



1. Who is the writer ? and speaker ?
2. When was it written ? and event ?
3. To whom was it written ?
4. What are the major divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple phrase sums it all up ?

Revelation 7v1-8

This passage is a parenthesis, a short pause in the opening of the 7 seals of chapter 6 and chapter 8 that reveal the judgments of God called the Tribulation. Let's remember the answers to the very important questions from our list above. All the answers come from the Biblical text.

1. Who is the writer / speaker of this text ? (cf. Rev7v1,2 & 4)
 _____ John
 Is any part God's commentary ? (cf. Rev7v2-4) _____ No,
 only angels
2. When did the events take place ? (Rev7v1) _____ After
 the 6th seal
 Where does this text fit in God's plan of the ages ? (Rev6v17) ___ Near the end of
 the Trib
3. Who were the first readers / recipients of this message ? (cf. Rev1v1,4 & 7v4) _Us &
 John
 What is their relationship with the events ? (cf. Rev4v1 & 7v3)
 _____ Spectators
4. What are the obvious divisions of the text ? (cf. Rev7v1, 2-3 & 4-8)
 _____ Three
 When does the speaker change ? (cf. Rev7v1-2,3 & 4-8) _____ John &
 the angel
5. What key words are repeated ? (cf. Rev7v5-8) 12x _____ Tribe & Twelve
 thousand
 What other word is repeated ? (cf. Rev7v1-4) 3x
 _____ Angel(s)
6. What is the message ? (Rev7v3) _____ The bond servants of our God are
 sealed
 How does this relate to every other part of the text ? (Rev7v1) ___ Judgment is
 restrained
7. What is the application to my life today ? (Rev7v3) _____ We can count on God's
 protection

How does this differ from the first reader's application ? (Rev7v4) _____ We are not Israel

This passage is an encouragement for Israel to trust in God. It is not about the church nor Christians. But, it reminds us of another seal which is for us Christians. What is that seal ? (cf. 2Cor1v22, Eph1v13 & 4v30)

_____ The Holy Spirit
What are the purposes of a seal ? (cf. Mat27v66 & Rev20v3) _____ To limit access (cf. Jn3v33) _____ To approve (cf. Rev10v4 & 22v10)

_____ To hide

What should I do to make sure I am sealed by God today ? (Rev7v3)

_____ Make sure I belong to Him

For further thought : What tribe is missing from the list and why ? (cf. Rev7v5-8, Gen35v 23-26 & Ez48v31-24) _____ Dan (cf. Gen49v17, 35v22 & 49v4)

What name is substituted for the missing tribe ? (cf. Rev7v & Gen48v5)

_____ Manasseh

Why wasn't Ephraim also named in this passage ? _____ Good question !

What other Bible passages mention seals and their use ? (cf. Est8v8, Is29v11, Jer32v14 & Dan6 v17)

_____ Permenance