

The Book of Revelation #6 - The Sealed People of God

Memory Verse - **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Revelation 7:14 (NKJV) *And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

Seals

Nehemiah 9:38 (NKJV) *"And because of all this, We make a sure covenant*

Restraining the Winds

Revelation 7:1 *After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.*

Why The Four Angels?

Matthew 24:31 (NKJV) *And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

The Sealed People of God

Deuteronomy 6:8 *"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."*

Exodus 13:9 *And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes.*

Isaiah 8:16 *Bind up the testimony, seal the Law among my disciples.*

Ezekiel 9:4 *And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.*

Ezekiel 20:12 (NKJV) *Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.*

***Ezekiel 20:20** (NKJV) *hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.'*

1 Peter 4:17 *For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

A Special Number

If there are 8 billion people on the earth and only 144,000 are going to be saved, your chances are one in about 55,000 of being saved.

- The great multitude is a group that cannot be numbered, as opposed to a specific group, the 144,000 that has a precise number.

"The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake." EW pg. 14
"Oh, that I could talk in the language of Canaan, then could I tell a little of the glory of the better world. I saw there, tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold." EW pg. 19

1 Chronicles 25:7–31 (ESV) ⁷ *The number of them along with their brothers, who were trained in singing to the LORD, all who were skillful, was 288.* ⁸ *And they cast lots for their duties, small and great, teacher and pupil alike.* ⁹ *The first lot fell for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, to him and his brothers and his sons, twelve; ...*

1 Chr 27:15 *The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division were twenty-four thousand.*

In 1 Chronicles 27 king David had a trained army that totaled 288,000 men (2×144,000). A great multitude joined in for battles.

1 Chronicles 27:1 (NKJV) *And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' houses, the captains of thousands and hundreds and their officers, served the king in every matter of the military divisions. These divisions came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division having twenty-four thousand.*

Matthew 19:28 *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Acts 1:13 *And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.*

***Acts 1:17** *"for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." matthias Shortened form of Mattathias ("gift of Yah.")*

Acts 1:26 (NKJV) *And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. 11+1*

"It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand? This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question." --ISM 174 (1901).

The Great Multitude

Revelation 7:9 (NKJV) *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

Revelation 7:13–17 *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

Those Who Follow the Lamb

Revelation 14:4 (NKJV) *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 firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.*

***Matthew 4:19–20** *Then He said to them, “**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

John 1:40 (NKJV) *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.*

John 1:43 (NKJV) *The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “**Follow Me.**”*

Alexander the great’s soldiers were willing to follow him anywhere and make almost any sacrifice for their king. Because of their dedication, his much smaller force was able to conquer the Persian empire.

Salvation to Our God and the Lamb

Revelation 7:10–12 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

¹¹ *All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,*

¹² *saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”*

Revelation 14:2–3 (NKJV) *And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new song before the*

throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

“Now will I praise the Lord **for** the Lord has looked upon my affliction **and granted me** good fortune. I am happy **because** with great wrestling I have wrestled and have prevailed **thus** God hath made me forget all my toil. Because the Lord has heard that I am not loved **He has** joined (married) unto me. God hath given me my hire (compensation/pay/reward) **by** dwelling with me **and** the Lord shall add to me the Son of my (His) right hand.”

1. A Special Nation

Even a casual look at the Old Testament will reveal that 10 of the 12 tribes were carried away by the Assyrians in 722 BC.

2 Kings 17:6 *In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.”*

1. Spiritual Jews

Galatians 3:29 (NKJV) *And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Romans 2:28, 29 *For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly;*

Romans 9:6 (NKJV) *But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,*

Matthew 3:9 (NKJV) *and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.*

James 1:1 *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad,*

2. They Have A Special Work

Isaiah 40:3 *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.*

3. They Have Special Names

Revelation 2:17 *“And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”*

4. They Have Special White Robes

Revelation 3:5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Revelation 19:8 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

5. Special Purity - All Virgins?

Revelation 14:4 *These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. Parable of 10 Virgins are God's church.*

6. Sing A Special Song

Rev 14:3 *And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*

Deu 31:22 *Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.*

The apostles sang after the last supper

Mark 14:26 *And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

7. Special Honesty - No Guile or No Deceit

Rev 14:5 *And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

John 1:47 *Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"*

8. Special Sequence

Rev 14:4 *These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.*

9. Special Relationship - Follow the Lamb

These are shepherds that follow a Lamb

Mat 4:19, 20 *Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

Notice how this can also apply to the Great Time of Trouble and the 144,000 being delivered and rewarded! How we will forget all the toils and troubles of this lifetime when we see how we have prevailed and gained the victory!

Zech. 2:11-12 *"And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again."*