ps. 18:9-14

He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet. He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind. He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him—the dark rain clouds of the sky. Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning. The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them.

Psalm 68:4 - Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds.

Psalm 104:3 - He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

Isaiah 19:1 - See, the Lord rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt.

Nahum 1:3 - His way is in the whirlwind and storm, clouds are the dust of his feet.

### Habakkuk 3:3-7

God came from Teman (Edom), the Holy One from Mount Paran (Mt. Sinai area). His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed—but he marches on forever. I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Midian in anguish.

### Daniel 7:9-14

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

### Commentary and Meaning

1. Here the 'Son of Man' comes with the clouds of heaven, and approaches YHW's throne and is given an eternal kingdom and authority to rule the earth
2. The Cloud Rider & Desert Marcher become the Son of Man in this Prophecy
3. The 'Son of Man' phrase is Jesus' favorite way to describe himself (81 times), because the meaning was so well understood by the Jews of His day to be pointing to Messiah
4. He's led into the presence of the Father and is given an unending kingdom, worship of the whole world - Combining & fulfilling Cloud Rider and Dessert Marcher prophecies
5. Jesus is the Snake-Crushing Seed from Genesis 3:15 but also the Cloud Rider and the Desert Marcher from the OT