

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

Looking Ahead –

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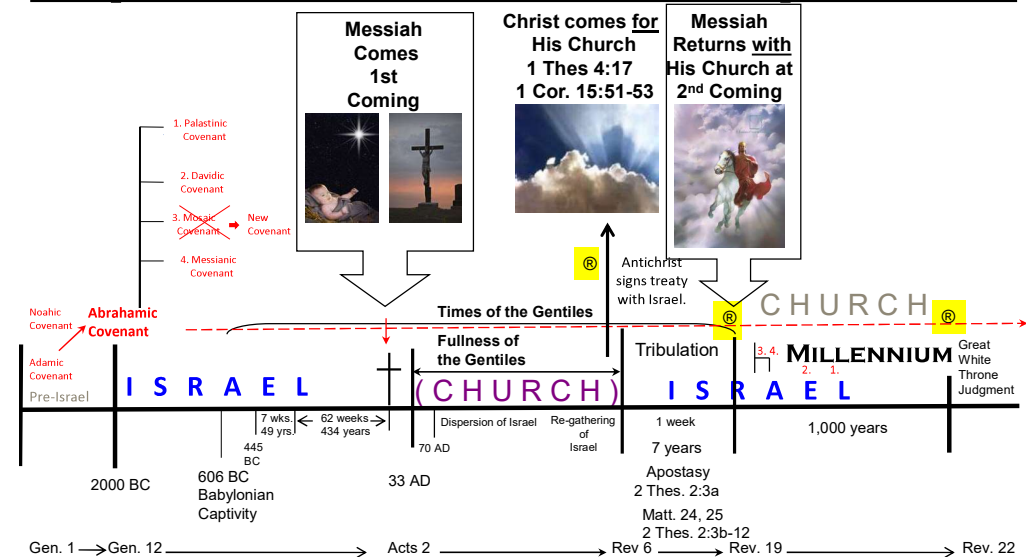
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