

Revelation 7

Intro: This is a parenthetical chapter

I. 144,000 Jews

1. Angels holding back the four winds.
 - A. Holding back the winds would dramatically affect the weather.
 - B. Prevailing winds are the winds which blow more often from one direction than another. Winds can greatly affect the amount of precipitation an area receives depending on the amount of moisture they are carrying. These prevailing winds can move air masses from the ocean onto a continent bringing moisture onto the continent. Or prevailing winds may move drier air from the continent to the ocean.
 - C. Prevailing winds directly affect the climate of an area.
 1. Holding back the winds would generate much heat upon the earth.
 2. This would also create a pollution problem in major cities.
2. 144,000 Jews.
 - A. Seal = His fathers name.
 1. Seals are a mark of ownership and security.
 - a. They are marked out for God's provision and care.
 - b. Much as He protected Noah from the Flood, Israel from the plagues of Egypt
 - B. Rev. 14:1-5
 1. Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads...These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. [5] And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

II. Great multitude of People.

1. Great multitude.
 - A. The completion of the martyrs found under the fifth seal?
2. Before the thrown with palm branches.
3. To some extent these were responsible for the wrath of God coming upon the earth.

- A. Where sin abounds grace abounds much more.
4. Saying salvation belongs to our God!
 - A. We can learn a lesson from these tribulation saints.
 1. See appendix A.
 5. Angels worship
 - A. Eph. 1:5-6 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.
 6. Blessings described.
 - A. Perfect Nearness.
 - B. Perfect Service.
 1. We will have perfect joy and fulfillment as we serve Him.
 2. My son loves to help me in my work.
 - C. Perfect Fellowship.
 1. Loneliness will be gone forever.
 - D. Perfect Security.
 1. They are now free from the trials of the tribulation period.
 - E. Perfect Guidance.
 1. The *Lamb* will *shepherd*.
 2. John 10:3-4
 3. Psa 23.
 - F. Perfect Joy.
 1. God will calm their heart after martyrdom.
 2. Psalm 16:11 In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
 3. Isaiah 61:3 (Jesus has come) To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.