



First Interval: Sealing of the 144,000
Revelation 7: 1-8

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 7

¹And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, ³ saying, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel:

- ⁵ Of the tribe of Judah 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.

COMMENTARY

We now come to a parenthetic interval as God tells us how He is going to evangelize the world now that the church is in Heaven and there is no physical witness on earth.

The lull before the storm is declared by the four angels holding back the four winds of the earth. An important event is about to take place in the silence on the earth.

[Matthew 24:14](#) tells us that the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world for a witness and then the end comes. Here, apparently, are the 144,000 “Apostle Pauls” that God is going to use to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

We need to notice carefully two things in relation to this group:

1. They are 144,000 literal Jews and the tribes are named. There are those who would have us believe that anyone could be part of this elite group, but God clearly identifies who they are.
2. They are sealed on their forehead. This is a seal of protection as we are sealed by the Holy Spirit today, and it is the implantation of the Gospel of the Kingdom that they are to preach. It is not the Gospel of the Church Age as the church is now in heaven. It is the declaration of the coming tribulation, and the need to be saved during this time before the return of Christ to set up His Millennial Kingdom.