**Revelation Part 15 Revelation 7:1-14**

Today we are up to our 15th lesson in our study of the Book of Revelation. Last week we were in Revelation 6, as we looked at the horrors of the four horsemen.

In the closing verses of Chapter 6,

we find people crying out in Heaven, “How long O Lord”

That prayer, appears to move the hand of God in Chapter 7 as we find a

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**A Deliberate Pause**

*And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth,*

*holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth,*

*nor on the sea, nor on any tree.* (v. 1)

First we see The **R**  for This Pause

And I believe that it is absolutely in response to the prayer

**See Also Habakkuk 3:2 2 Peter 3:9**

This pause may seem very brief, but it does last for more than just a moment

For we see first, the **Reason of the Pause**

And then we see the **R**  of the Pause

*And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

  Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

  And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

**Who are these angels ?**

There are 3 classes of Angels

 **C**  which serve as Heavenly Sentries

 **S**  which serve as Heavenly Servants/Soldiers

 **A**  which serve as Heavenly Supervisors

But in all three cases, they really have no power of their own;

They only have power as it has been given them from God Himself

The 4 Angels, holding back the storm appear to be Seraphim as they have been given the specific task, “To hurt the earth and the sea”

But then in verse 3, a 5th angel appears, and we’ll call him

**The Archangel of G**

**A Divine Personality**

First, we must study the **I**  of this angel

Second, we have the **I**  of this angel

*And I saw another angel…Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea,*

*nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

**See Also 2 Timothy 2:19**

 They are sealed of God with a mark of

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**A Distinct People**

*And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed*

*an hundred and forty and four thousand, of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

First I want you to notice their **O**

As God makes it very clear where these people come from.

Another question that emerges is: How and when will these 144,000 be saved ?

The promise of the 144k is here in Revelation 7, but the fulfillment

is not until Revelation 11 under the ministry of the Two Witnesses

Secondly, we see their **O**

**See Also** **Matthew 24:14**

So during the Tribulation Period

The Lord will raise up 144,000 converted Jewish evangelists

who will take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The Antichrist will try to stop them, but he will be powerless

to hinder their ministry, for they will have been sealed by God

They will preach from the time of the Two Witnesses,

through the sounding of the Trumpet Judgments

*And finally, in the words of Matthew 24:14*

**Then shall the end come**