

Overcomers by the Blood of the Lamb



The last text of the Sixth Seal asks the question “the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” The only ones that will be found in the Heavenly New Jerusalem are those that overcome by the blood of the Lamb keeping all of God’s ten commandments Rev 5:9,10; 12:11; 22:14. In Revelation chapter 7 the answer to this question is given by mentioning two groups. The first group is the 144,000 and the second group is the great multitude which no man could number Rev 7:4,9. The 144,000 are sealed with the living God. What is this seal? How do you obtain it? Who gives it? Through the Seven Seals we noticed the blessings and cursings that came on those that either kept the covenant of God or broke it Lev 26:1-46; Deut 7:26; 28:1-68; 29:1-29; Josh 6:18; 7:13; Zech 5:3,4; Mal 2:2. During this lesson we will see the final reward of those that keep His covenant. We will find out what is the seal or sign of the covenant and how we can overcome every hereditary and cultivated tendency to evil.

THE FOUR ANGELS HOLDING BACK THE FOUR WINDS OF STRIFE

1. What were the four angels doing and for what reason? Rev 7:1-3. See notes below.

Ans: a. And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, _____ the four _____ of the earth, that the wind should not _____ on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And 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 _____ the servants of our God in their _____. Rev 7:1-3.

Ans: b. So when relating a new vision “after this” is John’s _____ to the new scene presented to him.

Ans: c. John used the words “I saw” or “I looked” repeatedly to introduce new _____ or important new symbols

Ans: d. The four corners of the earth _____, west, north, and _____ are where God’s people shall be gathered from because Christ’s blood has _____ them when sprinkled symbolically on the mercy seat and the altar seven times. See note below.

Ans: e. The holding of the four winds by the four angels is to stop the _____ and _____ that would destroy the wicked. This allows the Holy _____ to work on the righteous to help them grow in _____ and _____ in readiness to be gathered by the angels at the Second Coming. See note below.

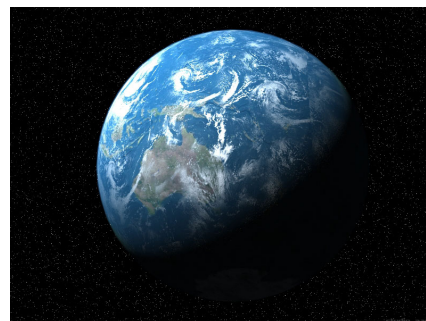
Ans: f. The wind being prevented from blowing on the earth, sea, or trees is symbolically representing the angels of God holding back political upheaval and war in well _____ and more sparsely populated _____ of the world including every _____ existing on the earth. See note below.

Ans: g. East being the direction from which the angel comes from, then, may therefore denote that he _____ from, and is _____ by, _____ . See note below.

And after these things. That is, after John had seen the vision of chapters 4,5, and 6. The words “after this” do not imply any chronological relationship between the closing events of the preceding vision and the one about to be related. John used this term when He had just seen the vision of the Seven Churches in chapters 1,2, and 3. So when relating a new vision “after this” is John’s introduction to the new scene presented to him. Daniel used the same words to describe a new section of his visions Dan 7:6,7.

I saw. John used the words “I saw” or “I looked” repeatedly to introduce new scenes or important new symbols Rev 1:12,17; 4:4; 5:1,2; 6:1,2,9; 7:1,2; 8:2; 9:1,17; 10:1,5; 13:2,3; 14:6; 15:1,2; 16:13; 17:3,6; 18:1; 19:11,17,19; 20:1,4; 4:1; 6:8; 14:1,14; 15:5. Words denoting visual communication and perception occur 73 times in the Revelation, and words denoting audio communication and perception, 38 times. The Revelation is a factual, eye- and ear-witness report of what John saw and heard while in vision.

