

GRACE TO JEWS AND GENTILES 3: THE REMNANT

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First of all I really want to thank the Lord, there have been a lot of questions as well as comments related to the subject we're on. In fact, it started with a question. That really rejoices my heart because I desire to see that there is hunger in the hearts.

If I was never asked a question or if nobody ever mentioned anything, then I would question: really how important is this for those who are listening? But both here as well as abroad by emails there has been discussion about this message and I really thank the Lord for that.

This morning I'd like to start by going to Revelation 12.

My thought had been to go ahead and speak more about the 144 000 today and Lord willing we'll still do that if we get that far. If not, then we will as we continue the message.

As I was studying this and also reading in the Contender, I noticed something that Brother Jackson had seen that I hadn't really noticed before and it's very beautiful how it all fits together.

So if we could just read verse 17. It says here:

Revelation 12:17
And the dragon was wrath with the woman,

Now we know that the dragon is the spirit of Satan himself but his anger will be expressed through the antichrist which we know will be a pope. [Revelation 13:18] I would personally be very surprised if it's not the next one from the pope that we have now.

We can go all the way back to Pope John Paul II and probably before him but my memory doesn't go back that far. I mean I think he was elected back in the 70s and that's when I was born. He really began to do a work that very much elevated the office of the papacy.

Then Benedict, I will personally say, he did not do that as much. Benedict was actually more of what we might call a true Catholic, whatever that exactly means but I'm talking about the doctrine of the Catholic Church.

But this current pope has very much popularized the papacy even further.

I remember when the Cardinals came to a decision. I was actually watching something on television which I practically never do but they interrupted the program to announce that they had a special news report: the Cardinals had come to a decision. The very journalist who was giving the news, a very popular and experienced journalist, his eyes were getting watery and he was getting choked up.

The first thing they teach journalists is that their job is to give the news. They're not supposed to get emotionally involved or even express their position but they're just supposed to tell the news. Well we know that's *not* what happens today: there is such a strong liberal, anti-god and false sentiment in much of the news.

Most of the time, and I would say almost all the time, they tend to be able to not let their emotions come in to that extent, but oh this was such a great announcement: the new pope!

I've always said: why? Is that the *only* religion? Why don't they tell when there's a new president of the Southern Baptist convention? I mean I don't even know if they have a president, I don't know how that works. But I know that there are different leaders of different organizations, right?

And there are other religions out there, Hinduism and Buddhism and others. I'm not saying I'm in favour at all, but my point is: when the Catholic Church has a leadership change, it's world news. Any other religion, no matter what it is, we hardly even know how the leadership works unless we're a part of that religion.

Revelation 12:17
the dragon was wroth with the woman,

We're not going to read through all of Revelation 12 this morning. We've taken it as a subject before but we know this *woman* is *spiritual Israel*. She is going to listen to the message of the *two prophets* during the *first half* of the Week [Revelation 11:3] and she will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord. She will be baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In fact, we could go back but I'll save that for now. Let's just keep in mind: this *woman* is *spiritual Israel*.

When it says *the dragon was wroth with her* [Revelation 12:17] the antichrist is not going to have a list of everybody's name who is part of this *woman* but what he'll see is that this is a people who *does not recognize him*, who *does not exalt him*. His attitude will be: he's going to be against anybody who does not recognize him. Amen.

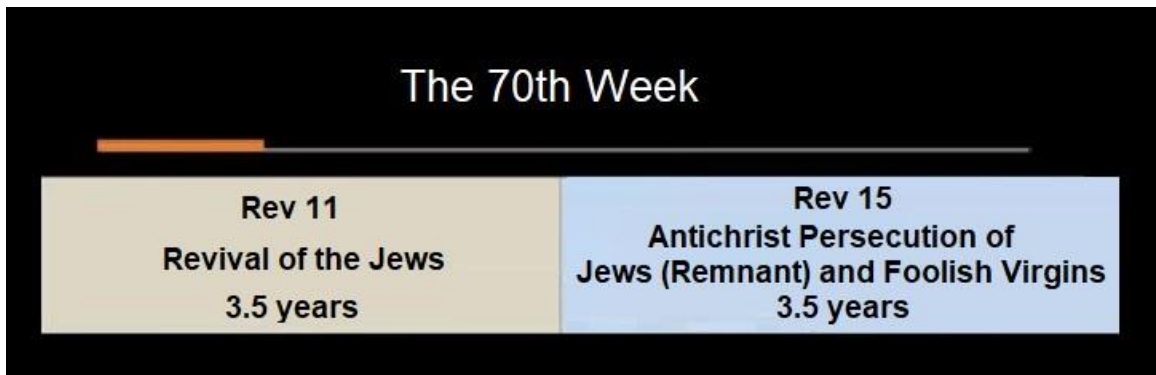
Now it says:

