Today's Theme

"A Breather"

Series Title "The Future - From Jesus"

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(1) God *pauses* with His *future* plan.

1. The 6th seal has ended.

Rev 7:1 After this . . .

2. Four angels standing over the whole earth.

Rev 7:1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth,

3. Angels are *holding* something back.

Rev 7:1 holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

(2) *Transitioning* from S-6 to what's *next*.

1. Additional angel comes on the scene.

Rev 7:2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east . . .

2. This angel had the *power* & *blessing* of God.

Rev 7:2 having the seal of the living God.

3. A call to cease judgment that's happened.

Rev 7:2 He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

(3) Jesus recruits a Jewish contingent.

1. A group of evangelists are sealed for protection. Rev 7:4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed:

2. The 144,000 chosen to impact history.

Rev 7:4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000

3. This large group is from 12 tribes of Israel.

Rev 7:4 . . . 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. 5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, 6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, 7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, 8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

What this Tells us about God?

- 1. Even during *judgment* He *reaches* out.
- 2. He's always faithful to His promises.
- 3. He always has a *plan* We just follow.