

THE 144,000 SEALED

Following the destruction of the Russian military and its allies, which attack Israel during or near the beginning of the Tribulation, 144,000 male, virgin Jews should come to faith in Jesus Christ. There will be 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. They will go forth to preach the Gospel. However, it appears, that just prior to the Russian invasion, the 144,000 will be sealed by God. This may be something that both they and the world are unaware of. This sealing may take place before they come to faith in Jesus, by the foreknowledge of God.

It is written, AND AFTER THESE THINGS I SAW. This does not indicate that the next items happened after the seven seals, but rather that John saw them after the seals. John saw FOUR ANGELS STANDING ON (or at) THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH, representing all four directions, HOLDING THE FOUR WINDS OF THE EARTH. No specific information is given to us about these angels, other than they are controlling the wind. They are holding the wind that it SHOULD NOT BLOW ON THE EARTH, NOR ON THE SEA, NOR ON ANY TREE (or that no wind should blow)-Rev 7:1. Prior to the servants of God being sealed in (or on) their foreheads, all wind on the planet should cease.

AND I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL ASCENDING (or coming up) FROM THE EAST, HAVING THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD: AND HE CRIED (or shouted) WITH A LOUD VOICE TO THE FOUR ANGELS, TO WHOM IT WAS GIVEN TO HURT THE EARTH AND THE SEA-Rev 7:2.

SAYING, HURT NOT THE EARTH (or land), NEITHER THE SEA, NOR THE TREES, TILL WE (plural) HAVE SEALED THE SERVANTS OF OUR GOD IN (or on) THEIR FOREHEADS-Rev 7:3. The fifth angel is not identified. Some believe it could be Jesus. The Scriptures indicate, once the servants of God are sealed, great hurt or damage will come forth from the four winds of the earth. It indicates that the sea, the trees, and the earth will go through some form of a great catastrophe. This would indicate that the sealing of God's servants may come just prior to the Russian invasion of Israel. It may indicate that they will be protected from what is about to come. God's wrath is about to be unleashed, but certain preordained

servants of God will be protected. Some may presume that these become saved at this point. Nevertheless, this is not made clear. By His foreknowledge of knowing who will be saved, God will protect the future saints, even though they have not yet given their life to Jesus. He has specific works ordained for them to do at some future date. The kind of seal that will be used (or if they will even be aware of the seal) is not made clear. It obviously is necessary to protect them, as was already mentioned. This sealing would also indicate ownership and may be necessary for the work that they are called of God to do. Many believe it is the seal of the Holy Spirit, but with no visible evidence. Nevertheless, it is visible to the spiritual realm.

AND I HEARD THE NUMBER (or how many) OF THEM WHICH WERE SEALED: AND THERE WERE SEALED AN HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND (144,000) OF ALL THE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL-Rev 7:4. These are Jews. The names **Jew** and **Israel** are synonymous and are used interchangeably throughout the Scriptures.

Twelve thousand were sealed out of each of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. These tribes included (1) Juda, (2) Reuben, (3) Gad, (4) Aser, (5) Neptholim, (6) Manasses, (7) Simeon, (8) Levi, (9) Issachar, (10) Zabulon, (11) Joseph, (12) Benjamin-ref Rev 7:5-8.

Obviously missing is the tribe of Dan. Some speculate that the Antichrist will arise from this tribe; thus, during the Tribulation period, the tribe of Dan is omitted from being sealed-ref Gen 49:17. During the Millennium, however, the tribe of Dan will be included among the children of Israel. Ephraim, the son of Joseph, the second born, is also missing.

The Scriptures indicate that these Jews are single and are virgins. There is no lie in their mouth at all-ref Rev 14:4,5. They will go forth to preach the Gospel of the kingdom-ref Mt 24:14.

The 144,000 Jews (Commentary)

The 144,000 Jews were sealed with the seal of the living God-ref Rev 7:2-4. They have their FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN IN (oron) THEIR FOREHEADS-Rev 14:1. There are 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. The tribe of Dan is omitted. They are male, virgin Jews that have not known a woman; no guile is found in their mouth. They are without fault before the throne of God.

Following God's supernatural destruction of the invading forces against Israel, the 144,000 believe and go forth preaching the Everlasting Gospel and the Gospel of the Kingdom over all the earth. They will preach to fear God, to give glory to God, the message of salvation, and the message of the judgments that are now being brought upon the earth.

Many will get saved as a result of the 144,000 anointed ones of God. However, those that do come to Christ, by faith, will suffer horrible persecutions. Many will have to flee for their lives as time progresses. Many will eventually be beheaded for their faith in Jesus.

What ultimately happens to the 144,000 is not clear.

Information about the 144,000 (Scripture)

These Jewish witnesses are called, AN HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND-Rev 7:4. They are called, THE SERVANTS OF OUR GOD-Rev 7:3. These ARE...NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN...THEY ARE VIRGINS-Rev 14:4. AND IN THEIR MOUTH WAS FOUND NO GUILLE (or lie): FOR THEY ARE WITHOUT FAULT (or defect, or blameless) BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD-Rev 14:5.

