

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Lesson 4

Worldwide Evangelism and More Judgments

The previous lesson in Rev 6 revealed a future time of unprecedented disaster and massive slaughter as a result of God's righteous judgment upon a world in rebellion. That action is symbolized by his unrolling a seven-sealed scroll. As He breaks each seal, a new divine judgment is poured out on the earth; and the judgments of the seventh seal containing the "trumpet" judgments will be even worse. Revelation 7 is an interlude where the reader can catch his breath and ask the question, "In the midst of all this, what will God be doing in the way of evangelism, mercy, and grace?"

Read Revelation 7

1. The angels of Rev 7:1-3 are told to hold back the "winds" of judgment until what important event occurred (7:3)? Who is "sealed" (7:4-8)?
2. What does being "sealed" mean in this context (Rev 9:4, 14:4-5)? What does sealed mean in Ephesians 1:13-14?
3. This large, representative group of Jewish evangelists will fulfill what promise and prophecy (Genesis 12:3b, 22:18; Math 24:14, Isaiah 49:6, 52:10)?
4. What was the location of the vision John saw in Rev 7:11? Who is the "great multitude" he saw before the throne of God (7:9, 14)? How are they clothed? What did they say? How did they get clean (7:14)? Will they have any more trouble (7:17)?
5. Based on the two groups in Rev 7: (1) a large number of God-ordained evangelists, and (2) a multitude of believers in heaven that are converted during the tribulation; what would you say God will be doing in the way of evangelism during this period?

