

Revelations in Revelation - 5

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God willing we'll begin Revelation Chapter Seven, and tonight we come to the final company of saints that make up the body of the church. Now this last company as we'll see tonight is the hundred and forty-four thousand, and the wonderful thing in God's precious faithfulness is that all of the church is gathered prior to the middle of the week, or the middle of the tribulation, or before the great tribulation; the last half of the seven-year period of time begins. So, we see this encouragement to our hearts. We were so thankful to rejoice, understand as Brother prayed this great grace that God has poured out to us, and it's to all men, and it's to all His people and we thank God that the word of God says I would that all men be saved, and come to the full knowledge of the truth. I thank God for the grace, we believe in that, and not just believe in that; you believe in that for you, and it is yours, and it's mine thank the Lord. I believe His promises are yea and amen. I believe His promises for me are just as alive, and just as true as any of the promises for Israel. All of the wondrous promises and the oath that God has given and made with Abraham and Jacob. Praise be to God, I've got a marriage coming in upon me and I know, that let me tell you something: His word is true. So, in that we've seen these different companies go. God willing a couple weeks ago we saw this first company of the bridal rank go, and then we saw the next; the innumerable rank go last week, and tonight we come to the third rank as some will say, and I understand this, or the third company that's raptured that completes the church, and that is the hundred and forty-four thousand.

I want to be in the first trump. Nope, and I think that's what we want, we come in here listening to grow and feed upon this because this is Paul's gospel, and this is our gospel, and I thank God this is the doctrine that God has given us and wants us to treasure. And so, we saw the bride go before the beginning of the tribulation; isn't that beautiful, or actually that launch is the start of the tribulation. Last week again I mentioned about the innumerable multitude; they were gathered out of the tribulation. Isn't that interesting? See, we see these things and they're very clear in the word of God. The church of Philadelphia, He says I'll keep you from the tribulation; how much clearer does God have to be? If you'll be in that company of saints, I will keep you from it as it says in First Thessalonians; those are the ones that are alive and remain to the coming of the Lord. That trumpet blasts and they're gone; out of here, alright? And so, and the Lord's shown us, this isn't hard for God, He did it for Enoch, He did it for Elijah. He opened graves there and the veils rent in twain. Those worthies of faith took off. You know, nothing's hard for Him, and just as we saw He opened heaven for us; it's open and waiting. Praise the Lord, it's just almost too marvelous to tell, but He gives us words to tell it, praise God.

But then this innumerable multitude we spoke of last week, we saw they didn't go at the same time as the bride; they didn't. The bride's ascending up there in Revelation Chapter Four; we had to get all the way to Revelation Seven. We saw in that time somewhere round a year and a half is passed; somewhere around there. And it said these are they when John asks, and he's told these are they that came out of tribulation; they come out of it, and that's right there in

Rev 7:14. It's made known, not everybody's going to be raptured, or resurrected at the same time. It does not occur that way, the bible doesn't tell us that way, but yet the majority of God's people will believe it that way, and I blame them because you should know. You'll never be able to blame your pastor; you'll never be able to blame your teacher because the word of God says he that wills to know will know. And I thank God, you know what, I'm looking at a lot of folks here tonight and God drew you, didn't He? Amen, His grace is special, His grace is special, and somehow that grace, praise God upon your life drew you, drew you out of a family, drew you out of a different country, drew you out of a different state, drew you out of different churches not to join a church; no, but to hear a message and to be alive and remain to the coming of the Lord.

