

## 51 KEY REPEATED PATTERNS OF REVELATION

**Introduction:** We will seek to show the repeated words and phrases: 1. "Those who dwell on the land" 2. "Kings of the land" 3. "tribes, tongues, peoples, nations" 4. "nations" pertain to first century Israel.

### PROPOSITION #1: THE GREEK "GE" REFERS TO "THE LAND"—NOT "THE EARTH".

**Incorrect:** "I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth..." Rev. 7:1

**Correct:** "I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the [promised] land..." Rev 7:1

#### A. "THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE LAND" WAS A REFERENCE TO ERRANT ISRAEL. (land=ge #1093)

1. **Rev. 3:10** "You kept my command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, which is to come on the whole world to test those who dwell on the land [ge]."
2. **Rev. 6:10** "They [the martyrs] cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, Master, the holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the land [ge]?"
3. **Rev. 8:13** "I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a loud voice, 'Woe! Woe! Woe for those who dwell on the land [ge], because of the other voices of the trumpets of the three angels, who are yet to sound!'"
4. **Rev. 11:10** "Those who dwell on the land [ge] rejoice over them [the slain witnesses], and they will be glad. They will give gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the land [ge]."
5. **Rev. 13:8** "All who dwell on the land [ge] will worship him [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been killed."
6. **Rev. 13:12** "He [second beast] exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. He makes the land [ge] and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed."
7. **Rev. 13:14** "By the signs he [second beast] was permitted to perform on behalf of the beast, he deceived those who dwell on the land [ge]. He told those who dwell on the land [ge] to make an image to the beast..."
8. **Rev. 14:6** "I saw an angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those who dwell on the land [ge], and to every nation, tribe, language, and people." (Call to repent even at the last hour.)
9. **Rev. 17:2** "[Prostitute] with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality, and those who dwell in the land [ge] were made drunken with the wine of her sexual immorality."
10. **Rev. 17:8** "Those who dwell on the land [ge] and whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel when they see that the beast..."

#### B. "KINGS OF THE LAND"—REFERENCE TO ISRAEL'S LEADERS. (land=ge #1093)

1. **Rev. 1:5** "From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born out of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the land [ge]; to him who did love us, and did bathe us from our sins in His blood."
2. **Rev. 6:15** "The kings of the land [ge], and the great men, and the rich, and the chiefs of thousands, and the mighty, and every servant, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens, and in the rocks of the mountains."
3. **Rev. 17:2** "[The harlot] with whom the kings of the land [ge] did commit whoredom; and made drunk from the wine of her whoredom were those inhabiting the land [ge]."
4. **Rev. 17:18** "The woman [harlot] that thou didst see is the great city that is having reign over the kings of the land [ge]."
5. **Rev. 18:3** "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality, the kings of the land [ge] committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from the abundance of her luxury."
6. **Rev. 18:9** "Then the kings of the land [ge] who committed immoral acts with her [harlot] and lived in sensual luxury with her will weep and wail for her when they see the smoke from the fire that burns her up."
7. **Rev. 19:19** "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the land [ge], and their armies, having been gathered together to make war with him who is sitting upon the horse, and with his army."
8. **Rev. 21:24** "The nations of the saved in its light shall walk, and the kings of the land [ge] do bring their glory and honor into it." (Redeemed see Acts 6:7)

### PROPOSITION: #2: JEWS CAME FROM "EVERY NATION" [ethnos #1484] WITH OWN LANGUAGE.

"There were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation [ethnos #1484] under the sky. When this [great] sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because everyone heard them speaking in his own language." Acts. 2:5-6

#### A. "TRIBES, TONGUES, PEOPLES, NATIONS" WAS WORD PHRASE FOR ERRANT ISRAEL.

1. **Rev. 5:9-10** "They sing a new song, saying, 'Worthy art thou to take the scroll, and to open the seals of it, because thou wast slain, and didst redeem us to God in thy blood out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and didst make us to our God kings and priests, and we shall reign upon the earth.'"
2. **Rev. 7:9-10** "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

- 3. Rev. 10:10-11** "I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth. When I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. 11 They told me, "You must prophesy again over many **peoples, nations, languages, and kings.**"
- 4. Rev. 11:8-10** "Their [two witnesses'] dead bodies will be in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 From among the **peoples, tribes, languages, and nations** people will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 Those who dwell on the land rejoice over them..."
- 5. Rev. 13:7-8** "It was given to him [beast] to make war with the saints, and to overcome them. Authority over every **tribe, people, language, and nation** was given to him. 8 All who dwell on the land will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life..."
- 6. Rev. 14:6-7** "I saw an angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those who dwell on the land, and to every **nation, tribe, language, and people.** 7 He said with a loud voice, "Fear the Lord, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come."
- 7. Rev. 17:15** "He said to me, 'The waters which you saw, where the prostitute sits, are **peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.**'"

