



Revelation 7:1-3

¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ² Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

The Four Corners

- Four Corners of the Globe?
 - The four corners speak more to the four points of a _____ than actual corners on the earth
 - The term "four corners" represents the _____ of the earth
- Four Winds
 - Daniel 7:2, Jeremiah 4:11-12, Jeremiah 49:36 describe the four winds as a form of _____
 - Judgment is being _____, but the angels are at the ready

Another Angel

- The Seal of the Living God
 - Not the wax seal of the scroll, but the _____ that makes the mark
- Do NOT Harm the Earth
 - The four angels stand ready to deliver God's judgment
- Until the Servants of God are Sealed

- Ezekiel 9:4 also mentions a mark put on the heads of believers

Revelation 7:4-8

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

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

The 144,000

- Is this a literal 144,000 people?
 - The number represents _____, that God will _____ all of those who belong to Him (Walter Elwell)
 - The number (and tribes) are symbolic of the _____ (Kendell Easley)
 - The number symbolizes an even larger and complete _____ of believers whom God will protect & preserve
 - John's previous descriptions of Jews as _____ to Christianity and _____ to Satan (Rev. 2:9, 3:9) suggest that literal Israel is NOT in view here

The Tribes

- Unique List of Tribes
 - Includes Joseph, Manasseh, but not _____ (or Ephraim)
 - The only list of tribes that begins with _____ (Usually Reuben leads the list)
 - "The emphasis for John rests not in the naming of the tribes as such, but

in the _____.” - Gordon Fee

Revelation 7:9-12

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 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.”

The Great Multitude

- No one could _____ (innumerable)
- Every nation, tribe, people, and language
- Clothed in white robes
- _____ in hand
- Crying out:

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

- 144,000 and The Great Multitude
 - The 144,000 and multitude are the same group, viewed from different _____ at different _____ (Kendell Easley)
 - They are _____, but _____ groups (Walter Elwell)

Angels

- Fell on their faces
- Worshipped God
- Seven terms of praise
 - Blessing
 - Glory
 - Wisdom
 - Thanksgiving
 - Honor
 - Power

- Might

Revelation 7:13-14

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Who Is the Great Multitude?

- The ones coming out of the _____

The Great Tribulation

“The Great Tribulation is the final time of suffering that the earthly Jesus predicted would happen before his return: “There will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive” - Kendell Easley, referring to Matthew 24:21

- Nowhere in Scripture is the Tribulation described as lasting _____

Washed in the Blood

- “Made white in the blood of the lamb” is meant to be _____ and _____
- Temple sacrifice is in view here
- The idea of being made white refers to _____ ... the blood of the lamb purifies the believer

Revelation 7:15-17

15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Blessings Enjoyed by the Great Multitude

- They are _____ the throne of God
- They _____ Him day and night in His temple
- He who sits on the throne will spread His _____ over them (Tabernacle)
- They will never _____ again
- They will never _____ again
- The sun will not _____ on them
- They will no longer be _____ by heat
- The Lamb will be their _____
- The Lamb will lead them to _____
- God will wipe away _____

The Tranquility of the Shepherd

Psalm 23

Revelation 8:1-5
 1 When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, 4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Silence

- Lasted about _____ minutes
- Consider what sounds have surrounded the throne...

- The constant _____ around the throne of God stops
- This is the calm before the _____

The Seven Horns

- These are plain horns, not like modern _____
- Used for _____

The Seven Angels

- Speculation about who they are...
 - Some suggest they are seven _____

Incense & Prayers

- Psalm 141:2 - *Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!*
- Revelation 5:8 says the living creatures and elders held golden bowls filled with incense, which were the prayers of the saints
- The angel was given much incense, mixed with the prayers of the saints... this likely points toward the prayers of the martyrs, calling for The Lord's judgment

Coals & Fire

- Leviticus 16:12-13
- Exodus 19:16-19
- The angel casting the coals / fire upon the earth symbolizes the imminent presence of God's judgment

Manifestation of God's Judgment

- The Awesome Display
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

**Similar to Exodus 19*

"In Revelation, they are an awesome manifestation of the presence of God acting in judgment" - Kendell Easley