Four angels standing on the Four Corners of the earth. God’s people come from the Four Corners of the earth Isa 11:12. In the Earthly Sanctuary there was an ark of gold that had four rings on it’s Four Corners Ex 25:10-12. On the top of the ark was the mercy seat Ex 25:21. Blood was sprinkled on this mercy seat seven times with the blood of a bullock and seven times with the blood of a goat on the day of atonement Lev 16:14-16. There was an altar of brass in the courtyard where the lambs were slain that had four horns on the Four Corners Ex 27:1-4. This altar of burnt offerings was also sprinkled with the blood of the Bullock and the Goat seven times Lev 16:19. This ceremony was symbolic of the cleansing of all the sins of the people Lev 16:30,34. The four corners of the earth are east, south, north and west to where God’s people have been scattered Gen 28:14. The molten sea or laver in Solomon’s Temple or Sanctuary had three oxen looking north, three looking west, three looking south, and three looking east 1 Kings 7:23-25. The four quarters of the Sanctuary were guarded on the east, west, north and south 1 Chron 9:23,24. The Lord will redeem from the hands of their enemies all His people from all the lands from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south Ps 107:1-3. The four corners of the earth east, west, north, and south are where God’s people shall be gathered from because Christ’s blood has redeemed them when sprinkled symbolically on the mercy seat and the altar seven times.



Holding the four winds of the earth. The four winds of the earth are also a symbol of east, south, west, and north where the angels will gather God’s people from at the Second Coming of Christ Mt 24: 31; Mk 13:27. The four winds blowing on the sea are symbolic of war and strife as nation fights against nation for the supremacy Dan 7:2-7,24. Wind is a symbol also of doctrine Eph 4:14. Those that have no faith will be like a wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed James 1:5,6. Wind represents the moving of the Holy Spirit like at Pentecost Acts 2:2; Jn 3:8. Wind is the symbol of the result of trouble Prov 11:29. Wind symbolically destroys the chaff or wicked Job 21:17,18; Ps 1:4; 35:5; Dan 2:35. The holding of the four winds by the four angels is to stop the strife and war that would destroy the wicked. This allows the Holy Spirit to work on the

righteous to help them grow in faith and doctrine in readiness to be gathered by the angels at the Second Coming.

That the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. The sea in the Bible is a symbol of “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” Ps 65:7; Jer 51:42,56,57; Rev 17:15. Floods are also used as a symbol of people Ps 18:4; Isa 8:7. If the sea is a very well populated area in symbolic prophecy (Dan 7:2-7; Rev 13:1) the earth is a symbol of the less populated areas Rev 13:11; Ezek 26:19,20. The tree in prophecy is symbolic of a kingdom Dan 4:20-22; Ps 37:35; Ezek 31:3-18. The wind being prevented from blowing on the earth, sea, or trees is symbolically representing the angels of God holding back political upheaval and war in well populated and more sparsely populated areas of the world including every kingdom existing on the earth.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God:

That is, in addition to the four angels holding the winds. From the east is the Greek word *anotroky* (anotole) meaning literally “from the rising of the sun.” In ancient times east was the cardinal point of the compass. Directions were reckoned from the point of view of a person facing east. It was from this direction that Ezekiel saw the glory of God entering the temple Ezek 43:2-5. The sign of the Son of man will appear in the east Matt. 24:30. East being the direction from which the angel comes from, then, may therefore denote that he comes from, and is dispatched by, God. We will look at the seal of the living God in the next question.



And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

The angels work together being led by the Holy Spirit in a complicated network that is similar to wheels within wheels like the internal workings of a clock or gear box of a car Ezek 1:1-28; 10:1-28.

Saying hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

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Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hastening greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. How carefully we should improve the little remaining period of our probation!

THE SABBATH THE SEAL OF GOD’S LOVE

2. **What other words are used to describe a seal of Rev 7:3,4? Rom 4:11; Gen 9:12,13; 17:11; Ezek 9:4. Where is the seal of God found? Isa 8:16 What does the word seal mean? See notes below.**



Ans: a. And he received the _____ of circumcision, a _____ of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: Rom 4:11.

