

Revelation 7:1~17

Introduction:

John witnesses the sealing of God's 144,000 witnesses, and he hears the praise song of the innumerable multitude of those who have been saved during the Great Tribulation.

- I. The **Sealing** Of God's Servants On **Earth** (7:1-8)
 - A. The **Sealers** (7:1-3)
 1. What John Sees (7:1-2a)
 - a. He sees **four** angels holding back the four winds of the earth (7:1)
 - b. He sees another angel carrying the **seal** of God (7:2a)
 2. What John Hears (7:2b-3): The fifth angel instructs the four not to harm the **earth** or the sea until God's servants have been sealed.
 - B. The Sealed (7:4-8)
 1. The **Total** (7:4): One hundred forty-four thousand are sealed.
 2. The **Tribes** (7:5-8): Twelve thousand out of each of Israel's twelve tribes are sealed.
- II. The Singing Of God's Servants In Heaven (7:9-17)
 - A. Who They Are (7:11, 13-17)
 1. A great, unnumbered multitude (7:13-17)
 - a. Their **Salvation** (7:13-14): They are saved during the Great Tribulation.
 - b. Their **Service** (7:15a): They continually serve God in His temple.
 - c. Their **Saviour** (7:15b-17): The Lamb Himself will feed, lead, protect and comfort them.
 2. Angels, elders, and the four living creatures (7:11): These join with the great multitude in singing.
 - B. What They Sing (7:9-10, 12)
 1. They praise God for their **salvation** (7:9-10)
 2. They praise God for His glory, wisdom and **power** (7:12)

5 Of the tribe of **Juda** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Reuben** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Gad** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of **Aser** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Nephthalim** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Manasses** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of **Simeon** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Levi** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Issachar** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of **Zabulon** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Joseph** *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of **Benjamin** *were* sealed twelve thousand.

Tribes usually mentioned but omitted:

Ephraim - (Hosea 4:17) Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.

Dan - (Deu 29:18-21) Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; {19} And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: {20} The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven. {21} And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

The Success of the 144,000

14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.