

“The Great Soul Harvest”
The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Part 13
Revelation 7

Chapter Six Review: Last week we saw Christ begin to take control of the earth that is rightfully His by opening the seven seal scroll.

***When Christ breaks the first four seals,
He allows people to have what they want!***

***When Christ breaks the fifth seal,
He hears the plea of martyred Tribulation believers!***

***When Christ opens the sixth seal,
He lets the world know who is judging!***

“For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”
Revelation 6:17

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them
in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.
Habakkuk 3:2

1. Why is judgment held back? (God’s compassion)

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. 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."
Revelation 7:1-3

Question: Will God provide a means for those who go through the tribulation, to hear
the good news and be saved? (**YES!**)

2. Who are the 144,00? (Jewish believers)

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 Naphtali 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.
Revelation 7:4-8

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. 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.
Matthew 24:12-14

3. Who is this great multitude? (Martyred tribulation believers)

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 in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9-10

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 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." Revelation 7:13-14

4. The Praise of Heaven (God's grace to save)

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"Amen!
Praise and glory and wisdom
and thanks and honor and
power and strength be to
our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

Revelation 7:11-12

5. A Special Ministry

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 spread his tent over them. 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."
Revelation 7:15-17

Application: The interlude here in chapter 7 teaches us that in the midst of great judgment, God does not forget His mercy. His overarching desire is that people would repent, seek His forgiveness and turn to Him, and when they do, He will accept them, love them, and bring them to Himself. This interlude also reminds us that God will keep every promise. He is faithful. He will not break a one to you, to me or to the nation of Israel.

This chapter also teaches us that even when we suffer, God never fails to reward those who remain faithful to Him.

It will be worth it all!