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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.”