Revelation 12:17

and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday I mentioned the spiritual Jews who will not flee to the United States. Of course we already know about this group because of the *sea of glass*. [Revelation 15:2]

In fact, I had this slide up last Sunday to show the Jews and the foolish virgins.



In Revelation 12:17 what Brother Jackson looked at, when we see the word *remnant of her seed*, we have of course those who *keep the commandments of God* which clearly identifies *Jews* but those who have *the testimony of Jesus Christ*, that is also identifying the *foolish virgins*. [Matthew 25:2]

We might say: well how is that *the remnant of her seed*? And I'm not sure but maybe to a certain extent this even gets back to the original question which was: are the foolish virgins *Jews*?

We know the foolish virgins themselves are *not* Jews but we also know that Abraham is *the father of the faith*, right? [Romans 4:16] And here it speaks of the *remnant of her seed*.

So let's go to Galatians chapter 3.

Here it's written:

Galatians 3:5

He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:6

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:7

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith,

In other words: the others *who also believe God.*

It says here:

Galatians 3:7

the same are the children of Abraham.

Amen.

What we have here is: yes there is a *natural* lineage and there will also be a representation of the lineage which is *spiritual*. That's what we're calling *spiritual Israel*.

Just as Paul said: *and so all Israel shall be saved* [Romans 11:26] there will be a representation from every tribe.

There are many Jews who will be happy to go along with the antichrist but the *true spiritual Jew* will not.

Yet he says here:

Galatians 3:7

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

He is speaking here specifically to *Gentiles*. They had actually been bothered by some so-called ministers who were saying they had to keep certain things of the law and even circumcision in order to be saved.

Here Paul is making it clear: if you *believe* the Word of God that He gives you *for your day*, then you are *of the faith*. And *spiritually* you are a son or daughter of Abraham.

He says here:

Galatians 3:7

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:8

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith,

In Spanish it says: He would justify *the Gentiles* through faith.

Galatians 3:8

preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Or *in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.* [Genesis 12:3]

Praise the Lord.

So let's actually see a part of that. We're not going to read all of it but let's go to the book of Genesis.

It says here:

Genesis 13:14

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

Genesis 13:15

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Now the *seed* mentioned here that will have the land, that's the *natural seed*. We know when He says *for ever*, it's that portion of the *natural seed* which is also *spiritual* or what we are referring to today as *spiritual Israel*.

But then he says:

Genesis 13:16

And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

That actually reminds me of *the great multitude* in the second half of Revelation 7 It says *which no man could number.* [Revelation 7:9]

Now we know that God gave Abraham and his seed a very good piece of land. It's not just what we see today. Like I've said before, the land of Israel that we see today is about the size of Maricopa County or maybe smaller, but that's *not* all the land that God has for Israel. He has *more land* for that nation and we've projected maps of it up here before.

But all the land that God has for Israel, I doubt it even is as much as the entire State of Arizona. So if we look at that land and we say: but *the number of his seed is going to be as the dust of the earth* and basically *something man can't count* [Genesis 13:16] then how is that going to fit?

This is where we need to remember what we just read in Galatians. Yes there is the natural seed but more importantly there is the *spiritual seed*. Paul said that *if we are of the faith, Abraham is our father*. [Galatians 3:7] So we are *spiritual seed* of Abraham. Amen.

Here he says:

Genesis 13:16
And I will make thy seed

That's now including *all the spiritual seed*.

