

## JIM JOHNSON - BIBLE PROPHECY STUDY – February 3, 2020

### THE 144,000 MENTIONED IN REVELATION CHAPTERS 7 AND 14 (PART 1)

#### 144,000 Sealed

<sup>7</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup> "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." <sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,

from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000,

from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,

from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,

from the tribe of Levi 12,000,

from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,

from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

#### The Great Multitude in White Robes

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> 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 shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation Chapter 7, verses 3-8, reveal a distinct group of **144,000 Jews!** Chapter 14 which we will get into next week gives additional information about the **144,000.**

Revelation Chapter 7, Verses 9-17 reveal **another distinct group** which verse 9 describes as “a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language.”

Chapter 7 appears as a parenthetical section between the Sixth Seal described in Revelation 6:12-17 and the introduction of the Seventh Seal that begins in Revelation Chapter 8:1!

Revelation 7:1 (The vision of the 4 angels), Revelation 7:2-3 (The 5<sup>th</sup> angel)

The 144,000! (1) Who are they? (2) What is their significance? (3) What will be their objective? (4) Will they be protected? (5) What impact will they have on the last period of the Tribulation Time?

From verses 2, 3 and 4 of Revelation, Chapter 7 it is easy to see the 144,000 are called by God for some Godly purpose!

“sphragis”, Strong’s Concordance G4973. According to Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, as used in the context of Revelation Chapter 7, the Greek Word “sphragis” means: “a seal” or “signet”, ... an emblem of ownership and security, ...here the persons to be “sealed” being secured from destruction and marked for reward.”

The phrase “the Living God” is used 30 times in the Bible! (KJV)

“In contrast to the seals of earthly rulers, the seals borne by the angel belonged to “the Living God”. The Bible frequently identifies God as the Living God to distinguish Him from the dead idols worshipped by unbelievers. The most prominent false deity of the Tribulation period, Antichrist will seal his followers, and the true and living God will seal His!” (John MacArthur Explains The Book Of Revelation, “Because The Time Is Near p.141)

<sup>15</sup> The second beast (false prophet) was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast (Antichrist), so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. <sup>16</sup> It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.  
(Revelation 13:15-17 NIV)