

SEALED!

October 22, 2023 Revelation 7:1-17 by Bob Branch
Standing In The Fire, part 15

“the great day of their wrath has come; *who can stand?*” (6:17)

Revelation 6:15-7:17

BIG IDEA: Who *in the world* can stand under the onslaught of evil and God judging it?

2 scenes: 1) *before* on earth; 2) *well afterward* in heaven.

The HEAR and SEE Pattern. (1:10-12; 5:5-6)

SCENE 1: 4 Angels, holding back 4 winds (Zech. 6:5)

“until the servants of our God are sealed on their foreheads.” (7:3)

Servants

“you were bought with a price.” **1 Cor. 6:20** (Gal. 1:10; Eph. 6:6)

Sealed

“Then I looked, on Mt. Zion stood the Lamb, & with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.” **(14:1)**

“In him you... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” **Ephesians 1:13-14** (4:30)

“God has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** **Are you sealed?**

Their purpose was to provide shelter from the coming wrath

“Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of the people who moan and groan over all the abominations practiced in it... But do not touch anyone who has the mark.” **Ezekiel 9:4, 6** NET

“When the LORD passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, he will pass over the door and not let the destroyer enter your houses to strike you.”

Exodus 12:23

144,000. 12 Tribes x 12 Apostles x 1,000 (10 x 10 x 10).

10: completeness, authority, order, responsibility.

Genealogy or Making a Point?

¹ **Judah** is first, **Reuben** born first

² **Dan** is missing

³ **Levi** is added.

A military census (Num. 1:45; 2:1-2)

144,000 represents all God’s people, Jew or Gentile, who have put their trust in Christ.

SCENE 2: A multitude without number.

Who can stand the wrath of the Lamb? THEM!

“Rescue, Deliverance, Safety belongs to our God who’s seated on the throne!” (1)

“YES!_Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor & power and strength be to our God forever and ever. YES!” (12)

Who are these folks? The Horrendous Squeezing Trial

megas thlipsis: crushing pressure. “~~the Great Tribulation~~” (14)

“The have washed their robes and made them white in the lamb’s blood.” (14)

7 blessings

- ☐ They are in God’s **very close presence**—intimacy.
- ☐ They **serve** him *directly*—not from afar.
- ☐ He **shelters** them.
- ☐ They are **satisfied** by him—full and content.
- ☐ He **shepherds** them with tenderness and care. (Psalm 23)
- ☐ He **guides** them, like a shepherd does his sheep.
- ☐ He **comforts** and **heals** them.

Are you sealed? Trusted Jesus with your whole life?