



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

THE SEALED SERVANTS OF GOD

Introduction: In Chapter 7 of *The Book of Revelation*, John interrupts the chronological narrative to present a heavenly scene. Here, he describes the angels of God (verses 4-8), the sealing of God's witnesses (verses 9-17), and the vast heavenly multitude converted because of the sealed witnesses' ministry. Notably, these angels continue to serve during the tribulation period, entrusted by God with the crucial task of fulfilling His divine will on Earth.

THE ANGELS OF GOD (vs 1-3)

- **Four angels stand on the four corners of the earth to hold back the wind (v 1).**
- **Another angel, likely a human messenger (as indicated by Rev. 9:4; 22:4), had the seal of God in his forehead.**
 - **NOTE:** The seal for the child of God is the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13; 4:30). This may be a visible seal like that given at Pentecost (Acts 2:3, 17-21)

THE 144K SERVANTS OF GOD (vs 4-8)

- **These servants are not...**
 - ...Seventh-Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, The Flying Roll Sect, or the Church..
- **These servants are...**
 - ...sealed servants of God (v 3).
 - ...from each tribe of Israel. There are twelve tribes, each having 12,000 sealed servants.
 - **NOTE:** Observe that the twelve tribes mentioned in Rev. 7 differ from the twelve tribes mentioned in Genesis chapters 35 and 46. Can you spot the missing tribes? Why? (See Deut. 29:18-21; I Kings 12:25-30)

- ...on earth, not in heaven (v 3).

THE MULTITUDE IN HEAVEN (vs 9-17)

- **The multitude mentioned here is not the church, rather it is the tribulation saints killed for the cause of Christ (Rev. 6:11).**
- **The multitude consists of "all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues..." (v 9).**
- **The multitude is robed in white (v 9).**
 - White robes symbolize righteousness (Rev. 19:8). They are made white in the Lamb's blood (v 14; Rom. 10:3-4; Phil. 3:9; Gal. 2:21)
- **The multitude had palms in their hands (v 9).**

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- NOTE: This refers to the Old Testament Feast of the Tabernacles (Neh. 8:15-17). They were celebrating their deliverance from physical bondage in Egypt as well as the spiritual bondage of sin.
- **This multitude will have a special place in God's eternal kingdom (v 15-17).**

Lesson Conclusion: The Rapture will leave a profound void across the world as God's children are taken from the earth. His witnesses will be absent, and darkness will descend. Yet, in His mercy, God will commission His angels and a remnant of Israel, whose eyes He will open to the truth of His Word. This faithful remnant of 144,000 will lead countless others to salvation, even as they face the trials and persecutions of the Tribulation Period. Their unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ will inspire multitudes, ultimately sealing their eternal destiny. This faithful remnant will be given the opportunity to share the gospel during the Tribulation Period, but we have the urgent responsibility to win souls now. Are you actively preparing others to meet the Lord?