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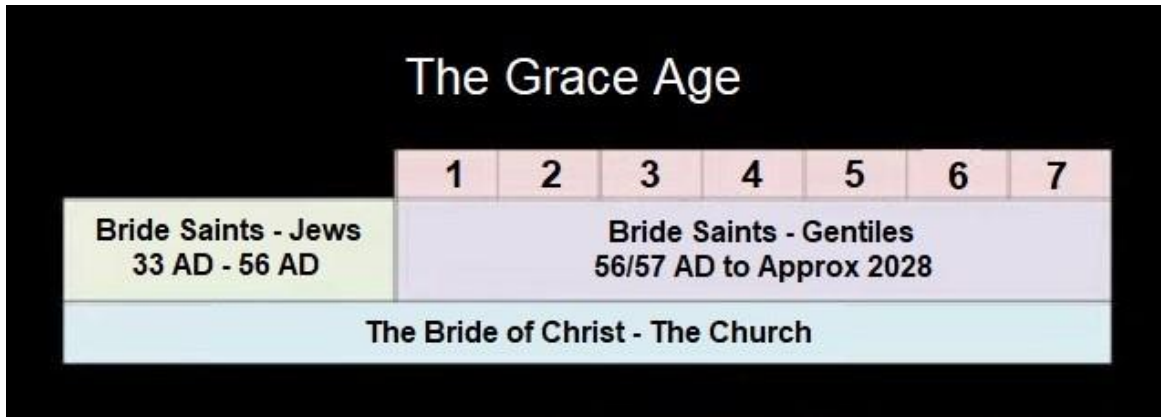
What he's really saying here is: *it cannot be numbered*. We read that in the book of Revelation in the second half of chapter 7.

Now yes we know about the *bride saints* and we know there are very few today but in previous Church Ages there were more. There were many who came in even from Israel in the beginning.

Let me say: this is one thing I hope is not confusing for anybody. When we speak of Jews and Gentiles, we see so many places where the Jews are dealt with *one way* and the Gentiles are a different group dealt with *another way*.

We know in the end it's *all* by the blood of Christ. It's *all* the work of Christ that brings us to salvation. And then we walk with the Lord by faith in the light of truth for our day by the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.

When we look at *the Bride*, this is one group that consists both of Jew and Gentile. Today we are focusing very much on the Gentile part of that because that's *who we are* and that's where God is working *today*. Praise the Lord.



We have here in this lilac-coloured rectangle a period that began around 56 ~ 57 AD and it runs all the way down to the end of what we call *the mystery of God* or *the Gentile age*. [Revelation 10:7]

But before that, the Jews, or I shouldn't say *the Jews*, but *there were Jews* who were brought in. That's what we read about in the book of Acts or at least in the beginning on the day of Pentecost: *three thousand souls*. [Acts 2:41]

I have to say: it would be beautiful if there were three thousand souls in the bride *today*. You might say: oh Brother, you don't know how many there are. Well that's true, I don't. But from what I can see, I really don't see how there could be three thousand today.

In another place it speaks of another *five thousand*. [Acts 4:4] That's a total of eight thousand. These are *Jews* that are part of the Bride of Christ. Peter, James, John and the other apostles, and those who sat under their ministry, those are *bride saints*. Praise the Lord.

That's *not* the woman of Revelation 12. I mean in a general sense yes they are still part of *spiritual Israel* if you want to look at it like that, but *not* in the application of the Week of Daniel.

They are *bride saints*. So the bride consists of both *Jew* and *Gentile*.

The way God separated those groups was not by dealing with them in different ways but it was at *different times*. He started with the *Jews* then He went to the *Gentiles*.

What did Paul say? He said that *the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of salvation*. He said: *to the Jew first and then also to the Gentile*. [Romans 1:16] And if we grow in the fullness of our potential then we are a *bride saint*.

Now let's go back to Revelation 12.

In verse 17 the *spiritual Jews* are identified as those who *keep the commandments of God*. I will say more about this later but there's a part I am still studying.

Revelation 12:17
and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

This also identifies the *foolish virgins*. [Matthew 25:1-13]