Ans: b. And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a _____ of a

_____ between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the _____ shall be seen in the cloud Gen 9:12-14.

Ans: c. And ye shall _____ the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a _____ of the covenant betwixt me and you. Gen 17:11.

Ans: d. And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a _____ upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezek 9:4.

Ans: e. Bind up the testimony, _____ the _____ among my disciples. Isa 8:16.

Ans: f. The three words that best describe a seal are _____ or _____ or token. See note below.

Sign or Seal. The Greek word for seal $\nu\iota\upsilon\delta\iota\omicron\varsigma$ (sphragis) “meaning the stamp impressed (as a mark semeion of privacy, or genuineness), literally or figuratively.” Therefore a seal is “a stamp or mark”. The word sign in Greek is $\nu\kappa\phi\lambda\eta\tau\omicron\varsigma$ (semeion) meaning “a sign, mark, or token.” The Hebrew word mark טָו (tav) is a sign of exemption from the wrath of God. The seal of God in the forehead also is a sign of exemption of the wrath of God in the 7 last plagues but those that receive the mark of the beast will feel the full wrath of God Rev 14:1-5; 15:1-3; 16:1,2. The three words that best describe a seal are “mark” or “sign” or “token.”

The Lord commands by the same prophet: "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples." Isaiah 8:16. The seal of God's law is found in the fourth commandment. This only, of all the ten, brings to view both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It declares Him to be the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and thus shows His claim to reverence and worship above all others. Aside from this precept, there is nothing in the Decalogue to show by whose authority the law is given.

When the Sabbath was changed by the papal power, the seal was taken from the law. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to restore it by exalting the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to its rightful position as the Creator's memorial and the sign of His authority. Those who in the face of these specifications refuse to repent of their transgressions will realize the result of disobedience. Individually we need to inquire, In observing a day of rest, have I drawn my faith from the Scriptures, or from a spurious representation of truth? Every soul who fastens himself to the divine, everlasting covenant, made and presented to us as a sign and mark of God's government, fastens himself to the golden chain of obedience, every link of which is a promise. He shows that he regards God's Word as above the word of man, God's love as preferable to the love of man. And those who repent of transgression, and return to their loyalty by accepting God's mark, show themselves to be true subjects, ready to do His will, to obey His commandments. True observance of the Sabbath is the sign of loyalty to God



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3. What is the sign of God’s covenant? Ex 31:13,16,17. Which one of God’s commandments contains the seal of the living God? Ex 31:13,16,17; 20:8-11.

Ans: a. Speak thou also unto the children of _____, saying, Verily my _____ ye shall keep: for it is a _____ between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth _____ you. Ex 31:13

Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual _____. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. E x31:16,17.

Ans: b. Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the _____ day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy

stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the _____ heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. Ex 20:8-11.



Ans: c. 1. _____ of the Person who is the Authority **2.** The _____ of the Authority (i.e. King, President, Prime Minister, Chief, Queen, or Government). **3.** The _____ or Dominion over which the ruling Authority has control (Country, State, Nation, Empire, Corporation). See note below

Ans: d. 1. The name of the authority as given in the seal of the law is “ _____ ” (Jehovah) the name used exclusively by the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit which means self-existent and eternal. **2.** The title of the Lord as found in the

seal of the law the fourth commandment is “ _____ heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,” or the _____. **3.** The territory of the Lord is “ _____, and _____, the _____, and _____ that in them is.” See note below

The Sabbath Seal. The seal of a kingdom or nation is made up of three components **1.Name of the Person who is the Authority 2. The Title of the Authority (i.e. King, President, Prime Minister, Chief, Queen, or Government). 3. The Territory or Dominion over which the ruling Authority has control (Country, State, Nation, Empire, Corporation).** Precepts from a king are always known to be genuine, from the king's SIGN or seal, which accompanies them. And so God has given his Sabbath to be his SIGN or seal, whereby his subjects may know that he is the Lord their God, the one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.