So, tonight we come now to this hundred and forty-four thousand and we find them introduced to us here on earth if you will in chapter seven, and let's go ahead and read chapter seven, and we'll read verses one through eight. John said after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds of the earth and the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. There's a lot of destruction getting ready to come. Those winds when they break forth, let me tell you something, it's going to be destruction. We see some destruction going on right now, but let me tell you something, this isn't even going to even be compared with what's going to happen. 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 saying hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. So, this is very precious here because we see this encouragement of the angel of the Lord, and until we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads. Think of who's doing that with the Lord. **By the grace of God, I'm looking at them.** Lord, help us. Do we believe it, I pray we do; I'm praying we do. So, this is this first time this little hundred and forty-four thousand is mentioned here, so until these servants of our God are sealed in their foreheads. So, there's something that needs to occur, these ones need to come to the Lord, and I heard the number of them which were sealed, and there sealed was a hundred and forty, and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

The tribe of Judah was sealed twelve thousand, the tribe of Ruebin sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Aser was sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Neptholim was sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand, the tribe of Simeon sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand, the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Joseph was sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. So, we got twelve times twelve thousand which is a hundred and forty-four thousand, and I'll assure you as the word says there's going to be twelve thousand coming out of every tribe. It's going to be exact because this is God we're talking about and He's exact, and He's precise and we thank the Lord, this is this remnant of Israel.

Now before we go on and speak a little bit more of them, I want you to understand this as well too, there seem to be seven churches. This hundred and forty-four thousand, this third rank that will come out right before in a sense, they'll be raptured after the innumerable multitude, but they will still be raptured into heaven before the middle of the week, and this will

be the last part of the gathering of the church, and that church then will be completely assembled with the Lord. But this hundred and forty-four thousand is seen in type in the church of Laodicea. So, let's go on over to Revelation Chapter Three and let's read about this church of Laodicea, and we'll begin reading from verse fourteen. So, the bride is seen in Philadelphia and Smyrna. We saw the Pergamos and Sardis that we saw for the innumerable multitude. Tonight, we're going to see in type that the hundred and forty-four thousand comes out of this Laodicea. Now in verse fourteen it says and unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, and the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither hot nor cold. I would that thou wert cold or hot, so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I think of where Israel is today. That's where Israel is today.

Think of that about, and they're God's chosen people; they're God's chosen people. They're His earthly people, but where are they in faith today, there's no faith? And yet they say I'm rich, increased with goods, need of nothing and do not know thou art wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness does not appear; and anoint thy eyes with eyesalves, that thou mayest see. So, we see that this church at this time and what this is at this setting, they're not saved; they're not preaching salvation. They're blinded eyes, they need to see, and there's a shame of nakedness. They need to come to the Lord. Now I love this; verse nineteen. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. So, see, He's on the outside, He hasn't been let into their heart. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in My throne, and that is speaking of My kingdom even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

So, when I first read this a long time ago, I thought in a sense, how can this represent the hundred and forty-four thousand? Now I've kind of give a little bit of insight of why it really can because of the state of Israel where they're at. But I was thinking of it more in the sense that that hundred and forty-four thousand are the man child and you read about them, you will read how the Lord comes into their life, they don't seem very lukewarm to me. Matter of fact they're on fire. But you see the reason is, is because they rose out of being lukewarm. Not only did they receive the Lord; you know it speaks of that man child? They receive the Holy Ghost. Amen. That power came upon them, and how wonderful, so let's remember this, these letters to the churches, four of the seven are ready to go into, or they're already in outright apostasy. But it's to the individuals in those churches to come out; do you understand that? That letter's to the church, and it'd be wonderful if that church turned, but it's to those individuals that are in there. Get out of there. Right? Think about Ephesus, it wasn't you're doing great, everything's good, you have a real good testimony and all that, just stay right there; it wasn't. Return to your first love, get out of that state of Ephesus, and get back into Philadelphia. That was the whole encouragement; all of these churches it's the same way. Don't go to sleep, don't go into that

depth, and here we got ones in this church of Laodicea; they're dead, they have blinded eye, but the Lord's faithful. I saw Him do something to Paul. Amen? He was going to kill Christians, and matter of fact he was a Jew if I remember right, and what did God do with him? Oh, a mighty, mighty, mighty, mighty, work. And just think, in just a few days he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. So, a hundred and forty-four thousand's nothing for Him to do either. Alright, and I'll tell you what, at that time I believe that there'll be those ones prepared; they'll be crying out for the Lord. Won't it be grand, praise His name.

