

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## Session 18

### Part 4: The Battle Plan - Rev 6-22

#### I. THE BATTLE PLAN – ANGELIC EXPLANATION #1

##### A. Protection for the Church: Revelation 7:1-17

1. Who can stand? Rev 6:17; Joel 2:11; Nah 1:6; Mal 3:2
  - a. What about your people? What about us?
2. Protection for the people of God
  - a. Sealing for protection
  - b. 144,000 sons of Israel sealed with protection from the judgments
    - (1) 4 Angels holding back the four winds of the earth
      - (a) 4 angels sound the trumpets 1-4 Rev 8:6-12
    - (2) Told to restrain the harm until the servants of God are sealed.
      - (a) 2 Cor 1:21-22
      - (b) Eph 1:13
      - (c) Eph 4:30
    - (3) Forehead
      - (a) Ex 28:36-38a
      - (b) Ex 13:16
      - (c) Jer 3:3 Contrast
      - (d) Ez 3:8-9 – hard headed prophets
    - (4) The Mark of God for protection - Ez 9:1-6
    - (5) Four winds of the earth – see Ezekiel 37:1-14
  - c. Rev 7:9 A multitude that no one could number from the tribulation.
    - (1) They are coming OUT the midst of the tribulation
      - (a) Present active verb – continuous activity, not a one time event.
      - (b) Out of, means they were in the midst of the tribulation.
    - (2) Rev 6:9-11 are these more of the same? The number of martyrs yet to be made full
    - (3) Innumerable – billion +

3. What does it mean to be sealed and protected?
  - a. Pockets of Mercy
    - (1) Goshen
      - (a) Exodus 7-12
      - (b) Micah 7:5-7; 15
      - (c) Red Sea
    - (2) Cities of Refuge
    - (3) Perhaps of God...
      - (a) Joel 2:14
      - (b) Jonah 3:9
      - (c) Amos 5:14-15
      - (d) Zeph 2:3
  - b. Psalm 91
    - (1) God is our refuge and fortress
  - c. Judgment vs Wrath – is there a difference?
    - (1) Judgment is for the purpose of turning hearts back to Him – to wake us up.
    - (2) Wrath is released against the unrepentant, when they are beyond repentance.
    - (3) Judgment begins with the house of God - 1 Peter 4:17
    - (4) Believers not destined for wrath – I Thess 5:9
  - d. Nations are judged through (Israel was...)
    - (1) The groan of the earth
      - (a) Famine, Earthquake, Tsunami, Tornado, Hurricane
    - (2) War
    - (3) Beasts
    - (4) Pestilence
  - e. Are believers susceptible to these events?
    - (1) Obedience & Mercy: In these times, obedience to His Word and His guidance will be a matter of life and death.
    - (2) Ananias and Saphirah Acts 5 - Generation of higher accountability