STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 14 - 144,000 Sealed - Revelation 7:1-8

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 7:1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. [2] Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: [3] "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." [4] Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

REV 7:5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

REV 7:6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

REV 7:7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

REV 7:8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 186. Who did John see after the breaking of the first six seals? (7:1)
- 187. Where were the four angels located? (7:1)
- 188. What were the four angels at the four "corners of the earth" doing? Why? (7:1)
- 189. What did John see coming from the east? (7:2)
- 190. What did the angel from the east have in his possession? (7:2)

- 191. What power or authority did the four angels possess? (7:2)
- 192. What did the angel from the east say to the other four angels? (7:3)
- 193. When were the angels given permission to "harm the land and the sea"? (7:3)
- 194. What people were marked? How? (7:4)
- 195. How many individuals were sealed in John's vision? (7:4)
- 196. How many individuals were sealed from each of the 12 tribes of Israel? (7:4-8)
- 197. Who are the 144,000 sealed servants?

Lesson 15 - The Great Multitude in White Robes - Revelation 7:9-17

REV 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. [10] And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

REV 7:11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying:

"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

REV 7:13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?"

REV 7:14 I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] 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 spread his tent over them. REV 7:16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

REV 7:17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 198. What did John see after seeing the revelation of the 144,000 sealed servants of God? (7:9)
- 199. Where did John see a great throng of people? (7:9)
- 200. What were the people John saw wearing and holding? (7:9)
- 201. What was the crowd before the throne saying? (7:10)
- 202. What group was around the throne worshiping? (7:11)
- 203. What were the angels, the elders, and the four creatures saying to God and about God? (7:12)
- 204. Who spoke to John and what did this person say? (7:13)
- 205. How did John respond to the elder's question? (7:14)
- 206. How did the elder explain the identity of those wearing the white robes? (7:14)
- 207. What is the main job of the believers who come out of the great tribulation? (7:15)
- 208. What blessings await those who are martyred in the great tribulation? (7:16-17)
- 209. What is the involvement of the Lamb with those in white robes? (7:17)