

The Great Army of God

Revelation 7:1-8

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1. There are four angels who control the forces of nature. v. 1
 - a. These angels are stationed at the outskirts of the earth. v. 1
 - b. The angels are restraining the winds. v. 1
 - c. The four winds are best seen as the coming trumpet judgments.

2. A fifth angel enters the scene carrying a seal. v. 2
 - a. The phrase ***rising of the sun*** was another way of saying the east. v. 2a
 - b. This seal was unique from the other seals. v. 2.

3. The fifth angel gives instructions to the other four. vv. 2-3

4. The fifth angel ensures the protection of God's ***servants*** on earth. v. 3
 - a. The seal has the name of the Lamb and the Father.
 - Revelation 14:1
 - b. The seal provides a protection from the judgments.
 - Ezekiel 9:4-5
 - Revelation 9:3-4
 - c. The promised security does not shield these servants from martyrdom.
 - Revelation 13:15
 - d. Any suffering or persecution toward these saints come from God's enemies, not God himself.

5. The sealed are protected in order to serve God. vv. 3-4
 - a. The sealed are best seen as slaves. v. 3
 - b. The number of those who receive the seal is 144,000. v. 4
 - c. These 144,000 are part of ethnic Israel. vv. 5-8

- Revelation 14:1, 3-5

- Matthew 24:14

Conclusion

- Ephesians 1:13