



The One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand

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READING: Revelation 7

After the sixth seal is opened, there will be a time the winds throughout the earth will be held back from blowing (Revelation 7:1). Before more destruction and calamity occur, an angel warns (Revelation 7:2-3) that one more task must first be performed.

The task will be that 144,000 Jews, 12,000 members from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, must be selected (Revelation 7:4-8) and marked with the Father's name on their foreheads (Revelation 14:1). Although records of who are members of those tribes are not known to us, God still knows who they are. There are many that claim to be the 144,000, including certain "anointed" Jehovah's Witnesses. The Bible, however, is very clear that they are Jews.

Of the twelve original tribes, two of the tribes have been substituted. The Israelite tribes of Dan and Ephraim were omitted because their names were blotted out (Deuteronomy 29:18-21) when they introduced idolatry to Israel. They will be replaced by the tribes of Levi and Joseph.

These 144,000 Jews will go throughout the world and present the world with one more opportunity to hear the gospel and be saved. There will be so many saved that it will be hard to number them (Revelation 7:9). These will be those who never heard the saving Gospel before and had not rejected Christ. They, too, like many other converts of that period, will be martyred for the cause of Christ.

God does not want any to perish and go to hell (2 Peter 3:9). He gives multiple opportunities to repent and trust Christ as payment for their sins. He has not given up on the Jews either and gives them one last opportunity to accept Christ as Savior. His opportunities are limited, however, as is the time to be saved.

Have you been saved? Has there been a time when the Holy Spirit called out to your heart, so you can trust in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ? Please use this as an opportunity to trust Christ as Savior before it is eternally too late!

PRAYER: Father, thank You for giving us a way to find fellowship with You. We pray for those who do not know You and pray for them to come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

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