Now, I love how Brother Copley explains this as well too. Those hundred and forty-four thousand were in type in a way like the Jews were when Peter and His disciples begin to minister to them, especially Peter the apostle to the Jew, he awoke those Jews through the gospel. He awoke them out of being lukewarm, he preached to those Jews and you know what? Some of them turned to the Lord, didn't they? They followed Christ, and what that was, was a foreshadow of the link that would always be between the church and the Jew, Amen. Now just as in this time of the tribulation there's going to be these hundred and forty-four thousand. These are Jews, their eyes were blinded, but they're going to see. They're going to come alive, and they're going to come alive to the gospel of Christ and it's going to be a modelist. As I said, they're going to be filled with the Holy Ghost. And I love then again how He said, as many as I love; see, He loves and when He loves you know what He does? He rebukes and chastens, and He's **zealous**, and He wants them to repent, praise God, He comes after them. He's focused on them praise God, and we all have what He wants, and how zealous that man child becomes in that day. That hundred and forty-four thousand becomes a true powerhouse for Christ in a very dark time. So, we've got the bride that's gone, we got the innumerable company that's gone, and here now we have this hundred and forty-four thousand that's being ministered to that become that remnant of the Jews of the hundred and forty-four thousand. I mentioned they're called the man child; the child. They're not seen grown up fully mature like the bride, but it's very precious because that child still says they have a place of reigning, yes, but still a child. Yeah.

Now let's read about their ascension, and about their arrival in heaven. Go on over the Revelation Chapter Twelve, and in Revelation Twelve we'll begin reading from verse three and it says and there appeared another wonder; now listen here. In heaven, and behold a great red dragon having seven heads, and ten horns and seven crowns upon his heads, and his tail drew the third part of the stars in heaven and did cast them to the earth, and the dragon stood before the woman; we're going to talk about that woman in just a minute, which was ready to be delivered for to devour her child as soon as it was born. Now this child that's going to be born here is the hundred and forty-four thousand. This is this man child. We're going to get to this today; let's just put this in context. And she brought forth a man child who was to rule all nations; look at that, a man child's going to rule. Isn't that beautiful? Those hundred and forty-four thousand are going to have a place of reigning. Oh yes, they are, and they're going to have a place of reigning over what? Over all nations. And think of this as well too, remember the twelve disciples, they're going to be on twelve thrones that are ruling over those nations as well. So, these hundred and forty-four thousand praise God, I'm getting chills thinking of this, and how beautiful this is. Isn't it going to be beautiful the reigning of the Lord? How Israel is going to

be the ones that will be bringing forth and preaching to every creature. That's when we're really going to have a revival, and it's going to be Israel.

It's going to be this, it's going to be those twelve disciples on those thrones reigning over those tribes in those hundred and forty-four thousand reigning; isn't that beautiful, isn't that gorgeous? Reigning all nations with a rod of iron, and her child, so that hundred and forty-four thousand was caught up unto God and to His throne. I love that, so they're born, and we know what it's speaking of born; they're born again. They come to receive the things of God in a very, very, short time and then woop they're taken up, praise the Lord. Let's go on and read a little bit more of them. You see, this is what's so beautiful about Revelation. John's up there, and I'll tell you what, John is as Brother Ray Quintana said about coming in here is like drinking from a fire hydrant, praise God. Well let me tell you something, John was drinking from a fire hydrant. He was looking over here, and God had taken him, looking over there, he was seeing parts in heaven in different times and wonders at every place that he was looking. Alright? So, this same hundred and forty-four thousand that we see here in chapter twelve, we're going to see them and again. John's going to get another vision of them in chapter fourteen, verse one.

And John says and I looked and lo, a lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him; well, look at there. A hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. Isn't that grand? And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder, and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. Wow, how beautiful is that? And we'll get into this more and more, but notice the names that were written on the bride of Philadelphia? The three names, right? They're all referring to Christ; His bride, His own. Now here with this hundred and forty-four thousand who's name's written on there for Him? The Father, because once again we're dealing with Israel and God. Right? Praise the Lord. So, I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: as I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and look at this; and before who? The four beasts; there's the bride and before are the elders: there's the full overcomers of the Old Testament. And no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. Well, there, we got that other company. You see how many times it says it? You see how not everybody's getting to heaven at the same time? How could you say that? Because you don't know the word of God. Because you don't want to believe the word of God. If you want to know the word of God, praise God, God'll let you know and they will believe it.

