

Call to the Word

Rev 7:1-4, 9-12



After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying,

"Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

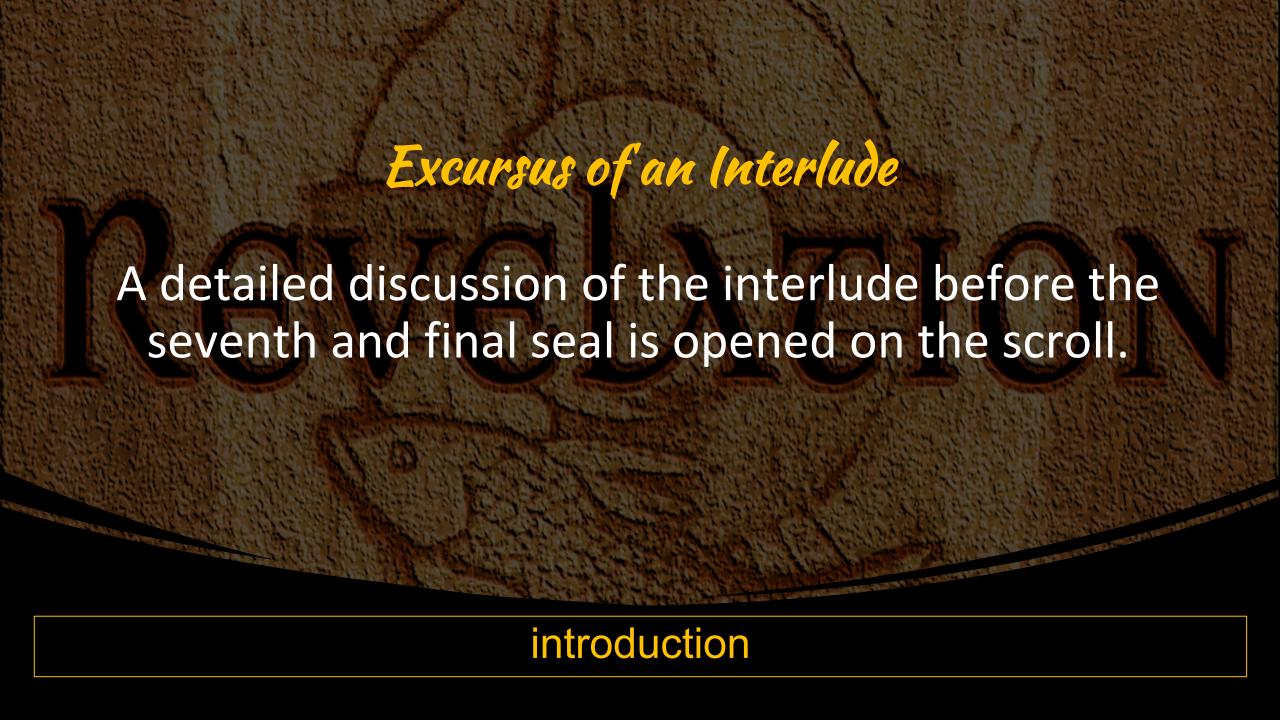
And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed...

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Introduction, Background Outline





"While the earthbound heathen will cower from God in fear and scramble in vain to find relief, the heaven-bound saints will stand before their glorious God in faith, ascended into the heights of paradise."

(Swindoll)

introduction

Chapter 4 – The Throne of God

Chapter 5 — The Scroll with Seven Seals

Chapter 6 – Seals Loosed, Judgement Begins

Chapter 7 - Interlude

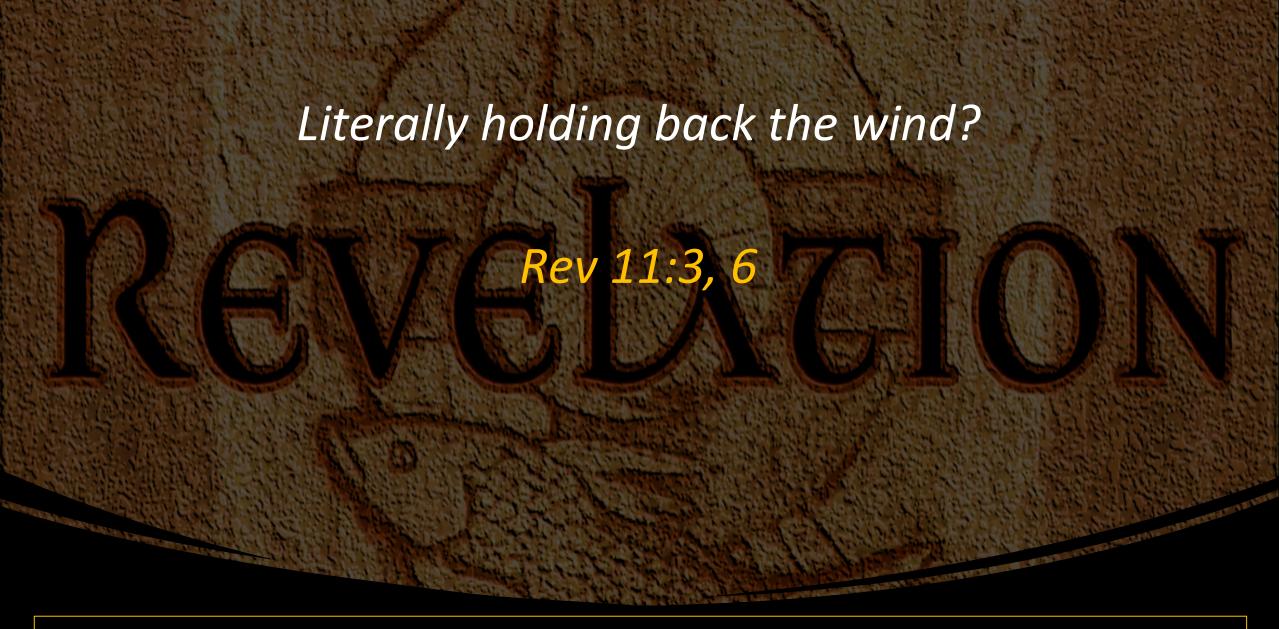
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Angels at the Ready

