

Book of Revelation, part 60, the 144,000

- I.** The seventh chapter is an interlude between the Sixth and Seventh Seal Judgments (Rev. 7:1-8).
 - 1. Contains parallel activity not directly related to the Seal Judgments.
 - 2. The sealing of the 144,000 and their converts.
 - 3. Tribe of Dan is left out, Joseph gets double through his son Manasses, most likely due to historical idolatry (Duet. 29:21; Jud. 18:30-31; 1 Kings 12:28-30 cf. Rev. 14:4).
 - 4. Tribe of Levi included since land is not involved.
- II.** Angels can control the elements of weather (vv. 1-3).
 - 1. Pictorial language [vision].
 - 1) Four corners of the earth—whole earth's weather.
 - 2) Judgment is to pause until the 144,000 are sealed.
 - 2. Angels are in charge of the sealing of the 144,000.
 - 1) "we" (7:4).
 - 2) Sealed for protection (9:4).
 - 3) Invisible seal (cf. Ez. 9:1-4).
 - i. Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.
 - ii. Angels do the "marking" those who were protected.
 - 3. The 144,000 are spiritually undefiled—do not accept sign of the beast (14:4 cf. Jam. 4:4; Jer. 3:6-9; Rev. 17:1-5 contrasted to the tribe of Dan).
 - 4. The 144,000 will evangelize the whole world (Mt. 24:14 cf. 24:30).
 - 5. The 144,000 will practice the Law (Rev. 12:17).
- III.** The Gospel for salvation during the Tribulation.
 - 1. Testimony regarding Jesus—the God-Man who died for your sins (Rev. 12:17 cf. Acts 2:32).
 - 2. Testimony regarding Christ's return in judgment (Rev. 6:9-10; 17:6; 11:7).
 - 3. Summary of the Gospel for salvation during the Tribulation: Christ died for your sins, was buried for three days, and rose from the dead and is coming back in judgment.
- IV.** additional passages concerning the 144,000.
 - 1. Fake believers of their message (Mt. 22:8-14; 7:21-23).
 - 2. Their world-wide evangelism (Mt. 24:14).
 - 3. Those who accept their message, will accept the messengers (Mt. 25:31-46).