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Who Will Be Able to Stand?

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TODAY'S READING: Revelation 7

After the sixth seal is opened there will be a brief respite, a parenthesis if you will, before the seventh seal is broken. During this time the winds throughout the earth will be held back from blowing (Revelation 7:1). Before more cataclysms occur, an angel warns (Revelation 7:2) that one more task must 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 the members of those tribes are, are lost to man, 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 12 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. The soul-winning efforts of those 144,000 will have outstanding results. There will be so many saved 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 most to 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. Allow me to ask, are you saved (John 3:16)? Please take this opportunity to trust Christ as Savior before it is eternally too late!

PRAYER: Lord, help us be patient and receive the blessing in Your time, not ours.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 8

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