

WILL ANYONE BE SAVED AFTER THE RAPTURE?
Revelation 7:1-17

INTRODUCTION:

There can be no doubt, after a thorough study of Scripture relating to the Tribulation, that this time will reveal trouble, and sorrow the world has never known. ***Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21***

The question has been asked, “**Will Anyone Be Saved After The Rapture?** How about during the Tribulation Period?” This seems to be the question in ***Revelation 6:17 – For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

What about salvation during this time? ***Chapter seven*** indicates that a great multitude of both Jews and Gentiles will trust in the Lord after the Rapture.

PROBLEMS:

1. All the saved will be gone in the rapture.
2. The Holy Spirit will be removed as He is today.

QUESTION: How will people of the Tribulation period be saved? The basis of salvation during the Tribulation will be the same as it has been in every age. It is twofold.

1. Redemption by the Blood of Christ, ***Revelation 1:5; 5:9; Revelation 7:1-14; 12:11.***
2. Repentance of sin. ***Revelation 9:20-21; 16:9, 11.***

NOTE: Before we get into a study of this scripture in ***Revelation***, let me make a point as to **Who Will NOT Be Saved** during the Tribulation Period, ***II Thessalonians 2:7-12***, that day!

TRANS. SENTENCE Who will be saved?

I. THE 144,000 - *Revelation 7:4*

II. AN UNNUMBERED MULTITUDE, WHO ARE THEY? - *Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 7:9*

III. WHO ARE THEY THE TWO WITNESSES? - *Revelation 11:3-12.*

A. The Two Witnesses

1. Much has been written concerning the identity of these two. Because God has not chosen to tell us exactly who they are, we can only offer ideas or suggestions.
 2. Some of the most reliable suggestions are Elijah and Enoch; or Elijah and John the Baptist; or Moses and Elijah.
 - a. Evidence for Enoch. His translation without seeing death in conjunction with - **Hebrews 9:27; Genesis 5:24.**
 - b. Evidence of Elijah.
 - (1) His ministry is similar to that of the Two Witnesses **James 5:17; II Kings 1:9-15.**
 - (2) His manner of being taken to heaven - **II Kings 2:9-11, 17.**
 - (3) He appeared in a body on the Mount of Transfiguration.
 - (4) The prophecy that Elijah must come before the day of the Lord - **Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 17:10-11.**
 - c. Evidence for Moses.
 - (1) 250 men destroyed by fire - **Numbers 16:28, 35**
 - (2) Similarity of his ministry and that of the witnesses **V:17** - water turned to blood - **Exodus 7:17-20.**
 - (3) His appearance on the Mount of Transfiguration with Elijah. **Matthew 17:3** - **"And, behold there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him."**
 - (4) Moses also had an unusual death - **Deuteronomy 34:5-7.**
 3. Even though I feel scripture establishes the Two Witnesses as Moses and Elijah, I will conclude by saying if their identity was important, God would plainly tell us who they were.
 - a. Their importance then is not in who they are, but in what they are to do.
 - b. Jewish law required two witnesses for evidence to be considered valid - **Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15; II Corinthians 13:1.**
 - c. God sends these two witnesses as an indictment against the rule of the Antichrist.
- B. The Time Of Their Prophecies: - Chapter 11:3** - They will prophesy 3 ½ years: 42 months, 1,260 days.
- C. The Testimony Of The Two Witnesses:**
1. Note what they will be doing:
 - a. they will testify unsparingly of human wickedness to men's faces.
 - b. they will testify that the judgments just past - **Chapters 6, 8, 9**, came directly from God and warn of coming judgments even far more horrifying
 - c. they will refute the claims of the Anti-Christ.
 - d. they will tell the Jews that they killed the Lord Jesus but that He will yet be King over all the earth, **I Thessalonians 2:15-16; Acts 7:52.**

- e. Such witness as this will bring out man's wickedness and men will simply rave to destroy these two.

D. The Authority Of These Witnesses – **Revelation 11:6**

1. Divine authority of such character and such dimensions, worldwide in scope, has never been committed to men before.
2. **"As often as they will"** – indicates that they may smite the earth with every plague as often they desire.
3. Those who seek to oppose or harm them, **V:5 - "Fire proceedeth out of their mouth, an devoureth their enemies"**, - **II Kings 1:7-14; Numbers 16:35**.
Note: These witnesses are prophesying, not during the age of grace but an age of judgment.
4. They will supernaturally be protected by God until they finish their testimony – **V:7**

E. Some Things About These Two Witnesses.

1. These are two real people; they are to prophesy; they are clothed in sackcloth and they die.
2. They actually stand upon the earth and prophesy for a definite period of time - **V:3**
 - a. they are called prophets – **V:10**.
 - b. they have power to turn water into blood – **V:6; Exodus 7:17**.
 - c. they are empowered by heaven to withhold rain - **V:6; I Kings 17:1; Luke 4:25**.
 - d. they have power to smite the earth with plagues – **V:6**.
3. They will finish their testimony on earth and will be invincible until their work is finished, then God will permit them to be killed. They were put here for a reason – **V:7**.
4. War is made against them by the beast and they are overcome by him and are actually killed, possibly executed by being beheaded as this was the method of the Anti-Christ – **VS: 7; 20:4**.
5. Their dead bodies lie on public display in the streets of Jerusalem where the entire world will see – **VS: 8-9**
 - a. Their bodies remain there 3 ½ days being denied burial, contrary to Jewish law – **V: 9; Deuteronomy 21:22-23**.
 - b. It will be a time of worldwide rejoicing among the people, there will be exchanging of gifts as a token of their joy and as an open show of their hatred and hardness of heart - **V:10**.
 - (1) most people weep at funerals but this is a time of rejoicing. This is the real revelation of the wickedness of the heart of man.
 - (2) No moral or spiritual restraint is left – no conscience.

- (3) This is the only mention of rejoicing on the earth during the Tribulation Period and it is because of the death of these **"Two Witnesses"**. Such rejoicing is short lived.

F. The Resurrection Of The Two Witnesses – **V:12**.

1. There have been other resurrections before this.
 - a. this is the only instance where a resurrection was seen by human eyes.
 - b. when the Lord was resurrected, none saw it.
 - c. when the dead in Christ are resurrected, none will see it.
 - d. but for these, their enemies saw them.
2. A cloud was used as the vehicle for taking them to heaven – **V12**.

CONCLUSION:

Yes, there will be folks from all parts of the world saved during the Tribulation Period. Once again, we see the grace of God manifested.

Those of you here today, that are lost, **"Today is the day of salvation"**, for you".

Don't deceive yourself into thinking you will be saved later, **"Now is the accepted time"**.