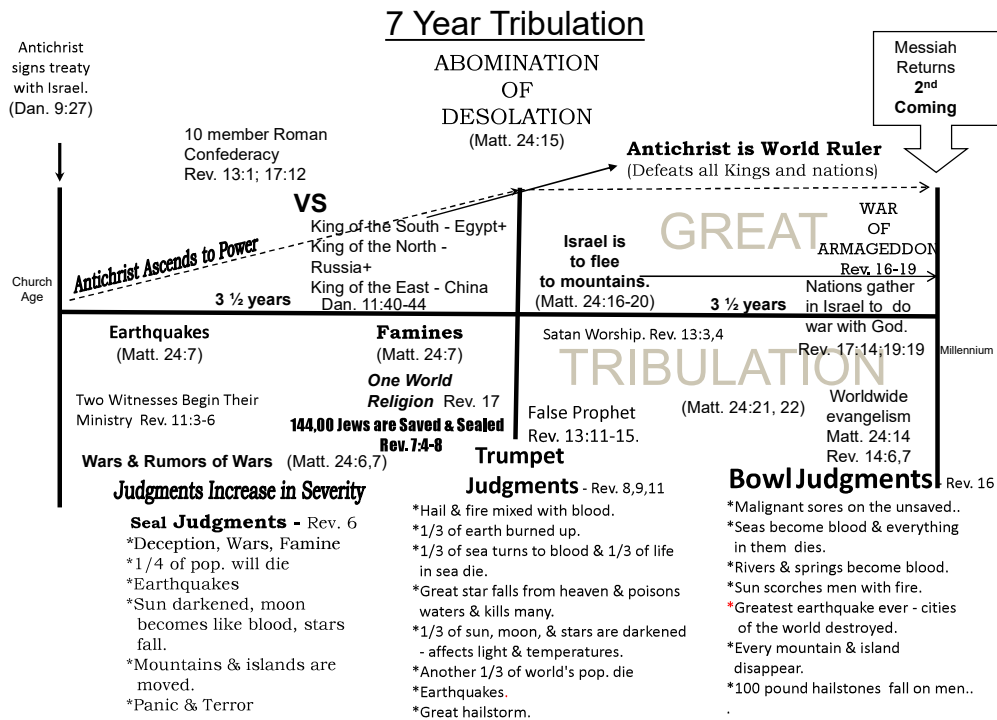
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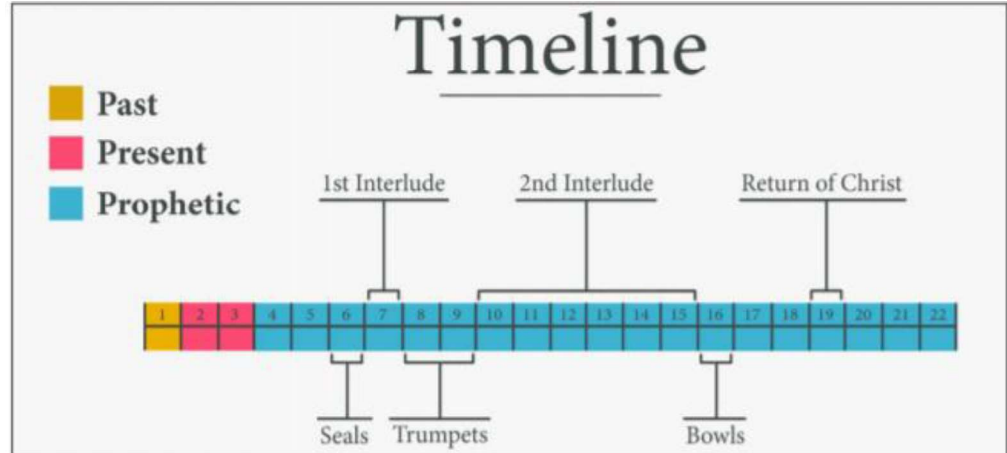
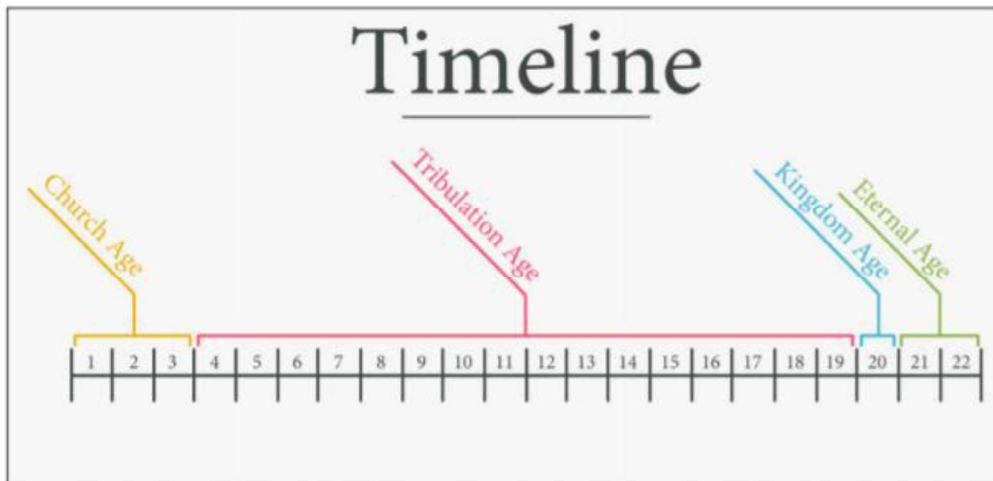


