A most amazing parallel exists between what happened to ancient Israel on a literal and local scale and what will happen to the Christian church—Spiritual Israel—on a worldwide scale in the last days.

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Revelation 7:1–4 Only those who have been sealed will be numbered with the 144,000.

Revelation 14:1–5 Only those in whose mouths there is no guile will be sealed.

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are to live our lives as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:22 As Christians, we keep God’s commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Hebrews 12:1 As we “run” the Christian race, we lay aside the “weights” that hold us back.

1 John 5:4 Our Christian faith overcomes the world.

1 John 2:15 “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.”

1 Peter 2:9 As Christians we are to be a peculiar people.

CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

**THINGS WE LISTEN TO:**

Mark 4:24 Jesus said, “Take heed what you hear.”

Proverbs 18:15 Ears of the wise seek knowledge.

Proverbs 23:12 Again, we are to listen to that which gives knowledge and wisdom.

**THINGS WE SEE:**

Isaiah 33:15, 16 Those going to heaven are those who stop listening to and seeing murderous bloodshed and other evil.
Proverbs 23:26  Our eyes should observe the Lord’s ways (i.e., things that are good and wholesome).

Ezekiel 20:7   We are to cast away anything that is an abomination to our eyes.

Psalm 101:2, 3  We are to walk within our house with a perfect heart by not setting wicked things before our eyes.

Psalm 119:37, 38  We are to turn from seeing vanity and instead have God’s Word established in our hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:18  We are changed into the things we behold.

Philippians 4:8  Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, with virtue and praise, think on these things.

**THINGS WE WEAR:**

Genesis 35:1–3  When God’s people were consecrated to Him, they put away all “strange gods.”

Genesis 35:4  The result was that Jacob’s family put away their adornments.

Exodus 33:4–6  After worshipping the golden calf, God called for a revival and asked His people to take off their ornaments.

1 Timothy 2:9  Again our dress is to be modest, without “broided hair” (meaning plaited—a custom of weaving gold strands, pearls, and beads into the hair) or gold, pearls, and costly array.

1 Peter 3:3, 4  Our adorning is to be modest, not with gold, pearls, and costly array, but with a meek and quiet spirit. It is the *inner character* that is valuable to God.

Titus 2:11–14  As the church looks for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of Jesus, they allow God to purify them in all things as a *peculiar* people.