

Understanding Remez

What's In A Name?

I. Introduction

Revelation 7:1-10 - 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. 2 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, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

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

9 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, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:13-15 - Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, **"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation,** and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

II. Time of the Gentiles, Time of the Jews

Daniel 9:24 - "Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

25 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. 26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself, and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:27 - Then he (**antichrist**) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

Matthew 24:15 - "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (let them flee...)

444 BC Starting point when King Xerxes gave the command to rebuild Jerusalem

7 Weeks - 49 years to clear the debris - 52 days to rebuild the wall

Then another 62 weeks will pass until the Messiah is cut off or crucified

Let's Do The Math!

69 weeks, $69 \times 7 = 483$ years. $483 - 444 = 39$ AD. BUT, we must remember that the Hebrew calendar year only has 360 days. Convert this to days: 483×360 equates to 173,880 days. Divide this by 365 for our Gregorian Calendar which comes out to 476 years. $476 - 444$ comes out to 32 AD, BUT, remember there is no year "0." It goes from 1 BC to 1 AD. Therefore add 1 and we come to 33 AD as the year that marks the end of the 69th week, the year when Jesus was crucified.

Some knew of this prophecy and were searching for Him:

Andrew to Peter: John 1:41 - "We have **found** the Messiah"

Samaritan Woman at the Well: John 4:25 - "I know that Messiah is coming"

Wise men at Jesus' birth: - they had calculated the time & were expecting

John the Baptist: Matthew 11:2-3 - Are you the coming One or do we look for another?

The Surrounding Jews: John 10:24 - Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

III. What's In A Name

Names of ALL the 12 Children of Jacob in their birth order

Genesis 29:32 Reuben: *“The Lord has surely looked on my affliction.* Now therefore, my husband will love me.”

Genesis 29:33 Simeon: *“Because the Lord has heard* that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also.”

Genesis 29:34 Levi: *“Now this time my husband will become attached to me...”*

Genesis 29:35 Judah: *“Now will I praise the Lord.”*

Genesis 30:6 Dan *“God has judged my case”*

Genesis 30:8 Naphtali: *“With great wrestlings* I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed *I have prevailed.”*

Genesis 30:11 Gad: *“a troop comes”* [Hebrew meaning “good fortune comes”]

Genesis 30:13 Asher: *“I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed.”*

Genesis 30:18 Issachar: *“God has given me my wages,* because I have given my maid to my husband.” [Hebrew sakar – wages, compensation, reward]

Genesis 30:20 Zebulun: “God has endowed me with a good endowment; *now my husband will dwell with me...*

Genesis 30:24 Joseph: *“The Lord shall add* to me another son.”

Genesis 35:18 Benjamin: *“the son of the right hand”*

Genesis 41:51 Manasseh: *“for God has made me forget all my toil...”*

Let's rearrange the names in the order in which they are listed in Revelation 7:7-8

Judah: Praise the Lord,

Reuben: He has looked on my affliction

Gad: good fortune comes

Asher: happy and blessed am I

Naphthali: my wrestling

Manasseh: has made me forget my sorrow

Simeon: God hears me

Levi: has joined me

Issachar: rewarded me

Zebulun: exalted me

Joseph: adding to me

Benjamin: the Son of His right hand.

Now let's string together the meaning of the names and read the message:

Praise the Lord. He has looked on my affliction [and] good fortune comes. Happy and blessed am I. My wrestling has made me forget my sorrow. God hears me, has joined me, rewarded me, exalted me [by] adding to me the Son of His right hand.

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."