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“Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion,”

- Here Christ is called a Lamb not a Lion – it is emphasizing his sacrificial humility and gentleness and not His conquering power and boldness.

- Mount Zion:

Earthly -

Ps 48:1-2

1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

In the city of our God, His holy mountain.

2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,

Is Mount Zion in the far north,

The city of the great King.

Joel 2:32

32 "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord

Will be delivered;

For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem

There will be those who escape,

As the Lord has said,

Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

Chapter 13

The Beasts

The False

The Mark of the Beast

Worship of the Beast

Those Who Follow the Beast

The Whole Earth

Chapter 14

The Lamb

The True

The Mark of God

Worship of the Lamb

Those Who Follow the Lamb

The 144,000

Heavenly –

Heb 12:22-23

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

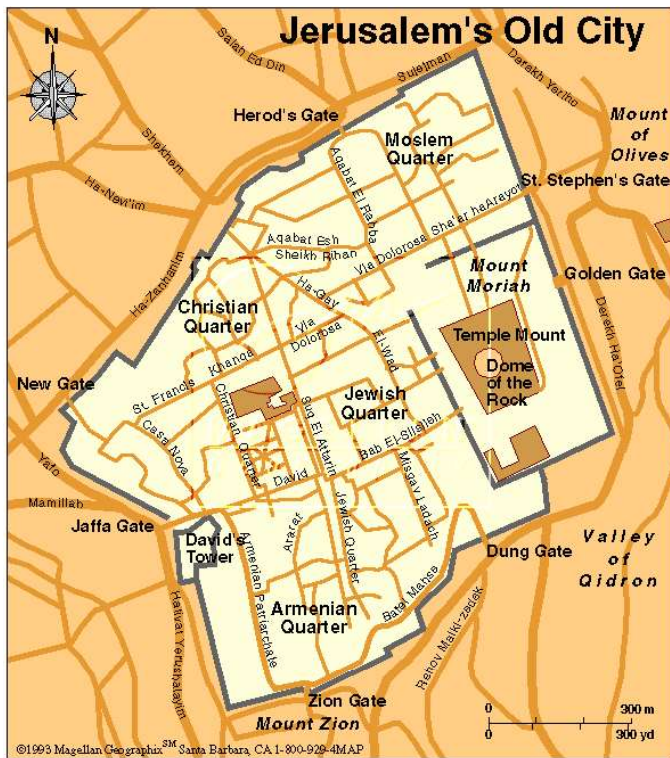
There are three distinct meanings connected with mount Zion:

(1) It is the seat of royal power.

(2) The place of God's intervention in grace.

(3) The place of God's sovereignty.

***Here in Rev. 14, John is using the earthy Mt. Zion.**



“and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.”

Rev 7:3,4,9,10

3 "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

The Seal

This seal, with the name of God on their foreheads, signifies two things: 1) They are under God’s ownership. They belong to God and not to the beast. They are His servants. 2) They have had the guarantee of God’s protection and security through the Tribulation.

The Number

144,000 Jewish evangelists. A powerful and potent force of strong believers.

The Mission

- they are preaching the gospel.
- they are calling men to repentance and faith.
- they suffer all things for the sake of the gospel.

The 144,000 are not the only ones who have been valiant in their effort to live for God by faith -

Heb 11:32-38

- 32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,
- 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,
- 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
- 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;
- 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.
- 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated
- 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

Jude 24

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

John 10:27-28

- 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
- 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Phil 1:6

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

John 6:39

39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing,

1 Peter 1:3-5

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
- 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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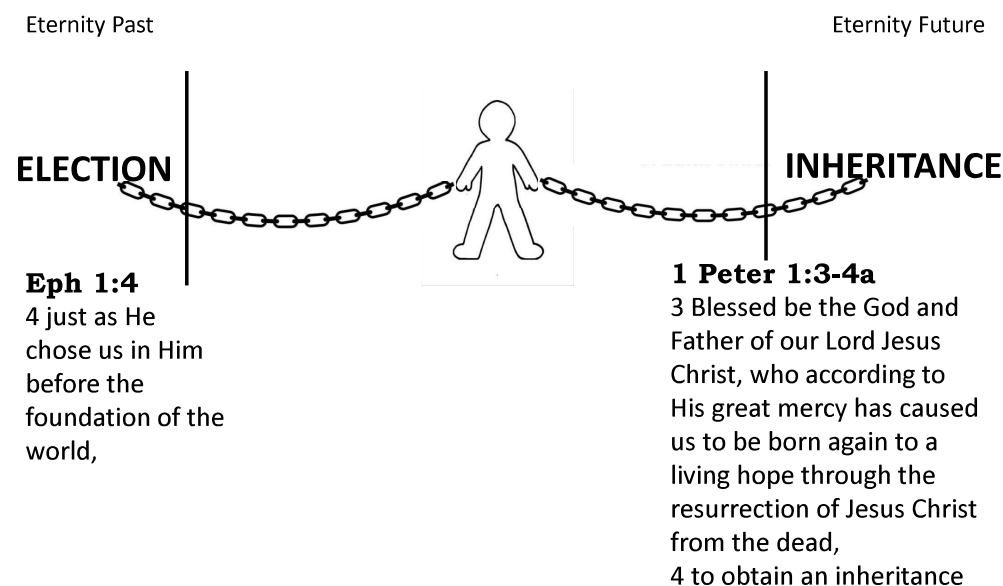
The Result

- Men will, by the thousands and millions, come to Christ and be saved, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The Protection

They will be invincible until his task is done. They may be flying through the air in a storm on a plane or they may be going down the Amazon River on a boat or they may be crossing the ocean or they may be in the darkest and most dangerous part of a large city, it will not matter. The keeping power of God will keep them safe until their task is finished.

Kept by the Power of God



- In Revelation 7 God seals one hundred forty-four thousand.
- At the end, when they finish their mission in Rev 14, there are still one hundred forty-four thousand. Not a one is lost. Not one.
- These men will lead the greatest evangelistic awakening the world has ever known. And the keeping power of God will guarantee that it will happen.

