

The Seven Seals

Rev 7:2-9

| Ref | Description | Speaker | Matthew 24 |
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| 6:1-8 | Four Horsemen 1. Antichrist 2. War 3. Famine 4. Death & Hell | Four Living Creatures from the throne room | 1-12 the beginning of sorrows (24:8) |
| 6:9-11 | 5. Martyrdom | The martyrs | 14-24 the abomination of desolation ... great tribulation |
| 6:12-17 | 6. Great day of God's wrath | Important, impotent people | 29-30 Final judgments at the Lord's return |
| 7:1-17 | (Answer to 6:17) | Angels, believers | |
| 8:1-5 | 7. Epiphany | Trumpets | |

The Two Groups in Revelation 7

| Feature | 7:4-8 | 7:9-17 |
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| John's Experience | 4 I heard ... | 9 I beheld ... |
| Number | 144,000 (12 x 12,000) | a great multitude, which no man could number |
| Ethnicity | all the tribes of the children of Israel | all nations, and kindreds [tribes], and people, and tongues |
| Location | Earth? (v. 3 hurt not the earth ... till we have sealed ...) | Heaven (before the throne) |

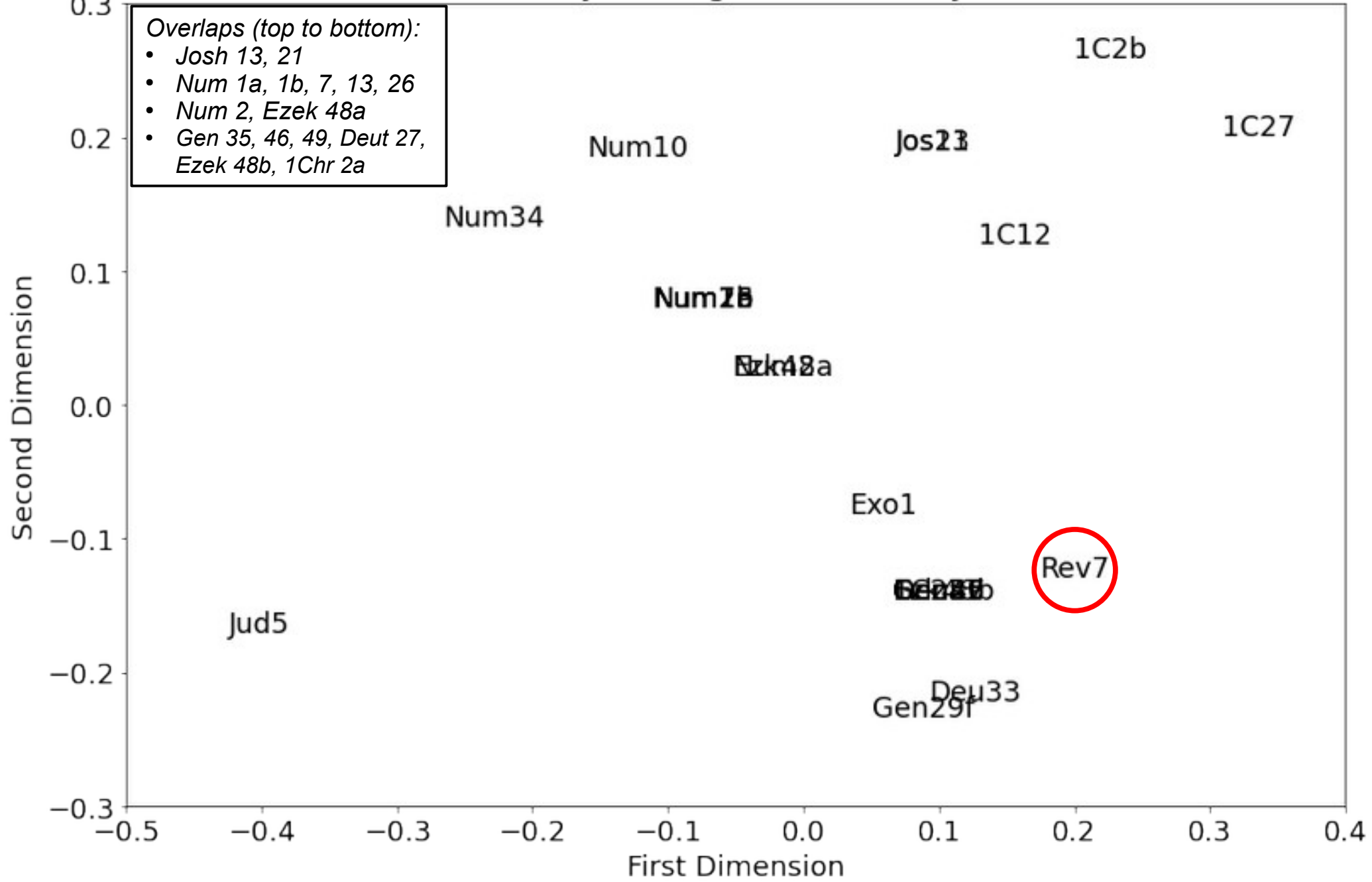
Ten Lost Tribes?

Act 26:6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: 7 Unto which promise **our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night**, hope to come.

