

# Message Notes

*"The Promise and the Manger"*

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*(taken from the New International Version)*

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**Please use a pew Bible for the rest of today's Bible passages.**





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<sup>26</sup>“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse — <sup>27</sup>the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; <sup>28</sup>the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.”

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<sup>8</sup>“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth...

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**6. The New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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<sup>31</sup>“The time is coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

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<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

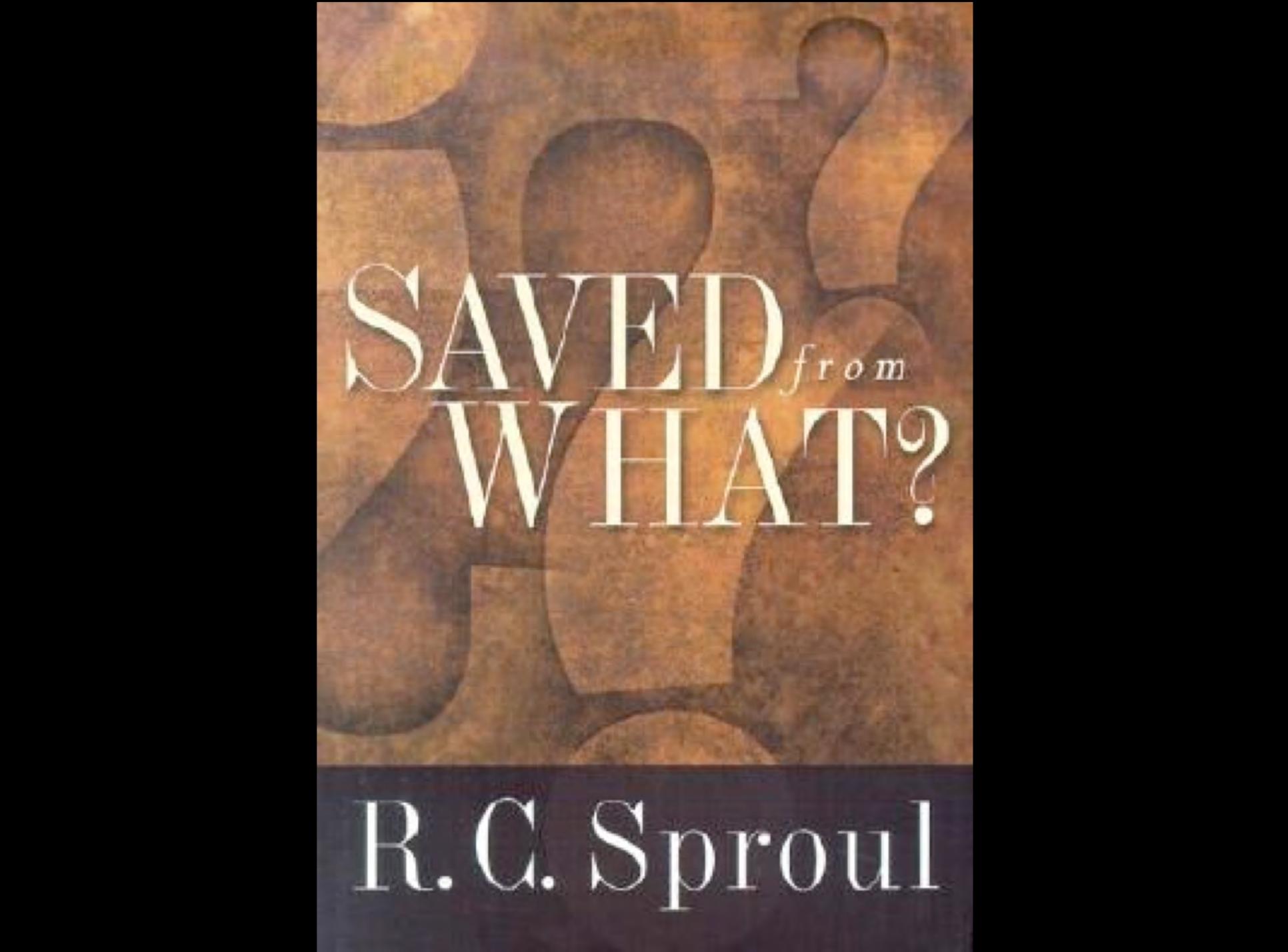
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<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

<sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

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<sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup>The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

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<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

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## Genesis 25:19-26

<sup>19</sup>This is the account of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

<sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup>The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

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Genesis 25:19-26

<sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from within you will be separated;  
one people will be stronger than the other,  
and the older will serve the younger.”

<sup>24</sup>When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

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Genesis 49:1-28

<sup>1</sup>Then Jacob called for his sons and said: “Gather round so that I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come. <sup>2</sup>“ Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel.

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<sup>3</sup>“Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the first sign of my strength, excelling in honor, excelling in power. <sup>4</sup>Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your father’s bed, onto my couch and defiled it.

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<sup>5</sup>“Simeon and Levi are brothers – their swords are weapons of violence. <sup>6</sup>Let me not enter their council, let me not join their assembly, for they have killed men in their anger and hamstrung oxen as they pleased. <sup>7</sup>Cursed be their anger, so fierce, and their fury, so cruel! I will scatter them in Jacob and disperse them in Israel.

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<sup>8</sup>“Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you. <sup>9</sup>You are a lion’s cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him? <sup>10</sup>The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his. <sup>11</sup>He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. <sup>12</sup>His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.

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<sup>13</sup>“Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships; his border will extend towards Sidon.

<sup>14</sup>“Issachar is a scrawny donkey lying down between two saddlebags. <sup>15</sup>When he sees how good is his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will bend his shoulder to the burden and submit to forced labor.

<sup>16</sup>“Dan will provide justice for his people as one of the tribes of Israel. <sup>17</sup>Dan will be a serpent by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider tumbles backwards. <sup>18</sup>“I look for your deliverance, O LORD.

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<sup>19</sup>“Gad will be attacked by a band of raiders, but he will attack them at their heels.

<sup>20</sup>“Asher’s food will be rich; he will provide delicacies fit for a king.

<sup>21</sup>“Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns.

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<sup>22</sup>“Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall. <sup>23</sup>With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. <sup>24</sup>But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed supple, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, <sup>25</sup>because of your father’s God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of the breast and womb. <sup>26</sup>Your father’s blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

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<sup>27</sup>“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder.”

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<sup>28</sup>All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

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## Exodus 3:11-17

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup>And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

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<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

<sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

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<sup>16</sup>“Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. <sup>17</sup>And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites – a land flowing with milk and honey.’

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*Christ is Born!*

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## Matthew 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup>Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

<sup>4</sup>Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

<sup>5</sup>Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David.

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Luke 1:67-79

<sup>67</sup>His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

<sup>68</sup>“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David <sup>70</sup>(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), <sup>71</sup>salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us — <sup>72</sup>to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath he swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup>to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

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Luke 1:67-79

<sup>76</sup>And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, <sup>77</sup>to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven <sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

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## Romans 4:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

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<sup>18</sup>Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup>Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

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## Galatians 3:15-18

<sup>15</sup>Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. <sup>16</sup>The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

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# The Anchor for our soul...

## Hebrews 6:13-20a

<sup>13</sup>When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup>saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” <sup>15</sup>And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

<sup>16</sup>Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. <sup>17</sup>Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. <sup>18</sup>God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. <sup>19</sup>We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup>where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

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## Revelation 7:1-8

<sup>1</sup>After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup>

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup>“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” <sup>4</sup>Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

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<sup>5</sup>From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,  
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,  
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,  
<sup>6</sup>from the tribe of Asher 12,000,  
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,  
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,  
<sup>7</sup>from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,  
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,  
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,  
<sup>8</sup>from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,  
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,  
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

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