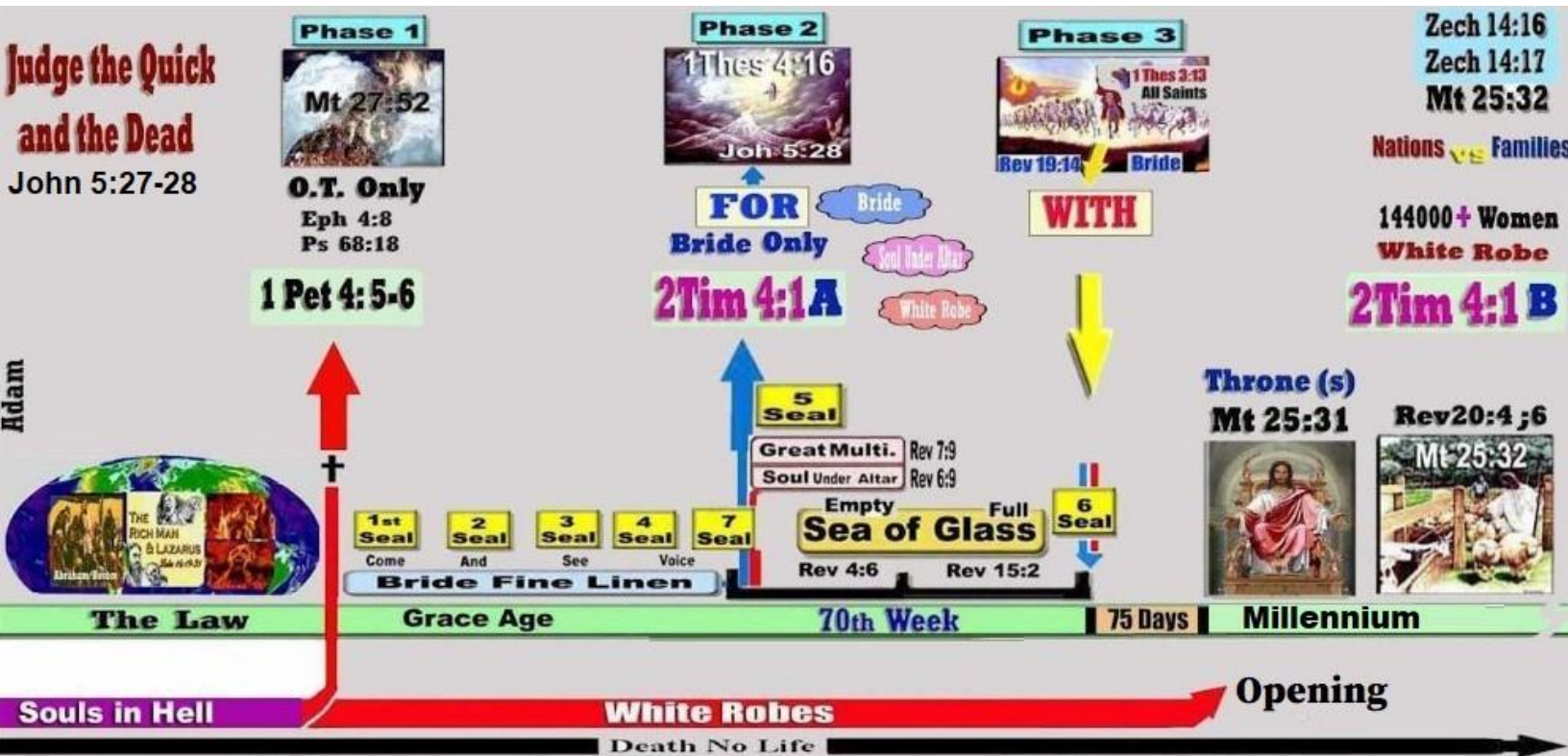
We know the *foolish virgins* are Christians, right? Amen. But we can also see how they can be viewed as *the remnant of the seed of the woman - spiritual Israel* [Revelation 12:17] because *by faith* they also have *Abraham as their father*. [Galatians 3:7] Praise the Lord.

Remember: the foolish virgins are *not* tares but they are true Christians. I will just use my own terminology: they were a little too slow to receive the Word for their day. They were *not* against the Word but they didn't see the urgency nor did they really have the pull to receive all that the Lord had for them for their day.

They still have *salvation*. They have believed their portion of the Word of God which is the salvation message and there are certain things beyond it as well. They did not just stop at John 3:16 like so much of the church world wants to do today. But we can say: the foolish virgins are many times very drawn to the works of the Holy Ghost.

So they do have *a portion of faith* and as such they also have *Abraham as their father*. They are *a remnant* because at this point in the Week of Daniel *the great multitude* [Revelation 7:9] has already died and the Bride Age is over. The bride is already resurrected and she is already with the Lord.

Now I want to show this right here:



We have to understand: the foolish virgins *who are Gentiles* are still saved in the Grace Age. Once we get into the 70th Week, God will no longer be drawing the Gentiles.

