



Today's Message

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Title: *144,000 Sealed Servants*

Text: Revelation 7:1-17

Introduction: Chapter six began a description of a future period we know as the Tribulation. The Lamb breaks the seals on a scroll that symbolizes God's ultimate judgment on a rebellious world. After he breaks six seals the action suddenly pauses in chapter seven. It forms an interlude in which John receives a vision with two scenes. Together they form an overview of what the Lamb will accomplish for his people while he pours out judgment on the rest of humanity.

I. Revelation 7 explained:

- A. The scene on the earth: 144,000 servants sealed 1-8
 - 1. Angels bring a pause to the vision of divine judgment while John receives an explanation. 1
 - 2. A mighty angel with a divine seal rises from Jerusalem. 2-3
 - 3. The angel seals 144,000 servants from Israel. 4-8
- B. The scene in heaven: An innumerable multitude before the throne 9-17

1. They are redeemed from every nation. 9-10
2. Their presence evokes worship from all before the throne. 11-12
3. An angel reveals their identity . . . 13-14
4. And describes their eternal joy. 15-17

II. The “take-home truth:” God will fulfill all his promises.

III. Promises of Jesus illustrated in Revelation 7:

- A. “This is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me.” John 6:39
- B. “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.” John 10:16
- C. “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33
- D. “Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory.” John 17:24