

SEALED! REVELATION 8:1-7

Introduction

A Four Angel Restraint...

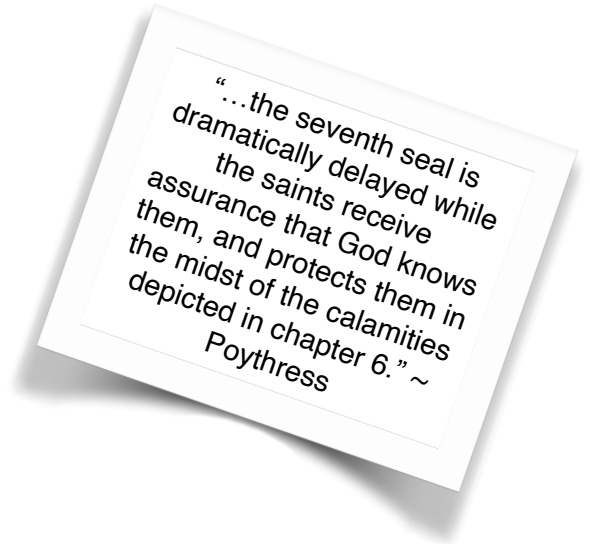
What is the grand purpose of this restraint?

The Sealed Servants of God...

Literal View:


Symbolic View:

- Rom 9:6 -
- Rom 11:19-17 -
- 1 Cor 10:1 -
- Ephesians 2:11-21 & 3:5, 6 -
- 1 Peter 2:4-10 -



Who can stand?

Sealed...



“...for the great day of their
wrath has come, and who
can stand?”

Eph. 1:13–14 -

Eph 4:30 -

Questions for Revelation 7:1-8

- What happens in the preceding chapter (Revelation 6) that sets the stage for the events in Revelation 7?
- What is the significance of the four angels "holding back the four winds" (v. 1)? What might the "winds" represent?
- Who are the 144,000, and what is the significance of their being from the twelve tribes of Israel? Do you think the number 144,000 is literal or symbolic? Why?
- What does the sealing of the 144,000 ultimately tell us about God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
- Why is there a delay in the judgments (the winds being held back) until the servants of God are sealed?
- What is the "seal" mentioned in verse 3, and what does it represent? How does Ephesians 1:13-14? Relate to this?
- In light of Revelation 7:1-8, how does this sealing affect a believer's security, identity, and purpose in Christ?
- How does the concept of God's preservation of His people (through the sealing) give hope to believers in times of crisis or persecution?
- In what practical ways can this assurance impact how you face trials or difficult situations?