In fact, it's not on this chart, but once that Seventh Seal is broken, there will be a little season of approximately three-and-a-half years. [Revelation 8:1] This will actually be a little bit before the 70th Week starts, that's when the Lord, we can say, will stop drawing the Gentiles and He will go to the Jews.

We may have a question: what about Gentiles who are born around that time? Or maybe even a little before that time but they haven't come to an age of accountability?

Well let's remember two things: number one, God is a just God. Praise the Lord. But I will also say: whoever does reach the age of accountability during this 70th Week will have their opportunity.

Remember: the Lord knows the heart from the beginning. If their heart is right, they will have their opportunity in the *second half* of the Week of Daniel.

They're not going to hear the gospel message as we hear it today, but they're going to hear the 144 000 preach *the Everlasting Gospel*, that's in Revelation 14. It's going to be a message showing them how to stay away from the *mark of the beast* in the, how can I say it? In the spiritual atmosphere of that day which will be a *very anti-god environment*. [2Thessalonians 2:4]

I really don't understand what people are thinking today. There is a basketball player, he's an extremely good basketball player but his ideas about politics and how the world should be run are just completely worthless as far as I'm concerned. But for some reason, every time he has something to say about government or politics, they're splashing it all over the news: oh *this person* is saying it.

He's *not* an elected official, he *doesn't* have any academic specialty in government or anything like that but because he's a great basketball player somehow he has a right to tell us how we should be living our lives. I have to say: that's the most backwards way of thinking.

Somebody could have a great talent for anything. If God has given somebody great talent as a swimmer, that doesn't mean they have the right or the knowledge to tell other people how to live their lives. That doesn't put them above anybody else.

But today if someone is famous or respected in some area and they say something like: I don't believe in God, then many people seem to have the attitude: well maybe I shouldn't either. I have to say: it's a very sad condition when we get to that point but that's exactly what's happening today.

By the time we get to the middle of the Week of Daniel, I don't mean *us*, we will be gone, but at that time, there's going to be such an atheistic spirit, that's part of what the *Everlasting Gospel* is about: *recognize that there is a God and give Him glory*. [Revelation 14:6-7] Praise the Lord.

Those who will *receive* that message will end up becoming the *sheep nations* that we read about in Matthew 25.

When I say *nations* let's not be confused, it's probably better understood if I say *families*. They will go into the Millennium. They will *not* be killed during the Day of the Lord. God will protect them. Praise the Lord. They are actually the ones who will repopulate the earth in the Millennium. [Matthew 25:32-34]

Getting back to what we're looking at this morning, at the end of verse 17 it says here:

Revelation 12:17
which keep the commandments of God,

That's very clearly the *spiritual Jews* who do not come to the United States or let's say: who do not *flee to the wilderness*.

Revelation 12:17
and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

That also brings in the *foolish virgins* because they are also *remnant of her seed*.

Now we already read and dealt with that as far as they end up *standing on the sea of glass*. [Revelation 15:2] We talked about that last Sunday. There's a very nice parallel here but before I get to that, I'd like to show this slide.

Here we have the three different classes mentioned in the book of Revelation. I mean, there are more but these three are specifically interconnected.

- **The 144,000 – Jews – The Firstfruits**
- **The Woman of Revelation 12 – Spiritual Israel – Flees to the wilderness**
- **The Remnant of Her Seed –**
Keep the Commandments of God – Spiritual Jews
Have the Testimony of Jesus Christ – Foolish Virgins

First of all: the 144 000. We don't read about them directly in Revelation 12 but we read about them in the first half of Revelation 7. There is 12 000 *from each tribe*. [Revelation 7:4-8] We can say this is the manifestation of what Paul spoke: *all Israel shall be saved*. [Romans 11:26]

Then we have the Woman of Revelation 12. Now yes, if we look at the big picture, the *woman* goes all the way back to the Law Age and all the way forward to the Millennium. So in the big picture, *all of spiritual Israel* is contained in the Woman of Revelation 12.

But notice: this was *not* shown to a prophet back in the Old Testament. This was shown to John in the book of Revelation. In this context, when we read about the *woman*, we're really reading about her as what the Lord is going to do *in that Week of Daniel*.

So that restricts it and when we say the *woman*, we're speaking more specifically what the Lord will do with her *in the 70th Week*.

