

Lesson 13: The Sealed of God

Key Texts: Revelation 7

Lesson Outline

- I. Review of Seals 1-6 (6:1-17)
- II. The Four Winds (7:1-3)
- III. Sealing of the 144,000 on Earth (7:4-8)
- IV. A Great Multitude in Heaven (7:9-17)
 - a. Worship Scene (7:9-12)
 - i. Worship of Great Multitude (7:9,10)
 - ii. Worship of Heavenly Hosts (7:11,12)
 - b. Identification of Great Multitude (7:13-17)
 - i. Basic Identification (7:13-14)
 - ii. Results of Perseverance and Purity (7:15-17)
 - 1. Presence and Service Before God (7:15)
 - 2. Removal of Suffering (7:16)
 - 3. Actions of God and Lamb (7:17)

Review of Seals

Seal #1 – Pentecost in AD 31

Seal #2 – Roman Empire persecution

Seal #3 – Decline of Spiritual Christianity (Constantine)

Seal #4 – Death of Spiritual Christianity (Tradition over Bible – Middle Ages)

Seal #5 – Oppression of God's people throughout Christian History

Seal #6 – Signs of Second Coming of Jesus

Seals 1-4	The means God uses to keep His people on track
Seal 5	God's people harmed and martyred by enemies
Seals 6-7	God's judgment against the enemies of His people

Chronology of Opening of Seals

Rev. 4–5 (Father and Christ on throne)	Christ overcoming and joining his Father on his throne
Rev. 6 (6 Seals of the Scroll)	The seals describing the ongoing period in which God's people are in the <u>process of overcoming</u>
Rev. 7 (144,000- The Sealed of God)	God's people joining Christ on the throne of God (vv. 9–17)

What is the Seal of God?

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Ephesians 1:13-14

Ephesians 4:30

Revelation 7:14

144,000 or Great Multitude?

Revelation 7:4 (I heard...)

Revelation 7:9 (I saw...)

Meaning of 144,000

James 1:1 (Church=12 tribes)

Galatians 6:16 (Church=Israel of God)

Galatians 3:29 (Christians=Abraham's seed or Israel)

Ephesians 2:20 (Church built on foundation of 12 apostles)

12 tribes x 12 apostles = 144 (symbolic number of totality of church)

Numbers 31:3-6 (Israel told to go to war mobilized by 1000s)

12 tribes x 12 apostles x 1000 soldiers = 144,000 Christian soldiers

Lists of 12 tribes found in the Bible

REVELATION 7	GENESIS 49	NUMBERS 1:5–15	EZEKIEL 48
Judah	Reuben	Reuben	Dan
Reuben	Simeon	Simeon	Asher
Gad	Levi	Judah	Naphtali
Asher	Judah	Issachar	Manasseh
Naphtali	Zebulun	Zebulun	Ephraim
Manasseh	Issachar	Ephraim	Reuben
Simeon	Dan	Manasseh	Judah
Levi	Gad	Benjamin	Benjamin
Issachar	Asher	Dan	Simeon
Zebulun	Naphtali	Asher	Issachar
Joseph	Joseph	Gad	Zebulun

Next Week - Revelation 8: The Final Seal and the Trumpets