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2. The significance of their sealing. 7:4.

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B. Their Identity. 7:4-8.

* These are not the only Jews who will be saved during the tribulation, but a special group who are sealed during the tribulation. *

C. Their Ministry. 7:9. Cp. Matt. 24:14.

* These will be 144,000 evangelists who proclaim the message of Christ during the tribulation. *

II. THE SAVED GENTILES. Rev. 7:9-17.

A. Their Description. 7:9,10.

1. A people of diversity.

2. A people of victory.

a. Standing before the throne.

b. Clothed in white robes. Rev. 3:5.

c. Palm branches. John 12:12.

d. Expressions of joy, victory and praise.

B. Their Identity. 7:13,14.

1. These are not the church for the church is in heaven in Revelation 4.

2. These are not the nation Israel for they are of every nations, peoples and tongues.

3. These are Gentiles who are saved during the great tribulation.

C. Their Salvation. 7:14.

1. The fruit of the ministry of the 144,000.

2. Those who have not rejected the gospel in this age.

a. The 10/40 window is the area between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude from the equator including much of Asia and Africa.

b. 3.2 billion people live in the 10/40 window.

- c. 95% of those living in the 10/40 window are unevangelized.
 - d. Less than 5% of all mission work takes place in this area.
 - e. 9 of the 10 worst countries in terms of religious persecution are in the 10/40 window.
3. The role of the Holy Spirit in the tribulation. 2 Thess. 2:7.
 4. They are saved through the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14.
 5. Many will seal their testimony with their lives. Rev. 6:9-11; 13:15.
- D. Their Future. 7:15-17.
1. Praise and joy. 7:9-10.
 2. Fellowship with the Lord. 7:15,17.
 3. No more suffering. 7:16.
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