

## The Picture of the Anti-Christ

### Revelation 7:4-8

<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of **Judah** were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of **Reuben**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Gad**,

<sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of **Asher**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Naphtali**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Manasseh**,

<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of **Simeon**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Levi**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Issachar**,

<sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of **Zebulun**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Joseph**,

12,000 from the tribe of **Benjamin** were sealed.

**Note:** Dan is missing from this list, and Joseph's family is mentioned twice, a double portion, both Joseph and his son Manasseh.

*Why is this?*

### Jacob Blesses His Sons

"Then Jacob called his sons and said, 'Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.'" **Genesis 49:1**

### Genesis 49:16-17

"**Dan** shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. **Dan** shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward."

**Note:** Dan would cause the people of God to **Fall Away**:

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then **many will fall away** (the word used here is apostatized, breaking of a covenant, idolatry) and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and **lead many astray** (the word used here is apostatized, breaking of a covenant, idolatry). And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." **Matthew 24:9-14**

**Note:** Jesus warned us to beware, be alert/awake, be watchful not to be misled from false teachers, false prophets, and false messiahs, telling us the following: "I have said all these things to you to keep you from **falling away** (the word used here is apostatized, breaking of a covenant, idolatry)," **John 16:1**.

### Jeremiah 8:15-17

"We looked for peace, but no good came; for a time of healing, but behold, terror. 'The snorting of their horses is heard from Dan; at the sound of the neighing of their stallions the whole land quakes. They come and devour the land and all that fills it, the city and those who dwell in it. For behold, I am sending among you serpents, adders that cannot be charmed, and they shall bite you.' declares the LORD."

**Note:** It was Jesus' Reason for coming, to destroy the works of the devil (lawlessness, the teaching and instruction that would contradict and oppose the teaching and instruction of God (the Law)), which he empowered his followers to do the same.

"Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God." **1 John 3:7-9**

"Behold (listen with understanding), *I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy***, and nothing shall hurt you." **Luke 10:19**

### **Zechariah 11:15-17**

"Then **the LORD said** to me, "Take once more the equipment of a **foolish shepherd**. For behold, I am raising up in the land **a shepherd who does not care for those being destroyed, or seek the young or heal the maimed or nourish the healthy, but devours the flesh of the fat ones, tearing off even their hoofs.** 'Woe to *my worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock!* **May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! Let his arm be wholly withered, his right eye utterly blinded!**"

**Note:** God here **gives a picture** of *who* the Anti-Christ will come from, "a foolish **shepherd** . . . tearing off even their **hoofs** . . . **who deserts the flock**," the tribe of Dan, a shepherd of the people of God, from the curse spoken of Dan from his father Israel/Jacob. In addition, God **gives us a picture** of either *physical* (*wholly withered arm, utterly blinded eye*) or *spiritual* (*wholly corrupt leadership, utterly blinded idol worship*) attributes of the Anti-Christ ("*his arm be wholly withered, his right eye utterly blinded.*").

A secondary picture is also found in scripture of the Story of God's Redemption, as read in Judges:

### **Judges 13:2-5, 24**

"There was a certain man of Zorah, of the **family of the Danites**, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no *children*. Then the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, 'Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son. Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines' . . . Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him **Samson**; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him."

### **Judges 14:8-9, 13-14, 18**

<sup>8</sup> After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see **the carcass of the lion**, and *behold* (listen with understanding), there was **a swarm of bees in the body of the lion**, and **honey**. <sup>9</sup> He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. *But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.*

And they said to him, "Put your *riddle*, that we may hear it." <sup>14</sup> And he said to them,  
"Out of the eater came something to eat.  
Out of the strong came something sweet."  
And in three days they could not solve the riddle.

<sup>18</sup> And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down,  
"What is sweeter than **honey**?  
What is stronger than a **lion**?"

**Note:** The Lion is a symbol of Judah, from whence the Messiah would come out of, the Carcass is a symbol of the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah out of the line of Judah, the honey is a symbol of the Messiah, Jesus, ("My son, eat thou **honey**, because it is good: and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: so shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off." **Proverbs 24:13-14**) and the bees are a symbol of the Tribe of Dan (*and even of some modern-day false teaching groups*).