

Groups in Revelation 6 & 7

Two Groups of the Sixth Seal

144,000 Israelites Revelation 7:1-8	Innumerable Multitude Revelation 7:9-17
Able to stand (<i>protected/standing angels</i>) (:1)	Able to stand (<i>standing before throne</i>) (:9)
On earth (:1, 2, 3)	In heaven (<i>before the throne</i>) (:9)
Heard the number _n (:4)	Saw the multitude (:9)
Number equals 144,000 (:4)	Unable to number _v (:9)
Israelites (:4)	Multi-ethnic (:9)
Every tribe (<i>twelve</i>) of Israel (:4)	Every nation, tribe, people, & tongue (:9)
Sealed (<i>owned and protected</i>)(:4, 5, 8)	Martyred (:14)
Saved from death (:4, 5, 8)	Saved in spite of death (:9, 10, 14)
Sealed on forehead (:3)	Clothed in white robes (:9, 13, 14)
Bond-servants (:3)	Martyrs (:14)
Work? (<i>yet to be described</i>)	Serve day & night in temple (:15)

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Martyrs of the Fifth and the Sixth Seals

Fifth Seal Martyrs Revelation 6:9-11	Sixth Seal Martyrs Revelation 7:9-17
I saw souls of those slain... (6:9)	I saw —behold—a great multitude... (7:9)
Slain because of Word/testimony (6:9)	Came out of great tribulation (7:14)
Under the altar (6:9)	Before the throne (7:9, 15)
In heaven (6:9)	In heaven (7:9, 15)
Cried out in a loud voice ... (6:10)	Cry out in a loud voice ... (7:9)
Question: How long? (6:10)	Praise: Salvation! (7:10)
Resting a bit longer (6:11)	Serving day and night (7:15)
Until number is complete (6:11)	Unable to number (7:9) [<i>Number is complete.</i>]

Martyrs of the Fifth and the Sixth Seals

Fifth Seal Martyrs Revelation 6:9-11	Sixth Seal Martyrs Revelation 7:9-17
Given white robes (6:11)	Clothed in white robes (7:9, 13, 14) Holding palm branches (7:9)
Vindicate our blood (6:10)	Robes washed in Lamb's blood (7:14)
[<i>Martyred (slain/killed) in Seals #1 - #4</i>]	[<i>Martyred in tribulation of Seal #6</i>]
Pleading for vindication (6:10)	[<i>Vindication complete?</i>] [<i>Or just getting started?</i>] <i>Yet to be described.</i>

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