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. They were redeemed from among men. Now this is wonderfully beautifully huge because we're going to take a sidestep here in just a minute, but remember this; *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Those firstfruits always speak. I shouldn't say always, but mostly will always speak of Israel. Alright? So, think of this, these firstfruits unto God, and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. They're not in the midst of the throne, are they? See where they're standing? before the throne. What other company was standing before the throne? The innumerable multitude. The bride praise God is that company that enjoys the midst of the throne,

The twenty-four elders enjoy seats with crowns around the throne, amen? But the innumerable multitude, and the hundred and forty-four thousand, their place is standing before the throne. Praise the Lord, and the Lord called them servants as we saw earlier on.

Now I want us to remember first fruits, they're standing before the throne, right? And it said specifically that they're standing before who? The four living ones, amen? We just studied, not too long-ago in Ephesians One; a precious verse. And in Eph 1:11 it says in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, this again is speaking of this bridal company, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the council of His own will, and this is what He wants for us. That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. You see it? Those first fruits representing those first who trusted in Christ; where were they, the hundred and forty-four thousand? They're before the throne. Who are they singing praises to and before the throne, and the four living ones; what are they doing? They're praising the glory of His grace; His wife. So, right here in Ephesians we should be in that company to the praise of His glory who first trusted in Christ. Praise God? You can get excited about it, but I just know how the word of God just substantiates it over and over in how many different ways; will you believe Me, will you trust Me, will you truly believe how much I love you? How much I'm in love with you? How when I tell you that what's mine is yours's and yours's is mine and glorified together, and ruling and reigning jointly together with Me what that truly means is exactly what it says? She will receive the glory that He receives; they will be glorified together. That's what glorified together means, she will receive everything with Him; with Him equally. Praise the Lord. Because He gives that to her because she took that grace, and because she has become that glory to Him. Praise God. Let that be an encouragement to you tonight.

Now, so we thank the Lord for this. So, now back to the hundred and forty-four thousand. They're also seen, go on over to Matthew Twenty-five and this is a precious portion of scripture that I believe we are all very familiar with. We're talking about the five wise, and the five foolish virgins. Alright? We'll see here, just briefly we'll touch this; these hundred and forty-four thousand are the five wise virgins. Alright? They're not the five foolish ones so let's read verses one through ten in Matthew Chapter Twenty-five. It says then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five of them *were* foolish. Now what did the Lord call these hundred and forty-four thousand that we just read? Virgins, amen? I knowing we're going quick but that's what He just called them over there in Revelation Fourteen, right? He called them virgins; they were virgins, so once again we have these virgins, alright? Five wise and five foolish. In verse three they that were foolish took their lamps, but took no oil with them; alright? Oil was speaking of the Holy Ghost. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. Alright? Now we know that the bride doesn't sleep right now does she? Uhuh, she's awake, and I feel like that even physically I'm awake, and I don't sleep. Jesus has lots of things to tell me during the night and that's okay. And then it says and at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, trimmed their lamps and the foolish said unto the wise; give us your oil for our lamps are gone out. So, they missed that opportunity, they were looking for something, but they didn't have the capacity to go on to meet what they knew was there, but they never received the power.

