

“WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?”
(Revelation 7:1-17)

- I. The Four ANGELS (Rev. 7:1-3)
 - A. Involved in JUDGING EARTH
 - B. Restraining the FOUR WINDS of earth
 - 1. Related to FAMINE? (Rev. 6:5-6)
 - 2. Related to DROUGHT? (Rev. 11:3-6)
 - C. Withholding HARM for a time
 - 1. Prepared to “harm” the EARTH, SEA, and TREES
 - 2. Postponed until God’s BOND-SERVANTS are SEALED
- II. The 144,000 SEALED WITNESSES (Rev. 7:4-8)
 - A. Coming from ISRAEL
 - 1. Not the CHURCH
 - 2. Not GENTILES
 - B. Numbered TWELVE THOUSAND from each of TWELVE TRIBES
 - 1. A UNIQUE list
 - a. Lists JUDAH first (Rev. 5:5; cf. 1 Chron. 5:1-2)
 - b. Includes Manasseh and JOSEPH, not EPHRAIM (cf. Hos. 4:17)
 - c. Omits DAN
 - 2. Some observations
 - a. There are no “LOST TRIBES” of Israel
 - b. The tribes are all IMPORTANT
 - c. God’s future plans include ISRAEL in TRIUMPH

- III. The Innumerable Host of TRIBULATION Martyrs (Rev. 7:9-17)
 - A. Predominantly GENTILE, representing ALL humanity
 - B. Seen in HEAVEN, not the EARTHLY kingdom
 - 1. Before the THRONE of GOD
 - 2. In the presence of the LAMB
 - 3. Clothed in WHITE ROBES of righteousness
 - 4. Wielding PALM BRANCHES of victory
 - C. Heard in PRAISE of SALVATION
 - D. Prompting the praise of the HEAVENLY HOST
 - 1. All the ANGELS, the twenty-four ELDERS, and the four LIVING CREATURES
 - 2. A SEVEN-fold doxology (cf. Rev. 5:12)
 - E. Identified as TRIBULATION SAINTS
 - 1. Specific GROUP from a specific TIME: “*the* GREAT tribulation” (cf. Mt. 24:21)
 - 2. Redeemed by the BLOOD of the LAMB
 - a. MILLIONS saved DURING the tribulation
 - b. All saved through FAITH in CHRIST
 - c. Apparently saved through the WITNESS of the 144,000 WITNESSES (cf. Gen. 12:3; Gal. 3:8)
 - F. Experiencing heavenly BLESSINGS
 - 1. In the PRESENCE of GOD
 - 2. In the SERVICE of the LORD
 - 3. Under the PROTECTION of GOD
 - 4. In the COMFORT of the LORD