“And I heard a voice from heaven,”

Rev 5:11-12

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

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Summary: The music will be intense, with authority and power, but it will flow with a sense of comfort and healing.

“And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders;”

New = καινός – emphasizes quality. Not new in time but rather a new, fresh, different quality to the song.

This song is a song of victory after conflict with the dragon, beast, and false prophet. It has never been sung before because such a conflict had never been fought before; therefore it is *new*.

Who is the audience listening to the new song?

- God.
- 4 living creatures.
- Elders.

So God, those angels around the throne, and the Church are those hearing the song.

“and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.”

“learn” – μαθησασθε – 1. to learn. 2. to understand.

Let’s think about what the 144,000 have been through:

1. They have been surrounded for 7 years with corruption, sin, wickedness, deception, open idolatry, arrogance, blasphemy, on a scale that the world has never known.
2. They have suffered temptation, hunger, thirst, loneliness, rejection, disappointment, homelessness. They were cursed by men. They were hunted by the Antichrist.
3. They have experienced terror, horrific scenes of war, catastrophes from asteroids, earthquakes, demon locusts, 200,000,000 demon horsemen, ½ the world’s population destroyed, 100 pound hailstones, famine, suffering and death.
4. But they have also experienced God’s miraculous protection, divine deliverance from danger, spiritual victory, love from fellow believers.
5. They experienced and led a spiritual revival and move of God unparalleled in the history of the world.

Song for Israel

Ex 14:30-15:6

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 When Israel saw the great power which the Lord had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses.

1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and said,

"I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted;

The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.

2 "The Lord is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation;

This is my God, and I will praise Him;

My father's God, and I will extol Him.

3 "The Lord is a warrior;

The Lord is His name.

4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;

And the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

5 "The deeps cover them;

They went down into the depths like a stone.

6 "Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power,

Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Conclusion - 5 things about this song:

1. This is a song, because of all the 144,000 have been through, both good and bad, that only they understand.
2. There was a special significance to the lyrics of this song that would have unique meaning to these faithful men.
3. The 144,000 are the only ones who could appreciate what this song expressed, which is a deeper and clearer, understanding of who God is.
4. Therefore this is an exclusive song dedicated solely to the 144,000 and the special relationship they had with God.
5. In like manner there will be songs exclusive to Israel for what they have gone through, exclusive to the church and what they have experienced, Tribulation believers, Millennial believers. And there will be songs for all believers to join together and sing praises to God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Songs for the Church

The Church’s One Foundation

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Is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is His new creation

By water and the Word:

From heav’n He came and sought her

To be His holy Bride;

With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Songs for all saints of all ages

Great is thy faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.*

Refrain

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

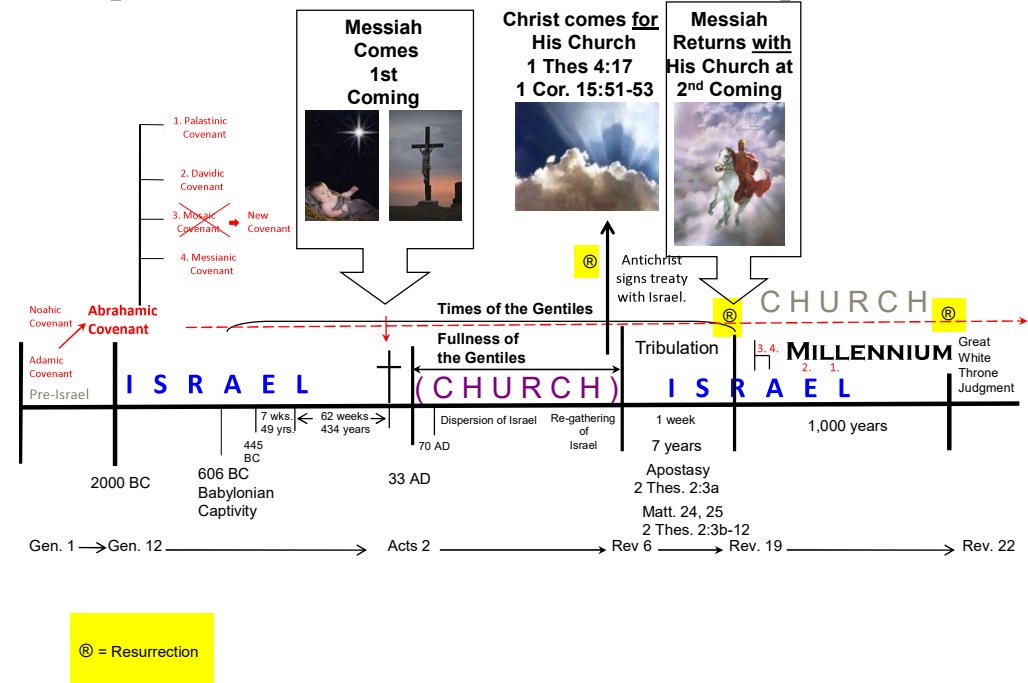
Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see*