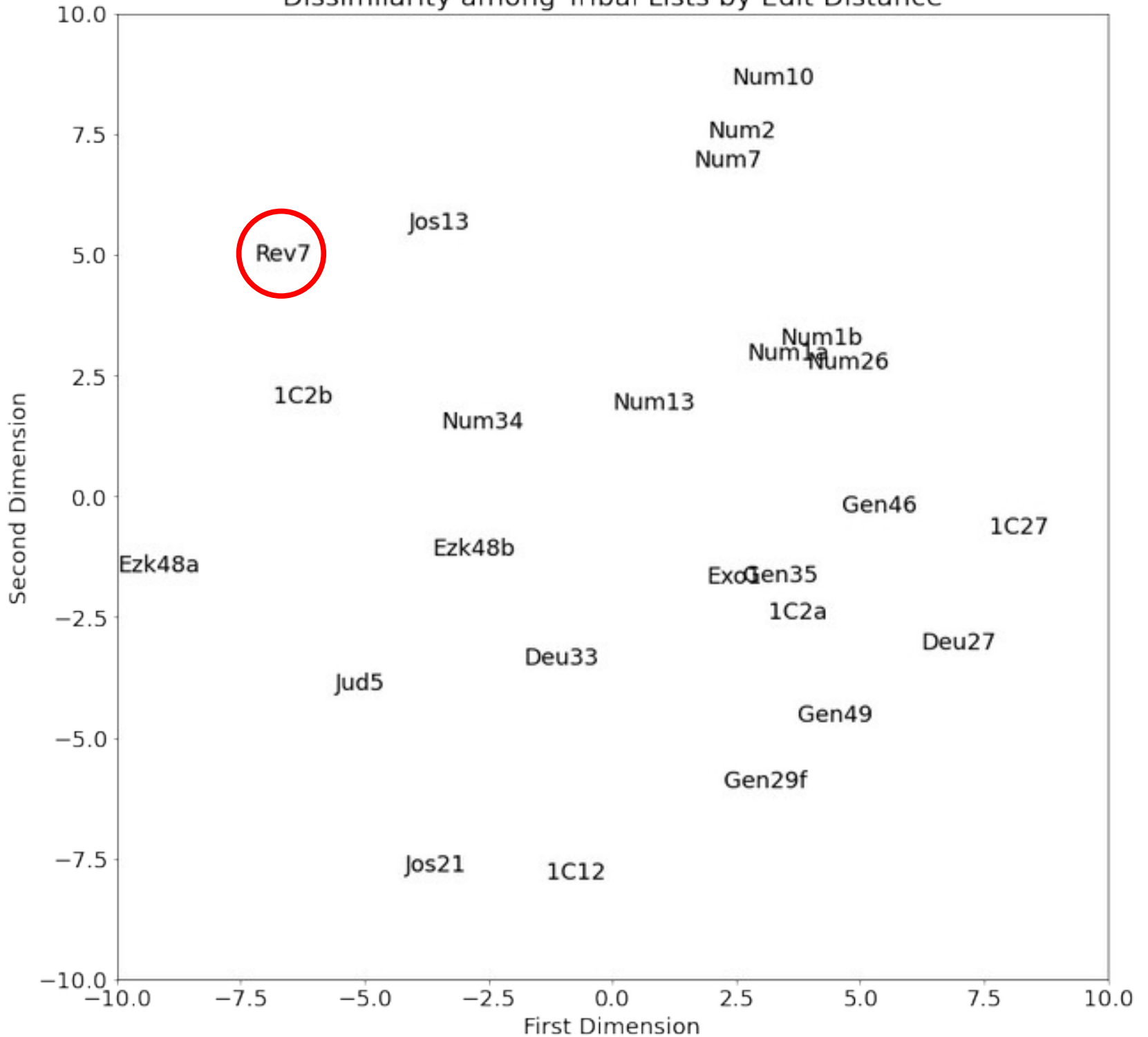
The Salvation of Israel

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
 10 And I will pour upon **the house of David**, and upon **the inhabitants of Jerusalem**, the spirit of grace and of supplications: **and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him**, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. ...
 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Dissimilarity among Tribal Lists by Count



Dissimilarity among Tribal Lists by Edit Distance



Judges: Between Conquest and Kingdom

1:1-3:6, Prolog

1:1-2:5, **Social** Disintegration

2:6-3:6, **Spiritual** Departure

3:7-16:31, The Judges

17:1-21:25, Epilog and Diagnosis

17:1-18:31, **Spiritual** Weakness

17:1-5, An Irregular Sanctuary: **Ephraim**

17:6, **Refrain: No King**

17:7-13, An Irregular Levite

18:1a, **Refrain: No King**

18:1b-32, An Irregular Tribe: **Dan**

19:1-21:25, **Social** Strife: **Benjamin**

19:1a, **Refrain: No King**

19:2b-21:24, Reconciliation, Rape, Revenge

21:25, **Refrain: No King**

Why omit Dan and Ephraim?

Judges 17-18: early in the settlement (Moses' grandson)

- 17, **Ephraim** hosts a syncretistic sanctuary
- 18, **Dan** forsakes its territory and adopts Ephraim's idolatrous religion

Helpful References on 7:9

... **all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues** ...

Dan 3:4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O **people, nations, and languages**, 5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: [cf. 3:7, 29; 4:1; 5:19; 6:25]

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all **people, nations, and languages**, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

... **white robes** ...

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in **white raiment**; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev. 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment**, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev. 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in **white raiment**; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Rev. 6:11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them;

Rev. 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed** in fine linen, **white** and clean.

... **palms in their hands** ...

Le 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, **branches of palm trees**, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. (cf. Neh 8:15)