

Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 17
The 144,000 in Heaven Worshiping God
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Revelation 14:1-5

Then I looked, and behold, a **Lamb** standing on **Mount Zion**, and with Him one **hundred and forty-four thousand**, having His Father's Name written on their foreheads. ² 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. ⁴ 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**. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the **throne of God**.

1. The 144,000 Israeli Missionaries that Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ during the Great Tribulation were first introduced in Chapter 7. The Fruit of their Gospel Ministry is seen in Revelation 7:9-10

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the **Lamb**!"

a. Their Ministry Starts AFTER the Rapture (Revelation 4-5 have taken place by then)

b. Their Ministry Parallels that of the Two Witnesses

c. The Temple will be built at the beginning of 1st 1/2 Of the Great Tribulation while the 144,000 are spreading the Gospel and the Two Witnesses are prophesying

d. These are ALL Israeli-Centric or Israeli-Related people and/or events in focus

e. This proves that the "church" is no longer here on earth, but in heaven ... and that God turns His Focus back to Israel to be the Blessing and the Light of Salvation to the Nations (Isaiah 49:6-7) during the Great Tribulation.

2. In Revelation 14:1-5 ...

The First Person we see is ... the Lamb of God

What is He standing upon? Mount Zion. (but isn't that here on earth? YES ... how ... ?)

Whose Name is written on their foreheads? God the Father's Name: Yahweh, Yahveh, Yahu-eh, Yahovah, Yahu-ah ... (other pronunciations all point to Exodus 3:15 ... the Name of God as the Great I AM)

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Where are they singing their New Song? Answer: In Heaven, Before God's Throne... (so what about Mount Zion? ... it is a Vision of the End of the Tribulation in which Christ will Stand Upon Mount Zion as King over all the Earth ... it was a Foretaste Vision . . .)

3. Why the Special Focus on these 144,000 ... there are millions of other saved people, why are this set of people so special to God? Why couldn't anyone else learn their New Song? (vv. 3-6)

It all has to do with Dedication, Surrender, Integrity, and Holiness (they were blameless, faultless ...)

God is fulfilling Promises through these 144,000 ... they are heroes, victories, holy warriors for God.

Just like Olympic Athletes are held high and represent their individual nations, so it is with the 144,000 representing the very BEST of Israel. They are God's First Fruits ... the Best of the Best, His Choosing. To us, now, they should be an EXAMPLE.

4. What can we learn from these servants of God?

- a. **The First Thing** folks should think of and see is Jesus Christ and God's Name stamped on our life → is that what is seen? The world may Hate you because of this, but God sees you this way. You still need to Shine Jesus Christ, regardless (Matt 5:10-16; 6:33) Is Jesus your all and all, is He the One you want Exalted in your life, today? Is He the First One you Seek? Is He the Core and Base of your Life, the Reason you Live, the Motivation of your Living?
- b. **A Life of Worship, of Praising and Thanking God ...**
Do you have a **New Song** to sing to God, today?
New Song implies that you are allowing God to intervene and invade your life ... it implies you are allowing God to be involved in your life, to Lead your life to rule and reign in your life ... Is He on the Throne of Your Life?
Is God doing New Things in your LIFE on an ongoing basis?
- c. **Surrender, Dedication, Devotion ...**
Theirs lives are characterized as Virgins
they follow the Lamb wherever He goes
No deceit in their mouths ... no hidden agendas, etc.
- This shows their absolute, undistracted, full devotion to Jesus Christ, their Messiah.
Is that how folks think of you when they get to know you?
Is that how God thinks of you, regarding your walk with Him, today?