Now we can take that even in a sense encouragement. Without the Holy Ghost you'll never see the things that we need to see period. So, right here again this is showing that they're still virgins, they're still these wonderful sweet ones, but they could have had more. They too could have been ready but they refused the oil. They did not want it; it wasn't precious to them. But those wise ones the Holy Ghost was everything; they knew they needed that because they knew that there was a promise that was coming that they needed to be ready for. Only the Holy Ghost can get you ready for that promise. Alright? Even salvation brothers and sisters, we understand that. It's the Holy Ghost that deals with the heart to open up to receive Jesus Christ. That's the working of this time, it's the Holy Ghost. And just as the Lord spoke to the disciples, those disciples they knew of the Holy Ghost, and Jesus told them: He's been with you, He had to be with you to receive Me as Saviour. Amen. But He said but He's been with you, but He shall be in you, and this is the Lamp praise God that He's speaking of; the lamp that becomes full of the Holy Ghost, that vessel. So, then it said all these virgins arose and trimmed their lamps in verse seven, and the foolish said unto the wise give us your oil for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you. I tell you; you have to be that way if you're going to see God. But go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourself. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him, and this it says marriage, but it truly is interpreted the marriage feast: and the door was shut. So, they went into the marriage feast, and this is speaking of at this time in Rev 19:7 the marriage of the Lamb, or the marriage feast of the Lamb has come, and the bride hath made herself ready. This is exactly this place right here, and where we're at. So, the feast once again is what is being offered here. The marriage brothers and sisters has already happened; the marriage happens here. The marriage happens here; that's it, and these are the guests at the wedding. These are the guests; this is not the bride.

And so, we understand this offering to them is as guests to the wedding feast, and not the bride. So, we see, and it was sweet to my heart a brother encouraged me, go on over to Matthew Twenty-two, and let's read verse thirty. Now we heard this verse many times and this is true, but I want us to think of this, and this is what really encouraged my heart this brother testifying this in what the Lord was encouraging his heart in, how this means so much deeper than it does even on the surface. But in twenty-two thirty it says for in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. We understand on the surface our marriage is here; thank God for them, thank God for godly marriages, but they don't continue in heaven, they don't continue in the resurrection, and they don't continue in heaven, but doesn't the Lord always speak in a deeper layer all the ways too? So, think of this: the marriage has already happened, for in the resurrection there's no more marriage, and in heaven there's no more marriage; it's a wedding feast. Amen. See, that time shall be no more. When the bride is taken, that offering of being married to Christ is over. This is going on right now, so we thank the Lord for this. I mean how did we think that the Jewish custom of marriage began? It was all representative of Christ and His marriage to His wife; the company known as His bride. And once again in that way that that would happen, is the father would announce to a village, a city; whatever it would be that my son now is ready to take a wife. He would come out with his son, and he would offer the son to the women of that village, and they would come forth to choose him. It wasn't of his son to choose his wife it was for the wife; for that woman to choose that man as her husband. You know he wants to marry you. He said that they come to a full

knowledge of the truth; that's that infamy, fellowship for all men to have, but it's of us to come forward and say I'll marry him, I'll take him as my husband. Amen? And then at that time when that one would come forth, that contract would be signed; they were married. It wasn't a engagement, it was marriage. It was signed, it was done, it was a document. Everything would be paid, and exchanged, and done. The only thing that would be required after that is that is the husband had to have a place for his wife to abide with him. Often times he didn't have that place, he had to go prepare it, so he would go away and would prepare that place. Well, the Lord has told us in the word of God, I go to prepare a place for you.

Amen? So, this tracks exactly as God even gave us in type even in His earthly people in how marriage occurred. And then once he would have that place ready, tradition would have it he would gather his friends. Well, the Lord has gathered His friends; they're called the full overcomers of the Old Testament; they are with Him with Him right now. That's the cloud in the air. They were raised in Matthew Chapter Twenty-seven where it said many of the graves were open. Those full overcomers of the Old Testament, they received their glorified bodies, and they're there; that's the cloud of witnesses In First Thessalonians Chapter Four where it says that those who are alive and remain, it says the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the air, and those clouds are there; that cloud of witnesses. Isn't that gorgeous? Praise God, that's the cloud of witnesses in Hebrews Chapter Twelve where it speaks of all those wonderful things. So, we see this type, we see the type of the bride within a husband and wife just naturally speaking. The husband and wife are joint heirs. The children aren't joint heirs, they're heirs of the father, but the joint heir of the dad in a home is the woman. God gives us these things very simply. You talk about cookies on a shelf, they're not accidents the Lord gave us these specifically. So, we see here that the Lord is offering this rime that we have right now to take His Son's hand, to take Jesus the Lamb, His hand in marriage.

