

PROMISED PROTECTION AND FINAL VICTORY

Revelation 7:1-17

Introduction:

- A. Keep in mind that the seven sealed book contains the battle plans for the war that will end all wars.
- B. The LITTLE Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, chosen by the Father to prosecute this war, has opened the first six seals.
- C. We must keep in mind God's way of dealing with His own people. He has used the elements to bless and to punish His people and He has also used cruel leaders of the world to bless and to punish His disobedient people as well as the people of the world.
- D. Chapter 6 gave us a prophetic look at the blessings and the curses to be poured out on the unsuspecting people of the world by the cruel Antichrist.
- E. Chapter seven records a God-directed break in the action before the opening of the seventh seal.
- F. The introductory phrases "after these things" in verse one and "After this" in verse nine clearly divide the chapter into two very different scenes of activity in different places and at different times.
- G. The primary purpose of this message is to identify and discuss the purpose of these two separate parts of the revelation views.

I. LEARN THAT GOD MOVES TO PROTECT HIS SERVANT SAINTS AGAINST THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF THE ANTICHRIST.

- A. Israel has been re-gathered and will be facing the anger of this enemy to God and all His people.
- B. Also, church age saints are still on the earth waiting the time when they shall again fulfill God's purpose in His church.
- C. Verse 3 reveals the sealing of the servants of God. This included the church age saints and also the re-gathered Jews who are numbered.
- D. They are sealed in their foreheads.

II. LEARN THAT GOD PROMISES HIS PEOPLE FINAL VICTORY.

VS. 9-17

- A. This is not a view of the command headquarters while the war is still in progress.
- B. This is not a view of a people preparing for battle; but a people dressed in the white robes of victory, a people rejoicing in final victory.
- C. This is a view of the vast multitude which no man could number; a multitude of all nations, all kindreds and people and tongues.
- D. This is a victory gathering shouting "Salvation to our God and to His LITTLE Lamb."
- E. Note the similarities between this scene and chapter 21.
 - 1. God will dwell with His people; 7:15 and 21:3
 - 2. The sun shall not light on them; 7:16 and 21:23
 - 3. God shall wipe away all tears; 7:17 and 21:4
- F. Surely, there could be no better view for a people preparing for war than to have the sure promise of final victory.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The war is coming and we will still be on the earth; will we be ready for conflict?**
- B. Will you be sealed against the forces of evil?**
- C. Will you be in that final victory celebration?**
- D. The answer to these questions is found in a right relation to Jesus Christ which can only be made through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

