

REVELATION CHAPTER 7

1. ANGELS HOLDING BACK THE FOUR WINDS

Revelation 7:1 (NIV), After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

2. THE BOND-SERVANTS

Revelation 7:2-3 (NIV), Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 'Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'

Ephesians 1:13 (NIV), And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

3. THE 144,000

Revelation 7:4-8 (NIV), Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtal 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV), And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

4. THE GREAT MULTITUDE

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV), After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

5. THE TRIBULATION SAINTS

Revelation 7:13-15 (NIV), Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he

said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

John 12:13 (NIV), They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

2 Thessalonians 2:1, 3, 6-7 (NIV), Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

Joel 2:28 (NIV), "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

Joel 2:29-32 (NIV), Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. 30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 32 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

Revelation 6:12-13 (NIV), I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned God says I am going to pour out my spirit while the sun and the moon are being blotted out,

Joel 2:28, 31 (NIV), I will pour out my Spirit on all my people... 31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."

6. GOD SHALL WIPE EVERY TEAR

Revelation 7:16-17 (NIV), 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.