

## God Knows His People

S.R. Rev. 7:15 - 17

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### I. LAMB LOOSES THE SEVEN SEALS (6:1 – 8:2)

Note: There is a typical pattern observed in the seals, trumpets and bowls. The first four will be similar in nature – a pattern of four and three. After the first six there is an interlude before the seventh.

#### A. First four Seals (6:1 – 8)

1. See: Studies in the Book of Revelation: Ferrell Jenkins, p. 18 – 19 2.

B. Fifth Seal: The Hub of Revelation (6:9 – 11; 20:4-5) The souls of these martyrs will later share in the victory with Christ (16:5-7; 18:20; 19:1-3; 20:4-5)

C. Sixth Seal (6:12 – 17) Represents a judgment of God in time against a nation

- a. Judgment terms (13, cf. Isa. 13:10; Ezek.32:7-8; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Mt. 24:29)
- b. We must not confuse a judgment in time with the *final* judgment. Every judgment in time is typical of the final judgment and points toward it.
- c. Who is able to stand against the Lamb? (7:17; Isa. 19:1; Ezek. 30:3)

D. An Interlude (Ch. 7) Two Pictures: 144,000 and Great Multitude. Probably two views of the same group, God's people. Perhaps saints of Old and New covenant.

- a. The Sealing of the 144,000 *Earth View* (7:1 – 8; Cf. **Ezek. 9:1 – 8**)
  - i. Four angels are holding back the four winds until...
  - ii. God's servants are sealed. A mark of identity and protection **(cf. 2 Tim.2:19) "The Lord knows those who are His."**
  - iii. Tribes of Israel, not physical, but spiritual. (cf. Rom.9:6)
- b. Great Multitude coming out of tribulation (7:9 – 17) Saints presented from *Heaven's viewpoint*
  - i. Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 16; John 7)
  - ii. Feast of Ingathering, Fall festival celebration and worship to God. All Jewish men required to attend in O.T.
  - iii. God's people are not limited to 144,000 Jewish males.
  - iv. After being sealed, these come out of the great tribulation.
  - v. Continual service to God. Complete provision by Him.
  - vi. Lamb is their shepherd
  - vii. See the four Charts beginning with: [The Sealing of the 144,000]

E. The 7<sup>th</sup> Seal opened (8:1-2) From it will sound the 7 Trumpets

- a. Silence in heaven for about half an hour perhaps indicates:
  - i. Delayed judgment
  - ii. Dramatic effect before storm