The Sabbath then is the SIGN or seal of the living God. And the territory of his dominion over which his law extends, also his power and royal majesty and right to rule are revealed in the words of the fourth commandment, "The Lord MADE heaven and earth the sea and all that in them is." And the words that follow this TITLE, describe the institution of the Sabbath for a holy use or purpose viz: to be the SIGN or seal of God.

It is worthy of notice that in the last clause of the fourth commandment is the name of our Great Lawgiver, "THE LORD." And following his name is his title, giving the extent of his dominion, and his right to reign &c., in these words, "made HEAVEN and EARTH the SEA and ALL that in them is. And next in order is the Sabbath, the SIGN or seal of the living God. And thus we have the name, title and seal of our Lawgiver in regular order.

The Sabbath is the memorial or SIGN of God's royal majesty and power in CREATING the heavens and the earth. A king's seal is the memorial or SIGN of his royal majesty and power, and right of authority and dominion. In the same sense is the Sabbath the SIGN or SEAL of the King Eternal, the mark of Jehovah's royal majesty and power, and extent of dominion. The fourth commandment, therefore, contains the full and perfect signature and seal of the Majesty of Heaven. It contains the signature and seal of the Divine law. The constitution of God's moral government and religious system receives its ratification and royal sanction through the fourth precept, which alone points out himself and contains his name, title of royal majesty, and the SIGN or seal of the same.

1. The name of the authority as given in the seal of the law is “ LORD ” (Jehovah) the name used exclusively by the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit which means self-existent and eternal. 2. The title of the LORD as found in the seal of the law the fourth commandment is “made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,” or the Creator. 3. The territory of the LORD is “heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.”

4. Which day is the Sabbath day? Lk 23:54-56; 24:1.

Ans: And that day was the _____, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre,



and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the _____ day according to the _____.

Now upon the _____ day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is _____: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Jesus died on Friday, which was called the preparation day. He rested in the tomb on the Sabbath from His work of redemption. He rose again the first day to start His ministry in heaven and comfort His disciples on earth.

In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation. When "the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them" (Gen. 2:1), the Creator and all heavenly beings rejoiced in contemplation of the glorious scene. "The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:7. Now Jesus rested from the work of redemption; and though there was grief among those who loved Him on earth, yet there was joy in heaven. Glorious to the eyes of heavenly beings was the promise of the future. A restored creation, a redeemed race, that having conquered sin could never fall,--this, the result to flow from Christ's completed work, God and angels saw. With this scene the day upon which Jesus rested is forever linked. For "His work is perfect;" and "whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever." Deut. 32:4; Eccl. 3:14. When there shall be a "restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:21), the creation Sabbath, the day on which Jesus lay at rest in Joseph's tomb, will still be a day of rest and rejoicing. Heaven and earth will unite in praise, as "from one Sabbath to another" (Isa. 66:23) the nations of the saved shall bow in joyful worship to God and the Lamb.

5. Who are the ones that will be sealed? Rev 7:4. See note blow.

Ans: a. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an _____ *and* forty *and* four _____ of all the tribes of the children of _____ . Rev 7:4.

Ans: b. The 144,000 are the saints that will be _____ at the Second Coming of Jesus. See note below.

Ans: c. 1. The true Israel (Spiritual Jews) of God both in the Old and the New Testament are those that are _____ again. See note below.

2. The majority of those born Israelites were not saved but _____. The only ones born Israelites in the Old Testament that will be saved are those that overcame sin by _____. See note below.

3. Some of the Israelites of the Old Testament that overcame by _____ and became the ancestors of Jesus were Canaanites and Moabites that became Spiritual Israelites. A person from any country and _____ can become a Spiritual _____ by faith in Christ. See note below.



