

## ReveLation 7

### the sealed are in heaven Chapter 7

In the first verse of chapter seven, we see the four angels standing at the four corners of the earth. That is the assumed description of the earth in the minds of the people of that age and it was intended to include the entire earth and not just a portion of it. They call to others to hold back the destructive powers until the believers are sealed. The mark of the seal (on the foreheads) takes place on earth.

By verse 9 the multitudes are no longer numbered at 144,000, but they are called "a multitude which no man could number." It would be good for us to make note of the differences here, which indicate that we are talking about heaven in this section rather than talking about earth. This great number is before the throne, and the throne is always in heaven. These people are given "white robes," which is the color of righteousness, that is, the robes have been washed in the "blood of the Lamb", therefore, they are given righteousness. Therefore, they have his righteousness. The Lamb will be their shepherd, and "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

E. W. Hansen, Revelation Lecture #3, pp. 5 Chapters 4-7

Read Revelation 7:1-8

1. What impresses you in these verses?
2. What is being held back, by whom, and why in vv. 1-3?

Meanwhile – The heavenly hosts erupt in worship

Read Revelation 7:9-17

1. Describe the worshippers in vv. 9-10.
2. Who are they, and how did they get there (vv. 13-14)?
3. Compared to the 144,000 who are sealed, what is the number of worshippers around the throne?
4. Who joins the song in vv. 11-12?
5. Which verses give you comfort?