

## Union Chapel M.B. Church

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### Revelation 7

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In Revelation 7, God calls a divine time-out between the sixth and seventh seal judgments. During this pause, two significant events take place: the sealing of the Jews and the saving of innumerable Gentiles.

#### A. Redemption, 7.1-17

##### 1. *The Sealed Jews, vv1-8*

- i. The 144,000 Jews will receive the Father's name as their seal (Eze 9.1-7; Rev. 14:1), in contrast to the "mark of the beast" that Antichrist will give those who follow him (Rev. 13:17; 14:11; 16:2; 19:20).
- ii. This seal will protect these chosen Jews from the judgments that will "hurt the earth and the sea."
- iii. These 144,000 Jews are an elect people in the last days with a special task (Isa 49.6 – evangelism) from God.

##### 2. *The Saved Gentiles, vv9-17*

- i. The vast multitude (nation, tribe, people, and language) will be saved through faith in Christ during the great tribulation.
- ii. This group will suffer for truth and for not having the mark of the beast. They will be accepted, joyful, and rewarded.

#### Practical Takeaways:

- God knows every name. Whether numbered like the 144,000 or lost in a crowd, each believer stands secure.
- Worship rises above hardship. The multitude worships even after enduring brutal tribulation, reminding us joy can rise in suffering.
- The Lamb shepherds. He leads and feeds. Jesus' care does not end at the cross; it continues into eternity, guiding His flock to springs of living water.
- His-story is moving toward a sure end. God will finish what He began, vindicating His people and displaying His glory before the universe.