It even distinguishes her from the 144 000.

Yes the 144 000 are still spiritual Jews. In the general sense, they're still part of the *woman*, but if you read about the *woman* and it says that *she did this* and *she did that*, we don't include the 144 000 in that because it's specified *elsewhere* how God is going to work with them.

So to think about this correctly: we have the 144 000, that's in Revelation 7 and Revelation 14. In the big picture, these will be *the firstfruits* [Revelation 14:4] when the *two prophets* [Revelation 11:3] preach the gospel message in the *first half* of the 70th Week of Daniel. The 144 000 will be the first ones to receive that message.

Yes they are *Jews* but they are the first ones who will see that *Jesus Christ is their Messiah*. Praise the Lord. And it won't be just them but it will be their wives and their children, as long as they're at an age to understand.

Then as the first three-and-a-half years continue, others that they know will also receive that message and there will be a *great revival*. I don't know the number but if 144 000 are the *firstfruits*, it may go up to a million, I don't know.

But I do know that's going to be a beautiful wonderful revival of the Spirit of God being poured out as those prophets minister in the first half of the Week of Daniel. [Joel 2:28]

- The Remnant of Her Seed -

**Keep the Commandments of God – Spiritual Jews
Have the Testimony of Jesus Christ – Foolish Virgins**

Now we have *the remnant of her seed*. [Revelation 12:17]

In *the remnant of her seed*, the *Jews* are identified by the first part *those who keep the commandments of God*, and the *foolish virgins* are identified by the second part *those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ*. That makes up *the remnant of her seed*.

On this next slide, the first line is what we actually looked at last time.

	Spiritual Jews	Foolish Virgins
Rev 15:3	Sing the Song of Moses	Sing the Song of the Lamb
Rev 12:17	Keep the Commandments of God	Have the Testimony of Jesus Christ
Rev 14:12	Keep the Commandments of God	Faith of Jesus

The left-hand column is looking at the *spiritual Jews*, and the right-hand column is looking at or including the *foolish virgins*.

So we looked at Revelation 15:3 which spoke of those who sing *the song of Moses*, of course they are the *Jews*, and those who sing *the song of the Lamb* that includes the *foolish virgins*. That's Revelation 15:3

Now where are they? They're on the *sea of glass*. [Revelation 15:2] These groups will be slain in the 70th Week of Daniel.

Like I said at the beginning, the antichrist is not going to say: I have a list here of the Foolish Virgins and Spiritual Jews and I'm going to go after them. He's going to go against *everybody who doesn't recognize him as God for his dominion* which is that *old beast dominion*. He's going to go after *everyone who does not accept his mandate*. [Revelation 13:15]

We have to understand: the only ones who are actually going to be able to stand *against that* and *subject themselves to torture and death* are these two groups. At least for what we're reading in these chapters, because yes at that time there will also be the *sheep nations*. [Matthew 25:32]

We also have in Revelation 12:17 those who *keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*. They are the *Jews and foolish virgins*.

In Revelation 14 is where it speaks of the *Everlasting Gospel*.

Revelation 14:12 is at the *beginning of the second half* of the 70th Week of Daniel. That's where it says *blessed are they who die in the Lord from this point on*. [Revelation 14:13] That may not be exactly how it's written but that's my way of rephrasing it.

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Again, those who *keep the commandments of God* are the *Jews* and those who *have the faith of Jesus* are the *foolish virgins*. [Revelation 14:12]

In these three places we see these two groups identified in the same way: *the remnant of her seed*. [Revelation 12:17] They are the ones seen on the *sea of glass*. [Revelation 15:2]