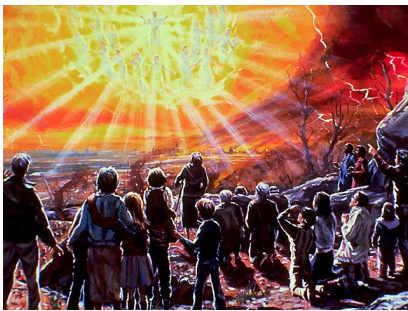
*If you are Christ's then you are Abraham's seed.
True Jew are those who have faith like Abraham.
Gal 3:29, Romans 4:12*

4. The blood of Jesus has broken down the wall that separated the Jews and Gentiles so that any _____ can become a Spiritual _____. See note below.

5. The outward, natural, or ethnic Jew is not the true Jew but the inward, born again, or fully converted Jew who is circumcised in the heart and not the flesh is the true Spiritual _____. See note below.

6. To God “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye *be* _____, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal 3:28,29. See note below
7. The seed and land promised to Abraham and Spiritual Israel is not to have a literal fulfillment on _____ before the Second Coming of Christ but in the New _____ and the New Earth. See note below.
8. The probation for the literal ethnic Israel as God’s chosen people ended in A.D. 34 by their rejection of _____ and His followers at the stoning of Stephen. See note below.
9. The nation of Israel were cast off as God’s people from the Symbolic Olive Tree but they can be _____ back in again if they repent and accept Christ as their personal Saviour. See note below.
10. When the natural Jews rejected the gospel they judged themselves _____ of everlasting life and the message was preached to the Gentiles who became Spiritual _____ Acts 18: 5,6; 13:46. See note below.
11. The remnant of Spiritual Israel from Abraham right through into the New Heaven and the New Earth keep all God’s commandments including the _____. See note below.

The 144,000 are the saints that will be alive at the Second Coming of Jesus. They are redeemed from among



men which clearly indicates that they are alive at the Second Coming of Christ Rev 14:3. They have a burden of soul for others and are grieved on account of sin and will receive God’s mark Ezek 9:4. They are sealed in the forehead where the frontal lobes or decision making process of the mind occurs Rev 7:3. They receive the name of God the Father Rev 14:1. The name of God is His character Ex 34:5-7. Those that receive the seal of God depart from iniquity 2 Tim 2:19. They are not defiled with women for they are virgins or in other words they are not involved with the false churches (women) of Babylon and her daughters but are faithful to Christ in completely following His word Rev 17:5; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 12:11. The 144,000

are the firstfruits of the harvest which is the end of the world Mt13:39-42. The firstfruits of the harvest was the very beginning of the harvest that ripened and the rest of the crop followed Ex 34:22; Lev 23:10. The 144,000 come first and the great multitude follows Rev 7:9. They are without fault therefore they have spotless characters and are without sin because they have confessed and forsaken them Rev 14:5; Prov 28:13; Eph 5:27; 1 Jn 3:9. The Holy Spirit is the sealing agent The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. The world can only be warned by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth, acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God and those who trample them under their feet. The sanctification of the Spirit signalizes the difference between those who have the seal of God and those who keep a spurious rest day.

The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses’ did when he came down from Mount Sinai.

Soon our eyes were drawn to the east, for a small black cloud had appeared, about half as large as a man’s hand, which we all knew was the sign of the Son of man. We all in solemn silence gazed on the cloud as it drew nearer and became lighter, glorious, and still more glorious, till it was a great white cloud. The bottom appeared like fire; a rainbow was over the cloud, while around it were ten thousand angels, singing a most lovely song; and upon it sat the Son of man. His hair was white and curly and lay on His shoulders; and upon His head were many crowns. His feet had the appearance of fire; in His right hand was a sharp sickle; in His left, a silver trumpet.



God leads Israel out of Egypt under the leadership of Moses

The numbering of the 144,000. Numbering in the Bible is always the men beside the women and children. This is evident in the numbering of the 5,000 and the 4,000 that Jesus fed during His ministry Mt 14:21; 15:38. According to the Lord’s commandment when it came to numbering God’s people it was the males of each family from one month old and upwards Num 3:39; 26:62.