## **B. "NATIONS" WAS PRIMARILY REFERENCE TO ERRANT ISRAEL [nations=ethnesin #1484]**

- 1. Rev. 2:26** "He who is overcoming, and who is keeping unto the end my works, I will give to him authority over the nations."
- 2. Rev. 11:2** "The court that is without the sanctuary leave out, and thou mayest not measure it, because it was given to the nations, and the holy city they shall tread down forty-two months."
- 3. Rev. 12:5** "She [heavenly woman] brought forth a male child, who is about to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, and caught away was her child unto God and His throne."
- 4. Rev. 11:18** "The nations were angry, and Thine anger did come, and the time of the dead, to be judged, and to give the reward to Thy servants, to the prophets, and to the saints, and to those fearing Thy name, to the small and to the great, and to destroy those who are destroying the land."
- 5. Rev. 14:8** "Another messenger did follow, saying, 'Fall, fall, did Babylon, the great city, because of the wine of the wrath of her whoredom she hath given to all nations to drink.'"
- 6. Rev. 15:3** "They sing the song of Moses, servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and wonderful are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty, righteous and true are Thy ways, O King of nations.'"
- 7. Rev. 15:4** "Thou alone art kind, because all the nations shall come and bow before Thee, because Thy righteous acts were manifested." (See B #14,15,16)
- 8. Rev. 16:19** "It came -- the great city -- into three parts, and the cities of the nations did fall, and Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the wrath of His anger."
- 9. Rev. 18:3** "The wine of the wrath of her [harlot] whoredom have all the nations drunk, and the kings of the land with her did commit whoredom, and merchants of the land from the power of her revel were made rich."
- 10. Rev. 18:23** "Light of a lamp may not shine at all in thee any more; and voice of bridegroom and of bride may not be heard at all in thee any more; because thy merchants were the great ones of the land, because in thy sorcery were all the nations led astray."
- 11. Rev. 19:14-15** "The armies which are in heaven... followed him [Jesus] on white horses. Out of his mouth doth proceed a sharp sword, that with it he may smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and he doth tread the press of the wine of the wrath and the anger of God the Almighty."
- 12. Rev. 20:3** He [Jesus] cast him [adversary] to the abyss, and did shut him up, and put a seal upon him, that he may not lead astray the nations any more, till the thousand years may be finished; and after these it behoveth him to be loosed a little time.
- 13. Rev. 20:8** "He [the adversary] shall go forth to lead the nations astray, that are in the four corners of the land -- Gog and Magog -- to gather them together to war, of whom the number is as the sand of the sea."
- 14. Rev. 21:24** "The nations of the saved in its light shall walk, and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." (Redeemed)
- 15. Rev. 21:26** "They [kings of the earth] shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it." (Redeemed)
- 16. Rev. 22:2** "On this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (Redeemed)

### **Notes:**

- 1. Translation problems with "nation"** [ethnos #1484]: Lk 21:24: Incorrect: "Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Correct: "Jerusalem will be trampled down by the nations [#1484] until the times of the nations [#1484] are fulfilled." Incorrect: Mt. 4:15 "The land of Zebulun... Galilee of the Gentiles. Correct: "The land of Zebulun...Galilee of the nations [#1484]." Rev 11:2 Incorrect: "Do not measure the outer courtyard of the temple; leave it out, because it has been given to the Gentiles." Correct: "Do not measure the outer courtyard of the temple; leave it out, because it has been given to the nations [#1484]."
- 2. Nation:** Ethnos #1484 Probably from #1486—a race from the same habit i.e. tribe. Related to custom, manner.
- 3. People of the land** i.e. those fixated on worldly things, are in contrast to those who dwell in Heaven. Rev 13:6, Eph. 2:6
- 4. Kings of the Earth** (earth=oikoumene #3625) was usually reference to larger Roman World. Rev 16:14
- 5. Preterist Papers:** see #36 for more explanation of "the land."
- 6. Adam Maarschalk regarding "the land":** <https://adammaarschalk.com/2010/02/19/the-earth-as-a-common-reference-to-israel-in-revelation-part-1/>