

AN INTERLUDE OF GRACE!

THE PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATION OF THE REDEEMED!



There is an interlude of calm as the angels hold back the winds while the 144,000 Jewish servants of God are sealed for service.

FIRST MOVEMENT: THE 144,00 SERVANTS OF GOD SEALED!

An angel with a loud voice calls for the four angels to not bring harm to the earth until the 144,000 Jewish evangelists are preserved with a protective seal on their foreheads. These saved Jews will share the gospel through the remainder of the tribulation and will enter the millennial kingdom with the multitudes that survive the tribulation and enter the kingdom with them.

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God (Revelation 7:1-2a ESV).

SECOND MOVEMENT: PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATION OF THOSE DRESSED IN WHITE!

You may have wondered if anyone would be “saved” during the time of the tribulation. The answer is a resounding yes. In chapter 6 we saw some of those who trusted in the Lamb and were martyred. Here in chapter 7 we see a great multitude beyond counting who also held to the testimony of Christ.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb (Revelation 7:9-10)!”

THIRD MOVEMENT: THE ANGELS FALL ON THEIR FACES IN AWE!

The Apostle Peter tells us (1:12) that the Lord’s salvation is something into which “angels long to look.” Now we see the full force of that. The righteous angels love God. We cannot overlook or forget that. Now they see an innumerable host of those who have made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb, and they fall in awe and worship.

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 7:11-12 ESV).

FOURTH MOVEMENT: THE LAMB IS PRESENTED AS THEIR SHEPHERD!

Psalms 23 comes to my mind when I read this account of God’s care for his redeemed ones. “The Lord is my Shepherd.” What an amazing biblical concept to embrace. The Lamb is their Shepherd. He shepherded them through the tribulation and will now shepherd them forever.

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 shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes (Revelation 7:15-17 ESV).