All the tribes of the children of Israel. 1. In the Old Testament circumcision was the token of the covenant to the Israelites. It became no longer significant in the New Testament. Being a new creature or being born again was what was needed for a covenant relationship in the New Testament Gal 6:15,16; Jn 3:3-5. The true Israelite (Spiritual Jew) was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament as well as the New 1 Cor 10:1-4; Ps 51:10,11; Jn 3:3,5. **2.** The name Israel is a term that is given to those only, who prevail with God and man and overcome Gen 32:28. Not all Israelites in the Old Testament by ethnic lineage were saved in fact the majority of them were lost Heb 3:7-19; 4:1-3. The only ones that were saved in the Old Testament were those who overcame by faith Heb 11:1-40; 1 Jn 5:4. **3.** The Israelites that live by faith are not all ethnic Israelites but can be out of any nation or country Rom 9:6-8. Some of Christ's descendents were not Israelites but became Israelites by adoption. Tamar was a Canaanite, Rahab was a Canaanite of Jericho, Ruth was a Moabite, but they were all counted as spiritual Israelites Mt 1:3,5,6. Abraham had one son to Sarah, one son to Hagar and six sons to Keturah but only Isaac was the spiritual heir. Gen 16:1-11; 17:19-21; 21:1-3; 25:1,2; Rom 9:7,8. **4.** Any person that is born a Gentile (those who are not Israelites by birth) become spiritual Israelites by the blood of Christ Eph 2:11-14,19-22. **5.** The Spiritual Jew is not an outward or ethnic Jew but one who has a new heart on which God's law is written by the Holy Spirit Rom 2:28,29; 2 Cor 3:3; Heb 8:10. Outward circumcision which was a token of the Old Covenant is replaced by circumcision of the heart or writing of the law on the heart in the New Covenant Rom 2:28,29, Ezek 36:26,27; Deut 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4; Jer 31:31-33; Heb 10:15,16. **6.** If we become Christ's by baptism we become Spiritual Jews or descendants of Abraham. It does not matter whether we are Jew or Greek, bond or free, male or female we are all one in Christ Jesus Gal 3:26-29. **7.** The land and seed promised to Abraham and the Israelites was not to have its literal fulfillment on earth. The seed was Christ and His Kingdom is a heavenly Kingdom not an earthly one Gen 13:14-16; Gen 28:13,14; Gen 32; 27,28; Gal 3:16; Heb 11:10,16; Jn 18:36. The fulfillment of this prophecy will be in the New Heaven and the New Earth Rev 21:1; Isa 65:17. **8.** In the book of Daniel a prophecy was given showing the close of probation for the nation of Israel as His people after they rejected Christ in A.D. 34. at the stoning of Stephen. Dan 9:24-27; Acts 7:55-60; 8:1-4; Mt 27:25; Lk 13:2-9,34,35. Jesus taught that the Kingdom would be taken from the Jews and given to another nation or the Gentiles who became Spiritual Jews through accepting Christ Mt 21:33-45. **9.** The natural Jews are cast off as a nation and the Spiritual Jew grafted into the Symbolic Olive Tree of Truth Rom 11:14-23. But the Jews by birth can be grafted back into the Olive Tree if they accept Jesus Gal 3:26-29; Rom 11:14-23. **10.** When the natural Jews rejected the gospel they judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life and the message was preached to the Gentiles who became Spiritual Jews Acts 18: 5,6; 13:46. **11.** The remnant of Israel (Spiritual Jews) that live after May 19, 1780 are those that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ Joel 2:31,32; Rev 12:17. Abraham kept the Ten Commandments Gen 26:5. Israel of old were to keep God's commandments Lev 27:34. In the New Testament the Israel (Spiritual Jews) that Jesus taught were to keep the same commandments as the old Mk 12:29-31; Deut 12:29-31; Lev 19:18; Mt 5:17-19. In the New Heavens and the New Earth and in the New Jerusalem all flesh (Spiritual Israel) shall keep the commandments including the Sabbath Rev 22:14; Isa 66:22,23. In the part 2 of this lesson we will examine closely the characteristics of the 12 tribes and identify the great multitude.