“Heaven is not the place to learn the song; it must be learned on the earth. You must learn here the notes of free grace and dying love; and when you have mastered their melody, you will be able to offer to the Lord the tribute of a grateful heart, even in heaven, and blend it with the harmonies eternal.”

- Spurgeon

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5 characteristics of the personal lives of these men:

1. Sexual purity.

- The restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit was removed at the Rapture of the Church. (2 Thess. 2:6,7) Sin in the Tribulation period will be released like a flood from a dam that has burst.
- Fornication, adultery, and all forms of sexual sin and perverseness will run rampant under the Antichrist during the Tribulation.

Rev 9:20-21

20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

- Religious Babylon, the mother of all harlotries, will be the great harlot of the Tribulation and will combine idolatry, religion, fornication, and sexual perversion (LGBTQIA) into one gigantic worship and religious experience.

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- Singleness will be preferred.

1 Cor 7:5,7-9,26,32-34

5 so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

7 Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I.

9 But if they do not have self-control, let them marry;

26 I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

32 But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

34 and his interests are divided.

***If the distress of Paul's day was so severe as to warrant celibacy, the great tribulation of the last days calls for celibacy even more.**

“In our culture, being single is undervalued. Yet, a single person can accomplish great things for the Lord. As wonderful as a spouse and children are, they can be distractions that can keep a disciple from accomplishing what he/she could as a single.”

- Keith Krell

- Not only will these 144,000 be able to resist the perverse system of Antichrist, but they will also be capable of resisting the temptation of sexual immorality.
- These are morally pure preachers without the moral defilement of the culture around them. They will stand apart. They have resisted the seduction of harlots as well as the harlot system. And they've maintained purity.
- If you tried to find a total of one hundred and forty-four thousand pastors today who hadn't defiled themselves with women, you might have to look for a long time.

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Matt 4:19

And He said to them, "**Follow Me**, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matt 8:22

22 But Jesus said to him, "**Follow Me**, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

Matt 9:9

9 As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, "**Follow Me!**"

Matt 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and **follow Me**."

Matt 19:21

21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, **follow Me**."

John 1:43

43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "**Follow Me**."

John 10:27

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they **follow Me**;

John 12:26

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2. These men follow Christ completely in a dangerous world and with very demanding work.

- Does the Lamb need someone to confront the Antichrist himself or the false prophet and expose the evil and vile idolatry they represent? They'll do it.
- Does He need someone to expose the false signs, wonders, and miracles performed by the False Prophet? They'll do it.
- Does the Lamb need an evangelist to go to the corners of the world and proclaim the gospel and call everyone to repentance? They'll do it.
- Does the Lamb need someone to climb the highest mountain, to cross the desert sands, to cross the ocean, to reach those in remote jungles? They'll do it.
- Does the Lamb need somebody to stand on the steps of the Vatican, or the entrance to the Dome of the Rock, or any other area or building that represents a false religious system and cry out against it and proclaim it for what it is – A FRAUD? They'll do it.
- It does not matter what the beast does. It does not matter how he goes after them. It doesn't matter how he sends his forces to kill them. None of it matters. They are undaunted. They are undeterred. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

3. First fruits.

2 meanings:

1. Consecration for service.

- In Mosaic ceremonial law, "First fruits" was a technical term for the first portion of grain and fruit harvests and flocks offered to God.
- Therefore when you grew a crop, when the crop was harvested, you took the firstfruits that came in, the first part harvested, and gave it to God as an offering, consecrated, devoted to the service of God.
- The first fruits were that which was offered to God as an expression of being totally separated and set apart to Him as an offering and a sacrifice to God.
- The 144,000 are offered in special consecrated service to the Lamb. That's the purpose of their life.

2. Beginning of a greater harvest.

- The 144,000 represent the firstfruits, the first converts of the Tribulation, representing a much greater spiritual harvest and redemption of Israel in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom.

