

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 221--Revelation 7)

Introduction: In chapter six we see the prelude to and the introduction of the day of the wrath of God and the Lamb. We would expect to see in chapter seven the outpouring of the wrath upon His enemies. Instead there appears an important interlude. It answers basically two questions: 1) If God is to judge his enemies, what will be the fate of those who are still on earth? 2) What about those who have already suffered death at the hands of the wicked? The answers to these questions provide comfort and assurance to the saints.

Lesson aim: **To be comforted by the fact that God's people, no matter what they may suffer in this life, will at last be rewarded in heaven.**

The 144,000 sealed on earth--Rev. 7:1-8

1. What does John see four angels doing at the beginning of this chapter? What will these winds do when they are released?
2. What does the strong angel urge these angels not to do? What must be done first?
3. How many were sealed on their foreheads? Who are these people? (v. 3)
4. Describe how the number 144,000 is derived (v. 5-8).

The great multitude in heaven--Rev. 7:9-17

1. What did John see in this vision? How many were there? How does John describe these (v. 9)?
2. What is the great multitude doing? Where are they? What are they saying?
3. What do the other participants in the vision do? (v. 11-12)
4. What do we know about those who make up the great multitude? (v. 14)

5. What blessings are their's because of their cleansing and their faithfulness to the Lord? (v. 15-17)