

Intro:

every year we make new years resolutions - what if someone saved them

Problem:

failed resolutions - we don't keep our promises

Psalms 50:16-22 - and we think God forgets like we do...but He doesn't (21)

Main Idea:

In the storm of His wrath
a remnant will stand
for God made a promise to Israel
and God made a promise to the nations
Let His angels and His church proclaim
that God keeps His promises

Implication:

God will keep His promises
It will be during the greatest period of persecution and tribulation in the history of the world that
the greatest evangelistic harvest will happen

but what about now?

Application:

God keeps His promises even now - Isa 55:6-11
His Word will not come back to Him void it will accomplish His purposes
perhaps like David resources used in tribulation

Do we believe Him?

these evangelists were bold in the worst time in history -> Rom 10:8-15 -> how much more
ought we be bold now?

Text:

In the storm of His wrath

Rev. 7:1 ¶ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that **no wind** might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

After this -

Rev 6:12-17 -who can stand? (Matt 19:16-26; Jn 1:9-13)

no wind

Rev 6:12; 8:1 - quiet in storm

4 winds

Jer 49:36; 23:16-20; 30:23-24 - whirlwind of wrath

a remnant will stand

Rev. 7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea,

Rev. 7:3 saying, "**Do not harm** the earth or the sea or the trees, **until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**"

foreheads

- ezek 9:1-8 (begin in my sanctuary)

remnant

- 1 Kings 19:13-18

(noah, lot, rahab, Israel)

for God made a promise to Israel

Rev. 7:4 And I heard the number of the **sealed**, 144,000, sealed **from every tribe of the sons of Israel**:

Rev. 7:5 ¶ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, (messianic tribe)

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

Rev. 7:6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

Rev. 7:7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi, (dan was idolatrous)

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

Rev. 7:8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, (ephraim defected from judah Isa 7:17)

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

God made a promise

- Rom 11:1-5 , 24-29 (that hasn't happened yet)

- Jer 31:31-40 (to a nation)

- Ezekiel 37:1-11 (dry bones coming to life)

- Matt 24:14 - (evangelists)

(- (no evangelists on earth))

and God made a promise to the nations

Rev. 7:9 ¶ **After this** I looked, and **behold, a great multitude that no one could number**, from **every nation**, from **all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, **clothed in white** robes, with **palm branches** in their hands,

Rev. 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

palm branches

- (jn 12:13;) matt 21:8-13; Isa 56:1-8

Let His angels and His church proclaim

Rev. 7:11 And all the **angels** were standing around the throne and around the **elders** and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

Rev. 7:12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Rev. 7:13 ¶ Then one of the **elders** addressed me, saying, "**Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?**"

Rev. 7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "**These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**"

elders

rev 3:22-4:4 - the church

- rev 6:9-11 distinguished from the trip saints

- resurrected at end of trip - rev 20:4

blood of lamb

- Rev 6:9 (but some under altar) (washed by the blood)

illustration

- Eph 3:8-10 (the church is an illustration to angels - tribulation saints an illustration to the church)

that God keeps His promises

Rev. 7:15 ¶ "**Therefore** they are before the throne (not on thrones like elders) of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

Rev. 7:16 They shall hunger no more (I am the bread of life), neither thirst anymore (I am living water); the sun shall not strike them (I am the light of the world), nor any scorching heat.

Rev. 7:17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne (behold the lamb) will be their shepherd (I am the Good shepherd), and he will guide them to springs of living water (I am), and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

hunger no more

- Isaiah 49:1-23 (God made some promises)

wipe away tears

- Isaiah 25:6-8 (God keeps His promises)

even now...Isaiah 55:6-11

do we believe Him - Rom 10:8-15

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/144000.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/tribulation-saints.html>