Rev 7:1-3

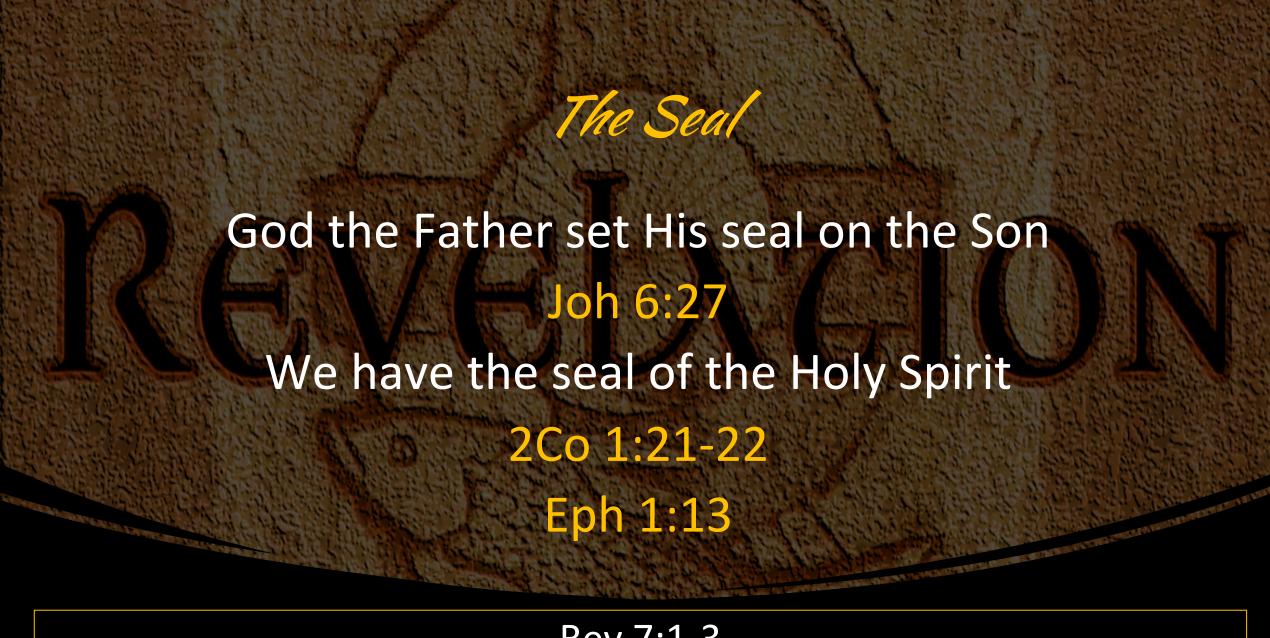






Shows ownership, authority, authenticity...

Being sealed has the connotation of being approved by God, authorized by God, owned by God and protected by God



Comfort & Challenge

We belong to Him and are protected by Him approved by Him and authorized by Him to share the Truth of the Gospel.

2Ti 2:19

Eph 4:30

144,000 Sealed

Rev 7:4-8





These 144,000 Witness will will serve as faithful, courageous, and diligent witnesses for Christ during the darkest period of the earth's history.

Joel 2:28-29

Mat 24:14

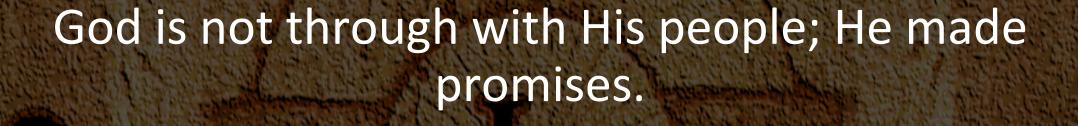
Isa 43:1-12



"Following Constantine's conversion in A.D. 312, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. At this point, Christian teachers, thinkers, and theologians said, "Uh-oh. We've been teaching the kingdoms of this world are going to fall—but now we've got a Christian in power in the person of Constantine." (Courson)

God is not through with His people. He made promises.

Num 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?



Abrahamic Covenant – Gen 12:1-3
Palestinian Covenant – Gen 13:14
Mosaic Covenant – Deut 28
Davidic Covenant – 2Sam 7
New Covenant – Jer 31:31-33

