

Questions on Revelation chapter 7

1. To what does the introductory phrase, “after this,” refer? Verse 1.
2. Do you think the four angels are wicked angels, or servants of God fulfilling appointed duties? Verse 1.
3. Are we to take the term “four corners of the earth” literally, or is it an accommodative term to designate four directions, that is, the whole surface of the earth? Verse 1.
4. What could the four angels holding the four winds of the earth possibly signify? Verse 1.
5. From where was the angel ascending who had the seal of God? Verses 2-3.
6. For how long were the angels of destruction to be restrained? Verses 2-3.

7. Can you think of some of the purposes of a seal? Verses 2-3.

8. Do you see a parallel between the sealing here and the mark put upon the faithful in Ezekiel 9:1-11? Verses 2-3.

9. Did John witness the sealing? Verse 4.

10. Do you think the number, a hundred and forty-four thousand, designates a literal numerical quantity or is it a symbolic figure? Verse 4.

11. What do you think of Hailey's comment on the 144,000 given below? Verse 4.

“The most reasonable view is that twelve, the religious number, multiplied by itself and then by one thousand, indicating fullness or completeness, represents the total number of saints on earth at any given time.”

12. Do you think the 144,000 symbolizes redeemed Jews, or is there a meaning beyond that of literal or fleshly Israel? Verses 5-8. (See Romans 9:6 and Galatians 6:15-16)

13. How many were in the great multitude? Verse 9.

14. Where was the great multitude? Verse 9.

15. What is suggested by the white robes and the “palms in their hands”? Verse 9. (See Leviticus 23:40 and do a little study)

16. Would you say that the shout of the great multitude is a shout of praise and gratitude to God and the Lamb for the salvation provided? Verse 10.

17. Have angels ever been interested in the scheme of redemption? Verse 11-12. (See 1 Peter 1:12)

18. The elder asks the question that was on John’s mind and ours. What was it? Verse 13.

19. The American Standard Version translates the expression in the King James Version “they which came” as “they that come,” indicating a continuous coming. Do you have a clue about what “the great tribulation is”? Verse 14.

20. One view of “the great tribulation” is that it took place in the Roman period beginning with Nero’s persecution (A.D. 64) and lasting until the edict of Constantine (A.D. 313). The persecuted saints of this period are now before the throne of God having gained the victory. Can you think of other views compatible with the theme of the book?

21. Because of the saints “having washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,” what is their reward? Verses 15-17.

22. What do you think of this statement of Hailey?

“It is clear from Scripture that at death the faithful saint goes directly into the presence of God to be with Christ. However, he is not in his final state of glory, for this occurs beyond the ultimate judgment (chapter 21).”

23. The Jehovah’s Witnesses say that the 144,000 are in heaven (the only ones going there) and the great multitude will stay on the earth, but what have we learned?