

Discussion Questions & Application:

1. How does Rev. 7 answer the **question** at the end of chapter 6? How are some able to stand during the Great Tribulation?
2. Rev. 7:3 calls true believers “**slaves**” (bond-servants). In verse 15 it describes martyrs from the Great Tribulation as those who “serve” God day and night in His temple. What does it mean to be a slave of God? How would that mindset enable someone to stand firm under extreme pressure?
3. How often do you think about **angels**? What is their role in judgment? What is their role in protection? How does knowing this bring comfort to you during severe trials in life?
4. What is a “**seal**” in the Bible? What does it signify? What benefits are there for those who are sealed in Revelation 7? Why is it on their forehead? How does this compare with those who take the mark of the Anti-Christ (Rev. 13)?
5. We celebrate **God’s sovereignty** over all things at all times, and that He always does what He promises. Read the following verses and discuss how they help you in difficult times: Eph. 1:11; Rom. 8:28-30; Prov. 16:9, 33; Dan. 4:35; Ps. 115:3; 135:6; Job 42:2; Is. 45:7; 46:10; Col. 1:16-17; Gen. 50:20.
6. Pastor Paul believes **Rev. 7:4-8** should be taken literally (naturally). 12 literal tribes of Israel, and 12,000 people from each tribe sealed during the Great Tribulation. Assuming he is right, what does this tell us about God’s sovereignty? What does this tell us about His faithfulness to His covenant promises?
7. **Rev. 1:3** says that those who read, hear, and heed what is written in the Book of Revelation are blessed. What blessings have you derived from what you have studied so far?
8. Make a **prayer list of 5-10 people** who don’t yet know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Pray daily asking the Lord to give you boldness & opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Build a friendship with them and tell them the great things the Lord has done for you. Explain who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Invite them to come to church with you and learn more about Jesus.

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Rev. 7:1-8

“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 8

“Interlude: The Slaves of God”

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen (chapter 1)
- II. The Things Which Are (chapters 2-3)
- III. **The Things Which Will Take Place After These Things (chapters 4-22)**
 - A. Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)
 - B. **Opening of the Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)**
 1. Seal 1: Peaceful Conquest (6:1-2)
 2. Seal 2: Warfare and Bloodshed (6:3-4)
 3. Seal 3: Widespread Famine (6:5-6)
 4. Seal 4: Death to a Fourth of Earth’s Inhabitants (6:7-8)
 5. Seal 5: Prayers for Divine Vengeance (6:9-11)
 6. Seal 6: Cosmic and Terrestrial Disturbances (6:12-17)
 7. **Interlude: The Slaves of God (7:1-17)**
 - a. **On Earth (7:1-8)**

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,

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:

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, 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.

So What?