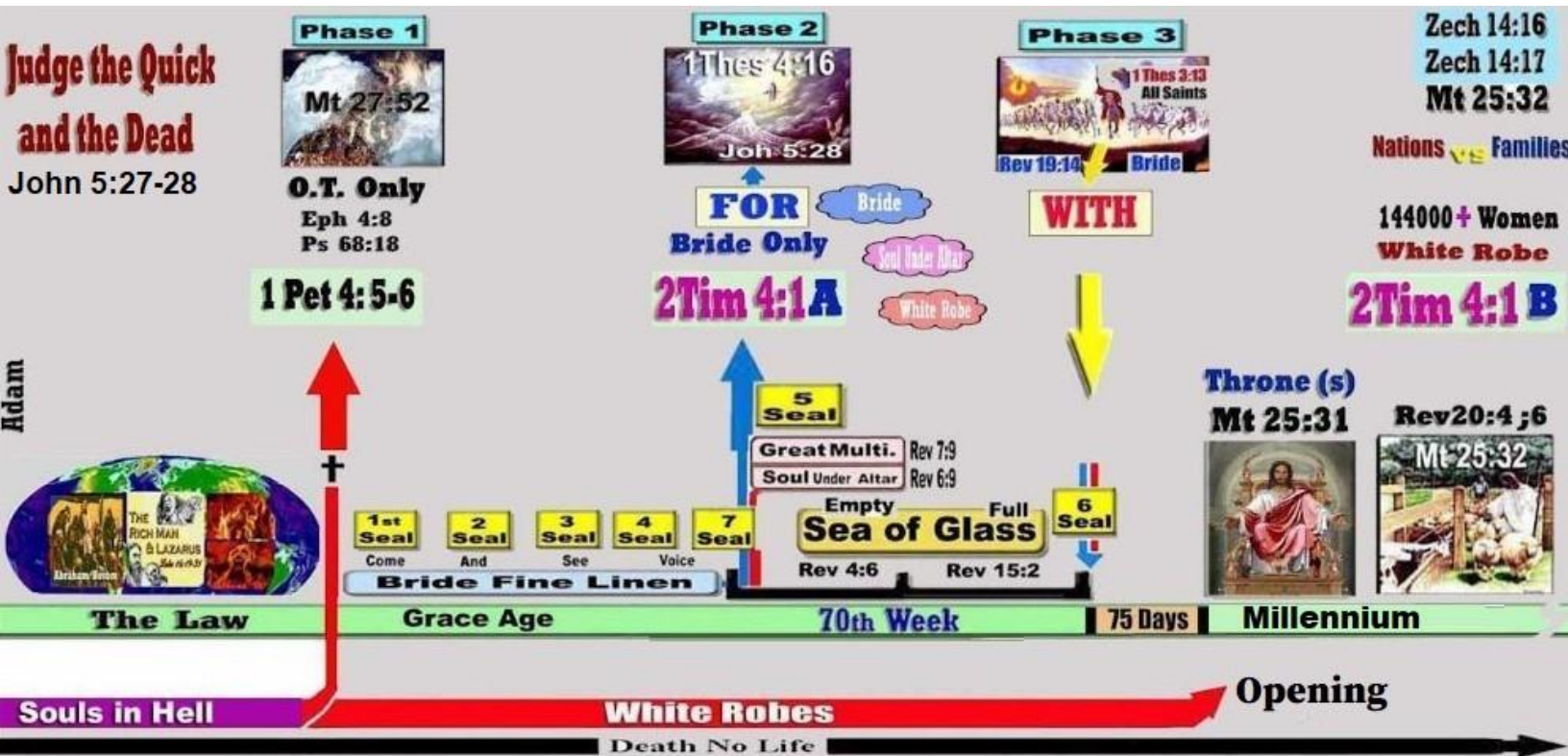
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Here *the remnant of her seed*, these are slain in the *second half* of the Week.

I'm closing now. I see the time so I'm going to go ahead and close.

But first let me say: the Woman of Revelation 12, we know it says *she flees to the wilderness where she is protected for a time, times, and a half a time*. In other words: *for three-and-a-half years*. [Revelation 12:14]



So here is my question: why would God *reserve a place to protect the Woman throughout the second half of the Week of Daniel* [Revelation 12:6] if she is then going to be slain at the end of the Week?

Of course we can say: that makes no sense, that's not logical.

We have to understand: she will go through those *75 days* and she will enter the Millennium *alive*. She will be *preserved in the wilderness* which we know to be the United States. She will be preserved there and she will go into the Millennium.

