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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“The Revelation Revival”*

Scripture: Revelation 7:1-17

Intro: Chapter 7 is an interlude between Jesus breaking the 6th & 7th seal…Chapter 7 reveals two of the greatest revivals the world has ever witnessed that will occur during the Great Tribulation

Message: **1.** **The Revival Preparation** *(vs’ 1-3)*

1 After this I saw four (symbolic number for the earth) angels standing at the four corners of the earth (refers to the whole world, God is in control of it all), holding back the four winds of the earth (God’s judgment symbolized by the terrible storm approaching earth, angels were commanded to hold back the storm until a special group of people were saved) to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree (God’s judgments have been universally halted for a brief moment). 2Then I saw another angel coming up from the east (from the rising of the sun), having the seal of the living God (during biblical days a king wore a ring which contained a seal to authenticate important documents; implied two things: possession and protection…the seal John saw was not an ordinary seal, but the seal of the living God). He called out in a loud voice (this angel just received an order from the living God and relayed it to the four angels holding back God’s judgment) 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.” (the halt in judgment was only temporary, it will soon resume…those that were to be saved had a specific service to perform therefore, they must be protected from God’s judgment…the seal placed on their forehead was the name of God the Father)

 **2. The Revival Kickoff** *(vs’4-8)*

4Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel (those sealed are Jews that will be saved during the Tribulation Period…God is not finished with the nation of Israel..during the Tribulation, many Jews will accept Jesus as their Christ; 144,000 of them…they will be used by God as great missionary evangelists to win a multitude of non-Jews (Gentiles) to Christ). 5From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, 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.

 **3. The Revival Finale** *(vs’9-17)*

9After this I looked (signifies a scene shift from earth back to Heaven), and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count (after the rapture of the church, there will only be nonbelievers left on earth…most of these will not repent and become even more defiant against God [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12]…God knows 144,000 Jews will accept Christ and be empowered to preach the Gospel worldwide…multitudes will accept Christ as a result…there is no evidence that anyone who had an opportunity to accept Christ during the church age “pre-rapture” will have another opportunity to be saved during the Tribulation…they will believe the lie of the Antichrist [2 Thessalonians 2:9-12]…those who are saved never heard the Gospel during the church age) , from every nation, tribe, people and language (a multitude will be saved during the Tribulation from all nations), standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes (symbolizes righteousness) and were holding palm branches in their hands (symbolizes deliverance…they received Christ, were martyred, now are standing before the throne of Heaven). 10And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” (a shout of praise from the martyrs) 11All 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, 12saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!” 13Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” 14I answered, “Sir, you know.” (this is John confessing his ignorance and appealing for information from an elder he doesn’t recognize) 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 (white=righteous…washed in Jesus’ blood to be made righteous). 15Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple (we will spend eternity serving God); and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence (His shekinah glory will cover them like a tent over them). 16‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst (they were delivered from the Tribulation Period of famine). The sun will not beat down on them,’ [(Isaiah](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation%207:1-17&version=NIV&interface=print#fen-NIV-30827a) 49:10)nor any scorching heat (they were delivered from the Tribulation Period of intense heat of the sun [Revelation 16:8-9]). 17For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd (all the blessings which we shall enjoy in Heaven are ours because of Jesus); ‘he will lead them to springs of living water (Jesus is the “water of life”).’ (Isaiah 49:10)‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes (Jesus nourishes our bodies, He comforts our hearts…no one weeps without a cause…in Heaven, there will be no cause to weep).’ (Isaiah 25:8)”

Application:

* The Revelation Revival
* The Revival Preparation, God will withhold His wrath from destroying those He knows will be the last Christians on the face of the earth
* The Revival Kickoff, God already knows that 144,000 Jews will get it and trust Jesus as their savior taking the Gospel to the world
* The Revival Finale, God will make a way for those that never heard the Gospel to have a chance to receive Christ through the message the 144,000 Jews will preach
* All Christians during the Tribulation Period will be martyred
* Anyone that denied Christ during the church age will not get another chance during the Tribulation Period
* The clock is ticking…if the rapture happened tomorrow how many do you know that will no longer have a chance
* What if you don’t share and then when you come back with Jesus as a part of the heavenly army during the Battle of Armageddon, you must witness their death…not only did you not share, but come back to watch them die