



The One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand

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READING: Revelation 14

There are many false teachings on this subject. One that I am familiar with is a faith that states there will only be 144,000 people who will go to heaven. They teach that these individuals are called and anointed by God, from all walks of life, from all over the world, and will reign with God for eternity. I followed this teaching, which I was spoon fed, before I came to know the Jesus in the Bible. This is a lesson we all can benefit from, we should not believe everything we hear. We must investigate and compare everything against what God says in His Word. Today I am able to say with much confidence that the 144,000 called out in the passage represent the 12 tribes of Israel, each one represents 12,000. *“And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed”* Revelation 7:4 NKJV.

I encourage you to read verses 5-8 as they identify the tribes. These individuals are separated from everyone else. They do not belong to the earth; they have been called out of the earth. These are considered the first fruits, *“These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God”* Revelation 14:4-5 NKJV.

These called ones were not the earth dwellers as their counterparts in the Great Tribulation, they are citizens of heaven. Believers today do not belong to this very righteous group, but like them we have been redeemed and are not part of this world system. In the Great Tribulation these individuals are set apart from the other sheep that were led astray by the beast. These individuals did not bow to the image of the beast or have the mark on them that unites them with him. These are the true believers, faithful to the true God!

Then as the prophecy continues to unfold, we have voices of angels that come to warn the people and give them encouragement. They proclaim, *“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”* *“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”* *“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand.”*

My friends, where do you see yourself in all this mayhem? Will you prove yourself worthy to stand out and apart from those blind individuals that bow and worship the beast? If your answer is yes, then set yourself apart from this sin-filled world. Stop blending into this world system and lean into Christ. Allow Jesus to reign in and through your mortal body.

PRAY THIS PRAYER: Lord Jesus, we come to You today in total submission to You. We need You, Jesus, to be Lord of our lives. Help me, Jesus, to understand my walk in You. Help me understand how to abide in You so I can represent you in the manner that I have been called to

do. Manifest Yourself in me, Jesus, and lead me on Your righteous path. It is in Your holy name I pray, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 15

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