

Palmetto Baptist Church – April 9, 2017

The Lamb is My Shepherd. I shall not want. – Revelation 7:1-8

Inside the Text:

I. A Pause in the Action (1)

- A. Each pause includes angelic intervention. (7:1-17; 10-11:14; 20:1-6)

- B. Each pause focuses on the status of the saints during the Tribulation. (7:1-17; 10-11:14; 20:1-6)

II. A Seal from the Living God (2-3)

- A. A picture of identification. (Romans 4:11; Ephesians 1:13-14)

- B. A picture of protection. (Revelations 6:17-7:8)

- C. A picture of justification. (Ezra 9:4-6)

III. A Selection of 144,000 Witnesses (4-8)

- A. God is not finished with the nation of Israel. (Rev. 21:12-14; Rom. 11:11-12)

- B. God is not limited by the wisdom of man. (Genesis 49:1-27; 48:1-22)

- C. God is not tolerant of apathy and idolatry. (Judges 17-18)

Apply the Text:

- **God cares for you.**
 - The interludes prove that He cares about His remnant.
 - The numbering proves that He cares about His promises.
 - The omission means He cares about your spiritual health.
- **God desires a relationship with you that is real and personal.**
 - Accept His offer of salvation today.
 - Enjoy the security of the presence of the Spirit.
 - Experience the peace of resting in the center of His will.