Now for the remainder of the night I want to go back to where we were in chapter twelve of Revelation and look at this glorious church in another vantage point that the word gives us here. Alright? So once again we're seeing the church gathered up and assembled in heaven. And so, we've seen the three companies, we've discussed them over the last few weeks. You see the bride, you see the innumerable multitude, and we see the hundred and forty-four thousand; that remnant of the Jew, alright? Now remember there's those three companies there, but there still is another company that was there waiting wasn't there, and who was that? Those were the full overcomers in the Old Testament, right? They were the ones that were gathered up to heaven, so we're always going to see with the church; with the church you're always going to see the full overcomers of the Old Testament. Yes, you are, and you're going to see them time and time again in Revelation. We first see them in Revelation as the twenty-four elders. The reason that you see that number twenty-four is that was the priestly number. Twenty-four was the priestly number of the Old Testament; we're going to see them number twelve here in a minute as well too Twenty-four is the priestly order, the number of twelve is the governmental order of the tribes of Israel. So, twenty-four and twelve are always speaking of Israel. Alright? There's always an encouragement there. Now, I want you to think of the bride that's seen in Revelation, there's two numbers that we always see about the bride. We see here as the four living ones, or the four

beasts. What does number four speak of? Weakness, amen. To go on into that holy of holies how many pillars were there? Four. In the holy of holies there were four.

To get into the holy place there were five, but when you're going all the way in it's all Him. It's all grace, and it's all mercy, there ain't a shred of new righteousness going in there; not a shred. That's the place of Paul's gospel, that's the place of the cherubim only found having His righteousness period, alright? That's the true worshipper that worships in the spirit and truth. Amen. So, there's number four, but we also see the bride as the seven angels. Right? So, there's four, and there's seven, so don't be confused. I mean think about Jesus Himself, we see Him as a lion, we see Him as a lamb, we see Him as a king. We read it in last week He was walking with white hair and fiery eyes. Amen. But we see the bride as four living ones, four beasts, but we also see the bride as seven angels or the messengers. And seven speaks of perfection; it's completion. Wasn't she in the stature, and the measure, and the fulness of Him? I think if we're in the measure, and the stature, and the fulness of Jesus Christ let me tell you something, you're really complete; you're a seven and a ten and all those things, but a seven in that regard; you understand. So, it's beautiful and wonderful to know the word of God. It makes you glad, it doesn't make you arrogant. I thank the Lord, I thank the Lord I know the scriptures because He said that we would know, not might know. This is the God that keeps coming at us and says you know because it's there and if it's there. Praise God, by His grace we will know and so we have that.

So, let's get back and read real quick about this woman in chapter twelve, in verse one. It says and there appeared a great wonder in heaven. That's important because we need to see where John is seeing these things. So, we're seeing this wonder of this woman in heaven. We're going to see here in a minute as well too on earth. So, there's part of her that is something else, but right now we see her in heaven. So, we have to think about what are we seeing about this woman in heaven. Alright? And it's a great wonder, so she's in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet. Upon her head a crown of twelve stars, and she being with child cried travailing in birth and was pained to be delivered. Now we had read earlier tonight, you already know the end of this story. In two verses she gives birth, it's a hundred and forty-four thousand and they're up in heaven. So, this is no mystery; this is very well known. This pregnancy that she's carrying, this birth that's going to happen is this hundred and forty-four thousand. Alright? And it's so sweet because she's seen in heaven as the church at this time, so let's examine her and let's look at this woman in heaven as the church. First of all, she's clothed with the sun. Right there knowing the word of God we know that we're talking about sun glory. The very first thing that is seen about that woman is what she's clothed in, and what that clothing is, is sun glory. That is the lampros white that we speak of that's the white garment; that glorious, illustrious garment that is only worn by two in the word of God; by Jesus Christ and His bride. Every other robe is a different type of a white, it's not a lampros, it's a leukos white. It's not to the same brilliance, it's not to the same glory.

