

**The Fate of Believers in the Great Tribulation (Part I):
A Remnant of From Israel Will Be Saved
Revelation 07:01–08**

1 *The winds of judgment
are in the hands of God
and His angels,
not in the hands of evil*

2 *God will give
the most wonderful command:
To delay the judgments
until God's people can be sealed*

3 *God will give
the wonderful counsel
to seal 144,000 Jews
from all the tribes of Israel*

1 After this I saw four angels
standing at the four comers 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.

2 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:

3 “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.”

4 Then I heard
the number of those who were sealed:
144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

6 From the tribe of Asher 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

7 From the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

8 From the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

The Fate of Believers in the Great Tribulation (Part II): A Countless Number of People Will Be Saved Revelation 07:09–17

1 *Their origin:* *Everywhere*

- a. All nations and tribes
- b. All peoples and languages

2 *Their glorious position*

- a. Before the throne
and the Lamb
- b. Clothed in white
- c. Holding palm branches
- d. Shouting praise
for their salvation

3 *Their glorious companions*

- a. The companions' identity:
The angels, the elders,
the four creatures
- b. The function
of the companions:
To praise God
for saving believers
out of the tribulation

4 *Their identity:* *An elder asks John* *for the people's identity*

9 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.

10 And they cried out in a loud voice:
“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

11 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,

12 Saying:
“Amen!
Praise and glory and wisdom
and thanks and honour
and power and strength be to our God
for ever and ever.
Amen!”

13 Then one of the elders asked me,
“These in white robes —
who are they,
and where did they come from?”

a. They are people out of the great tribulation b. They have washed their robes in the Lamb's blood 5 <i>Their function:</i> <i>To serve God continuously</i> 6 <i>Their blessings: Bliss</i> a. They will have God's presence — forever b. They will have their physical needs met c. They will be protected d. They will have their spiritual needs met e. They will be led to the fountain of life f. Their sorrow will be wiped away	14 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. 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 spread his tent over them. 16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the centre 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."
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