

Rev 7 The Intermission



**A pause
between
the 1st six
seals chap 6
& the 7th seal
in chap 8.**

Review Rev 1-6

- 1 Who does John greet specifically? Rev 1:4**
- 2 Where was John when He wrote? Rev 1:9.**
- 3. What was Jesus standing among? Rev 1:12**
- 4. What was in Jesus' Right hand? Rev 1:16**
- 5. What came from Jesus mouth? Rev 1:16**
- 6. Describe each of the 7 churches. Rev 2-3**
Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira
Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea.
- 7. Describe the 4 living creatures in Rev 4.**
- 8. What did the Lion of Judah appear as? Rev 5**
- 9. Describe the 4 color of horses in Rev 6.**

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:1 After this ... ie after 6 of 7 Seals.

1. White Horse: Christ Rules !

2. Red Horse: War !

3. Black Horse: Famine !

4. Ashen Horse: Death !

5. Souls Under the Altar !

6. National Upheaval !



Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:1 After this I saw *four angels* standing at the *four corners of the earth*

*Each direction
of the compass*



Isa 11:12 Judah was gathered [after captivity] from the four corners of earth.

Rev 20:8 Gog & Magog would be gathered for war from the four corners of the earth.

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:1 After this I saw *four angels* ...
holding back the *Four Winds of the Earth*

Matt 24:31 “He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet & they will gather together His elect *from the four winds*.”

Ezek 37:9 “Come from *the four winds*, O breath, and breathe on these slain.”

Jer 49:36 “I shall bring upon Elam the *four winds* from the four *ends of heaven*.”

Dan 7:2 “My vision by night & behold, *the four winds of heaven* were stirring up the great sea.”

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:1 Holding back the four winds of the earth, *so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree...*

Four winds: The storm winds are brewing

Hos 8:5, 7 Samaria... sows the wind and they reap the *whirlwind*.

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:2 “And I saw another angel ascending from the *rising of the sun..*”

“Having the Seal of the *living God*; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels.”



Sealing will identify the *faithful* so they are *not hurt* by God's Storm Winds! 7:3

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:3 Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have *sealed* the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

Ezk 9:4 *Faithful* had a mark put on their forehead to mark them too.

The mark on the faithful is the *name of Jesus*.

(Rev 14:1)

(2 Tim 2:19)

Sinners get a *Different Mark* (Rev 13:16)

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:4 I heard the number of those who were sealed, **144,000**.

*John here Sees the Faithful on **Earth**:*

1. **On Earth** for the 144,000 (7:1). Contrast the *great persecuted multitude was in Heaven. (7:6).*
2. **144,000**: (7:4) exactly 12,000 times 12. **Unusual**.
3. **Every tribe of Israel**: 12K from each; regardless of tribe **size** or if tribe **existed** in NT (7:4; see Jas 1:1).
4. **Sealed**: (7:3-4) Ownership shown on forehead.
5. **Redeemed**: (14:1,3; 5:9-10) with blood of lamb.
6. **Pure & obedient**: undefiled & follow (Rev 14:4-5)
7. **First fruits**: first converted (Rev 14:4; Rom 16:5)

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:4 *One hundred and forty-four thousand*

This Shows God's Protection—but of whom?

1. **Special Ruling Class in Heaven?** *say the JW's.*
2. **Spirit Messenger Elijahs?** *say the Mystic cults.*
3. **Saved Jews in OT before Jesus?** *Art Ogden.*
4. **The divided denominations?** *Barnes.*
5. **Early Jews converted to Christ?** *Clark.*
6. **All Christians on earth now?** *Hailey*

*Number is symbolic, and so are the tribes minus
"Dan." This is Spiritual Israel—
Gal 3:29; 6:16; Rom 2:29.*

Rev 7:1-8 Sealing the 144,000 !

Rev 7:4 I heard the number of those who were *sealed*, **144,000**.

Rev 6:17 Asks: Who *will be able to stand* in day of God's wrath?

Rev 7:4 answers:
Every last one of God's people
WILL STAND!



Rev 7:9-17 The Victorious Multitude !

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude** which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples & tongues.

John now sees the Faithful in Heaven v9

Every nation: Multi-National Martyrs (Rev 7:14).

“Now safe in heaven” *Bible Knowledge Commentary*

White robes: Pure (Rev 3:5; 3:18; 6:11)

Standing before the throne: Viewed as in **Heaven.**

Contrast the 144,000 faithful on earth (Rev 7:4)

Rev 7:9-17 **The Victorious Multitude !**

Rev 7:9 “Every nation & all tribes & peoples & tongues, standing before the throne & before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, ***and palm branches were in their hands.***



Palm branches: joy & festivity (Jn 12:13; Lev 23:40)

Martyrs aren't broken/dejected. They're rejoicing !

They haven't been defeated, but victorious !

They join an anthem of praise (v.10-12) !

Rev 7:9-17 **The Victorious Multitude !**

Rev 7:14 These are the ones who come out of the **great tribulation**.

Great tribulation: *The Roman persecution !*

Art Ogden
says AD 70
Jerusalem.

Hal Lindsey
says it's yet
in Future.

Waves of regional Roman persecution hit Christianity 250 years from Nero in AD 64 until it was granted freedom in AD 313 by Constantine's **Edict of Milan.**

Rev 7:9-17 The Victorious Multitude !

Rev 7:14 “Ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have **washed** their robes & made them **white** in the **blood of the Lamb**.”

Rev 1:5 “To Him who loves us & released us from our sins by His **BLOOD**.”



Revelation 7:14

They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

Rev 7:9-17 **The Victorious Multitude !**

Rev 7:16 "They shall hunger no more, neither **thirst** anymore; neither shall the **sun beat down** on them, nor any heat."



Faithful martyrs are forever protected from famine, deprivation, discomfort or exposure.

Rev 7:9-17 The Victorious Multitude !

Rev 7:17 “For the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God *shall wipe every tear from their eyes.*”

Lamb shall be their shepherd:

Ironic (John 10:10) Jesus the Good Shepherd. There is abundance because of this Lamb's guidance.

If you are alive, you are secure..

If you die, you rejoice & are secure..