Because when she is exalted, she will be exalted together with Him. She will be exalted to the same glory with Him; she will be just like Him so she will have this same radiance as Him. Does it not say that the bride, the Lamb's wife descends from heaven having the glory of God? And her light, she has a light and what is that light; the sun glory. Amen, like Him, it's the sun glory. So, this is why the very first thing that's seen of this woman who represents the church is

the sun glory; the bride. Alright? And next we see there's a moon that is under her feet. A moon is a wonderful celestial body, but it's a reflective light. It doesn't have the light to give like a sun, but it has light that's reflected. The moon speaks of the innumerable multitude, and it doesn't have the place of the presence of the very first thing that you would see, it's something after you've seen this beautiful garment that you're looking down and say oh, well there's another beautiful thing; it's under her and it's this moon. That speaks of the hundred and forty-four thousand. So, there is a glory there, but it's not to the same glory as the sun. Amen. I love looking at the moon. The sun you can't even look at it because it's so glorious, you've got to have a body like unto His own to see her, praise God.

So, there we see this glory, and then it says and upon her head the crown of twelve stars. Well, that's what we were speaking of just a moment ago. Those twelve stars represent the full overcomers of the Old Testament. That's those worthies of faith. Those are the ones that were raptured praise God out of their graves, resurrected in Mat 27:52. You want to go back, we have a few minutes, we can do it here? Go back to Matthew Twenty-seven. This is right when Jesus gave up the Ghost, and when the veil was rent in twain, and you go over to Matthew Twenty-seven in verse fifty-two, and let's read from verse fifty-one, and it says behold the veil of the temple was rent in twine from the top to the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. And the graves were open, and many bodies; many of the saints, not all of them, many which slept arose and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city and appeared unto many. There are the twelve stars, there are the twenty-four elders. They're seated around that throne in Revelation Four. Those are the full overcomers of the Old Testament. Their graves were open, and they arose, and they were resurrected, and thanks be to God they were even seen of many. Isn't that something?

It's amazing what kind of testimony went forth that people just do not want to believe. So, we that the Lord that this company is in heaven, and we thank the Lord that this cloud of witnesses, or the cloud of witnesses in Hebrews that is spoken of there, and they are the cloud that meet the Lord, and His wonderful bride in the air in First Thessalonians Chapter Four. So, let's speak of this last company here in verse two of Revelation Twelve, and it says and she being with child cried to them in birth in pain to be delivered. And she delivered them, didn't she? Amen. That hundred and forty-four thousand came forth. And I think sometimes, Lord, what a joy it's going to be, and did you see we read that it was that angel; it was one of those seven that we sealed that wonderful name of God in their foreheads. Oh, what the Lord's going to do with us. What He has for us. Don't you think, I'm telling you, not even for a minute, don't you think you've ever missed anything, you just haven't seen anything yet, but you know it's coming, and you have to know what's coming if you're going to participate in it. This isn't something you show up and you wonder what's going to happen, this is a readied wife that knows the ways of her husband. She knows His plans, she does; He shares them with her, they work and move together, and they glory in one another. It's a joy to walk with Him, isn't it? Enoch walked with God and was not. I want to be a part of a was not; What do you think huh? Really, someday maybe I'll be called better Brother Was Not; so there it was.

But it's going to be a grand time isn't it sweethearts? And then we're going to read God willing about this woman. Next week, we're going to talk about the next rank because see, that

woman after she gives birth, and that child is ascended up into heaven, the hundred and forty-four thousand; we read about it, right? It says that then she's seen on earth. So, she's even more in representation than just the church. She represents the continuation of God's people; oh my. It's all by the grace of God, we're going to know; we're going to re-know, and by the grace of God, we're going to know even better. Hallelujah, and I love studying the word of God with kids, It truly is a treasure, and I thank God for it. I just tell Him I just wish we could do it earlier in the day; I'm just as tired as you are, but that's okay. Gods got this time for us. Let's stand and be dismissed.