

# The 144,000

Revelation 7:1-17



## Revelation 7:1-8 (NASB)

**1** After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

**2** And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,



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3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:



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5 From the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,  
6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,



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7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,  
8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.



# 1. The Judgment of God

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth

John first **saw four angels**. Angels are frequently associated in Scripture with God's judgment.



**Holding back** is from *krateō*, a strong word that suggests that the winds are struggling to break free from their restraint.

God is holding back or there is an interlude

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God shows mercy

## 2. The seal upon the 144,000

**And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel**

**That there were 12,000 sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel speaks of God's (s)elective purpose. Mere random human choice would not come up with such an even division.**



### 3. The seal upon the redeemed

#### **Revelation 7:11-17 (NASB)**

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."



### 3. The seal upon the redeemed

#### **Revelation 7:11-17 (NASB)**

15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

16 "They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;



### 3. The seal upon the redeemed

#### Revelation 7:11-17 (NASB)

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."



There will be people saved or redeemed during tribulation, some will die as martyrs and others from the judgment on earth

### 3. The seal upon the redeemed

**9** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

**After the 144,000 and after the explanation of 144,000.**

**A multitude of redeemed out of tribulation**



## Our Hope

**In this age when Christianity is under attack on all sides, seemingly losing its grip on divine truth and apparently headed for defeat, it is comforting to be reassured of the ultimate triumph of God's saving grace.**