So they, as the “first fruits”, are those set apart, consecrated, and representative of a greater harvest to come.

4. No deception, no lies, only the truth.

Zeph 3:13

13 "The remnant of Israel will do no wrong

And tell no lies,

Nor will a deceitful tongue

Be found in their mouths;

- Zephaniah saw that there would be a great group of Jews in the end who would be known for speaking the truth of God.
- In a culture saturated with lies and deception, the 144,000 will be accurate, unwavering, without equivocating, without exaggeration, without understatement, or without altering the Word of God.
- They will be bold and fearless in proclaiming God’s Word and the application to the fallen world around them.
- They will speak the unvarnished, unadulterated truth!

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5. Blameless.

- They will have such impeccable reputations and character that there is nothing in their lives of a sinful nature for which they could be held responsible publicly.
- This is not a reference to their own sinlessness, but a reference to their living mature, godly, sanctified lives.

“Give me a hundred men who love nothing but God and hate nothing but sin, and I will save the whole world for Christ.”

- John Wesley

The 144,000 speak volumes to us today:

1. Whose name do you bear? Who do people identify you with?
2. Do you think about the music you sing while you sing? Do you understand it? Or do you just go through the motions?
3. Are you keeping yourself unstained from the culture around you? Are you resisting immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, and carousing?
4. Are you one, when the challenge arises for ministry to be done, to say, “I’ll do it.”
5. Are you a “first fruit” for those who come after you? (family, children, co-workers, neighborhood)
6. When it comes to speaking forth God’s Word, will you tell the truth or will you fudge a little to prevent conflict?
7. Are you living a godly, mature life that is blameless?



Frances R. Havergal
(1836-1879)

Frances Ridley Havergal was a Christian devotional writer, poetess, hymn writer and musician who was born December 14, 1836, into a cultured, religious family at Astley, England. She was the youngest child of William Henry Havergal, a Church of England minister and noted poet and church musician who authored about 100 hymns.

At the age of 3, Frances could read. She began reading and memorizing the Bible at the age of four (eventually memorizing The Psalms, Isaiah and most of the New Testament). At seven she wrote her first poems. Several of her mature verses became hymns - "I Gave My Life for Thee," "Like a River Glorious," and "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" Eventually she had 71 hymn lyrics to her credit.

Frances was converted and committed her life to Christ in 1851, at the age of 14. She said, "I committed my soul to the Saviour ... earth and heaven seemed brighter from that moment I did trust the Lord Jesus."



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Educated at home and in private schools in England, and in Germany, her scholastic achievements included proficiency in several languages, French, German, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. She also had a thorough training in music and was a pianist and singer. At the piano, she played Bach with skill and grace. Because of her beautiful voice, Frances was in demand as a concert soloist. With all her education, however, Frances maintained a simple faith and confidence in her Lord. She sang nothing but sacred music of the love of God and His way of salvation. Her life's mission was to sing and work for Jesus. She had both a great taste for music and a good knowledge of harmony, a natural and inherited tune for melody, a ringing touch on the piano, a beautiful and well-trained voice. These gifts she now entirely devoted to Christ; whether at home or in mixed society she always "sang for Jesus." She never wrote a line of poetry without praying over it.



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Frail in health all of her life, Frances one day caught a severe cold which caused inflammation of the lungs. When told that her life was in danger, she exclaimed, "If I am really going, it is too good to be true!" At another time she responded, "Splendid! To be so near the gates of heaven."

Frances Ridley Havergal died at Caswall Bay, Swansea, Wales, June 3, 1879, at the age of forty-two.

On her tombstone is engraved her favorite text, 1 John 1:7-- "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

The hymn that she wrote . . .



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Frances also wrote many small devotional tracts and narratives in prose and numerous little books of poems and hymn texts, all marked by the same earnest and practical piety. Themes for her writings were faith, consecration, and service.

Frances was a contemporary of Fanny Crosby (1820-1915). Although these two gifted women never met, each was an admirer of the other. In a letter sent by Frances to Fanny Crosby, she wrote:

"Dear blind sister over the sea—
An English heart goes forth to thee.
We are linked by a cable of faith and song,
Flashing bright sympathy swift along
One in the East and one in the West,
Singing for Him whom our souls love best.
Singing for Jesus! Telling His love
All the way to our home above,
Where the severing sea, with its restless tide
Never shall hinder and never divide.
Sister, what shall our meeting soon be
When our hearts shall sing and our eyes shall see?"

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.