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**The 144,000 of Israel Sealed**

7 After this

 I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth,

 holding back the four winds of the earth,

 that no wind might blow on earth

 or

 sea

 or

 against any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel

 ascending from the rising of the sun,

 with the seal of the living God,

 and

 he called with a loud voice to the four angels

 who had been given power to harm earth

 and

 sea,

3 saying,

 “Do not harm the earth

 or

 the sea

 or

 the trees,

 until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

4 And

 I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000,

 sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

**A Great Multitude from Every Nation**

9 After this

 I looked,

 and

 behold,

 a great multitude

 that no one could number,

 from every nation,

 from all tribes

 and

 peoples

 and

 languages,

 standing before the throne

 and

 before the Lamb,

 clothed in white robes,

 with palm branches in their hands,

10 and

 crying out with a loud voice,

 “Salvation belongs to our God

 who sits on the throne,

 and

 to the Lamb!”

11 And

 all the angels were standing around the throne

 and

 around the elders

 and

 the four living creatures,

 and

 they fell on their faces before the throne

 and

 worshiped God,

12 saying,

 “Amen!

 Blessing

 and

 glory

 and

 wisdom

 and

 thanksgiving

 and

 honor

 and

 power

 and

 might

 be to our God forever and ever!

 Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me,

 saying,

 “Who are these,

 clothed in white robes,

 and

 from where have they come?”

14 I said to him,

 “Sir,

 you know.”

 And

 he said to me,

 “These are the ones

 coming 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.

16 They shall hunger no more,

 neither

 thirst anymore;

 the sun shall not strike them,

 nor

 any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb

 in the midst of the throne

 will be their shepherd,

 and

 he will guide them to springs of living water,

 and

 God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”