

How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 22]

(Revelation)

- Opening Scripture:
 - **concluding Revelation 6 (vs.9-17) & beginning Chapter 7**
 - **Fifth Seal** - The martyred saints
 - Why under the altar?
 - Clothing.
 - **Sixth Seal** – Natural disaster & humbling suffering of all people
- **ONGOING FOCUS: Symbolism in Prophetic & Apocalyptic Literature**
 - ✓ This week: Interpreting the individual symbols/references/images in Revelation 7...
 - Four Angels – Remember what they represent & ask what their job/function is in this scene.
 - Additional Angel – What is important about the direction it comes from?
 - Significance of the seal.
 - **144,000**
 - 12 (the number of tribes of Israel) squared, to times 1,000 (the full power of GOD’s redemption & salvation realized (“the new Israel”).
 - What is the makeup of the multitude?
 - Remember the call upon Abraham.
 - How are they described?
 - **Doxological statements** (vs. 10 – 12)
 - **Promises of ultimate salvation after the great tribulation.**
- **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Psuedopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exogesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/ A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology*

(?)NEXT SESSION (?): Revelation 8 (& beyond) – Trumpet judgements