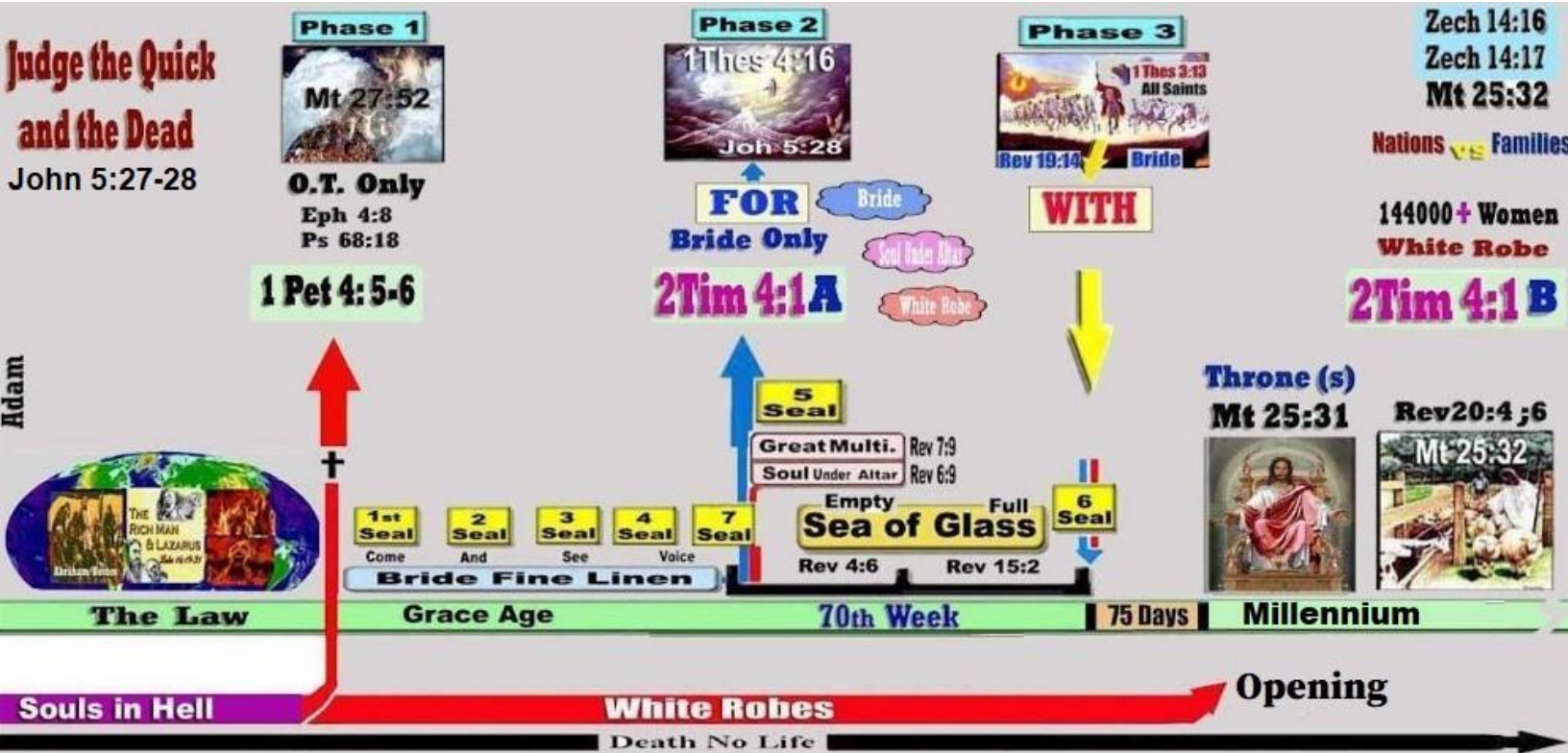
Even when *the wrath of God is poured out* [Revelation 19:15] God knows *each and every one* and we can say: He will not allow them to be killed.

The same is true for the 144 000.

- The 144,000 – Jews – The Firstfruits

The 144 000 will *not* flee to the wilderness. They will actually be *sent out by God to different nations*. [Revelation 14:6] We didn't get to that today but we're going to look at that as we continue.

They will also be *preserved* and they will enter the Millennium *with life*. They are part of those where it was told to Daniel: *blessed are those who wait or blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335 days*. [Daniel 12:12]



If we go from the *middle* to the *end* of the Week, that's 1260 days. Then we also have the other 75 days that Daniel spoke about where the *wrath of God* will be poured out in preparation for the Millennium.

If we add 75 days to the 1260, that gives us 1335 days. That's why it says *blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to that time* because then they will enter the Millennium *with life*. In other words: they will *not* be slain in the judgement.

I know I said I was going to stop so I'll stop. Let's go ahead and stand.