# The Sealing of the 144,000

Revelation Series Revelation 7:1-4 (KJV)

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#### Introduction

- 1. Revelation 6 ended with the question...
- 2. Before getting into the 7<sup>th</sup> seal, we have an interlude in the text that answers the question of 6:17.

### The Sealing

- 1. The text uses the picture of a seal to teach important truth about the church.
  - a. A seal is a mark that was pressed into clay on a piece of paper or possession. Two uses:
  - b. This spiritual seal from God is the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13; 4:30
- 2. The Holy Spirit is the mark which declares we belong to God.
- 3. Because we belong to God and he loves us, the church is protected.

#### The Objects...who are sealed? The 144,000

- 1. The text says the 144,000 are "of all the tribes of the children of Israel." Are these 144,000 all Jews? Does this refer to Jewish believers?
- 2. How do we look at this church? 144,000 is significant: 12 x 12 x 1000
  - a. First, this number is a symbol of completion.
  - b. Is the church represented the Church as complete in all ages, or as she is found on this earth? Answer is found in the Number 12.

### The Significance

- 1. The people of God are safe and secure in the sufferings and tribulations of this world.
- 2. What great comfort for the church.