

Marked for Blessing

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Revelation 7 Douglas Translation

¹After this I observed four angels standing at the four corners of the earth. They were holding back the four winds of the earth, so that the wind would not blow upon the land, the sea, or any tree. ²Then I observed another angel coming up from the east, having in hand a seal of the Living God. This angel cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been entrusted to inflict harm upon the land and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the land, the sea, or the trees until we mark our God's slaves upon their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the marked - 144,000 from every tribe of the children of Israel.

⁵From the tribe of Judah - 12,000 were marked, from the tribe of Reuben - 12,000, from the tribe of Gad - 12,000, ⁶from the tribe of Asher - 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali - 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh - 12,000, ⁷from the tribe of Simeon - 12,000, from the tribe of Levi - 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar - 12,000, ⁸from the tribe of Zebulun - 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph - 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin - 12,000 were marked. ⁹After these things I looked and - Behold! - a great crowd from every nation, tribe, people-group, and language that no one was able to number, standing before the throne and the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes, had date-palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and were crying out in a loud voice, declaring, "Salvation belongs to our God, the One sitting upon the throne, as well as the Lamb!"

¹¹Then all the angels who were standing around the throne, along with the elders and four living creatures, fell down upon their faces and worshiped God, ¹²declaring,

"Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, gratitude, honor, wonder-working power, and control belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "Who are these who have been clothed in white garments and from where did they come?" ¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know." Then he said to me, "These are the ones coming from the fierce affliction. They washed their robes, thus making them white by the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Because of this, they are before the throne of God, serving Him day and night in His temple; and the One sitting upon the throne will pitch His tent over them. ¹⁶They will never be hungry. Neither will they be thirsty. The sun shall no longer beat down upon them. Neither will there be any intense heat. ¹⁷Because the Lamb at the center of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of living water. Then God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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