They are from ALL THE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL-Rev 7:4. OF THE TRIBE OF JUDA (Judah, Y'hudah) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF REUBEN (Re'uven) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF GAD WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF ASER (Asher) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF NEPTHALIM (Naphtali, Naftali)

WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF MANASSES (Manasseh, M'nasheh) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF SIMEON (Shim'on) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF LEVI (L'vi) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF ISSACHAR (Yissass'khar) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF ZABULON (Zebulun, Z'vulun) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF JOSEPH (Yosef) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND. OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN (Binyamin) WERE SEALED TWELVE THOUSAND-Rev 7:5-8.

It may be noted that the tribe of Dan is omitted. Some believe this is an indication that the Antichrist may be from the tribe of Dan.

The 144,000 Go Forth Teaching These Things in All the World

AND THIS **GOSPEL (or Good News) OF THE KINGDOM** SHALL BE PREACHED (or announced) **IN ALL THE WORLD** FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME-Mt 24:14.

It can be expected that the 144,000 will proclaim, in detail, the Tribulation period, including the various events that will be happening. They may also teach the following. AND I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL FLY IN THE MIDST OF HEAVEN (or in midair), HAVING **THE EVERLASTING** (or eternal) **GOSPEL** TO PREACH (or proclaim) UNTO THEM THAT DWELL (or live) ON THE EARTH, AND **TO EVERY NATION, AND KINDRED** (or tribe), **AND TONGUE** (or language), **AND PEOPLE**-Rev 14:6. This angel is pictured as flying in midair. The message that comes forth is the everlasting Gospel. This Gospel will be preached to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Whether this is 1) a literal angel preaching as he flies in the air, or 2) a symbolic angel, or 3) an angel overseeing the 144,000 or others preaching this message, is not made clear. The third conclusion would most likely be the correct one. God's anointed should be bringing forth this message.

The angel is SAYING WITH A LOUD VOICE. Note the emphasis on a loud voice. This message needs to be shouted and proclaimed loudly. In doing so, some that have been deaf, that is, their ears have been closed, will begin to hear.

(1) **FEAR GOD. (Spiritual warfare).** Fearing God is a message seldom heard in the *Laodicean*, lukewarm *generation*. Preaching on the fear of God has all but ceased. Occasionally, reverencing God is heard in place of the fear of God. Perhaps, these two scriptures convey the fear of God. It is written, GOD IS GREATLY TO BE FEARED IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS, AND TO BE HAD IN REVERENCE OF ALL THEM THAT ARE ABOUT HIM-Ps 89:7. It is also written, BUT I WILL FOREWARN YOU WHOM YE SHALL FEAR: FEAR HIM, WHICH AFTER HE HATH KILLED HATH POWER TO CAST INTO HELL; YEA, I SAY UNTO YOU, FEAR HIM-Luk 12:5. The word "fear" means exactly what it says. In a few scriptures, the words denoting "fear God" can be translated as "reverence." However, in most, it means to "be afraid." In some, it means to "tremble." Many people, in this lukewarm church age, want to make God appear smaller than He really is; they want to elevate or magnify themselves. The fear of God will be taught correctly by the 144,000 during the Tribulation.

(2) AND **GIVE GLORY TO HIM; FOR THE HOUR OF** (or when He will pass) **HIS JUDGMENT IS COME.** The Tribulation is a time of God's judgments and wrath. The world is also being admonished to glorify and worship the God of heaven. God's judgment is at hand. Note, "glorify Him" and "judgment" are connected.

(3) AND **WORSHIP HIM** THAT MADE HEAVEN (or the heavens), AND EARTH, AND THE SEA, AND THE FOUNTAINS (or springs) OF WATERS-Rev 14:7. In the Laodicean church age, the teaching that God is the Creator has been supplanted by Satan's lie of *evolution*. These four items that are referred to as being made—heaven, earth, the sea, and the fountains—are also mentioned many times in the Revelation during the Tribulation period. Three of these are affected by the first four trumpet judgments and other judgments as well. The angel is confirming that God made these things. The devil did not make them.

This may be a warning not to glorify and worship the Antichrist and Satan for these things. Many people are not thankful for these things, which God has

given them. Perhaps this is one reason that judgments come upon three of them. The truth of God's creation is once again proclaimed: God created all things.

AND THE THIRD ANGEL FOLLOWED THEM, SAYING WITH A LOUD VOICE. Once again, we see the words, "with a loud voice," as was the case with angel one. The message here is, the words that the angel has to say are to be proclaimed loudly, so that all can hear. This clear message is, **IF ANY MAN WORSHIP THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE, AND RECEIVE HIS MARK** IN (or on) HIS FOREHEAD, OR IN (or on) HIS HAND-Rev 14:9. THE SAME SHALL DRINK OF THE WINE OF THE WRATH (or fury) OF GOD, WHICH IS Poured OUT WITHOUT MIXTURE (or undiluted, or full strength) INTO THE CUP OF HIS INDIGNATION (or rage, or wrath)-Rev 14:10.

Those that choose to ignore God's warning, God is clearly and loudly telling them that His wrath or fury shall be poured undiluted into the cup of His rage or wrath. Then these people will have to drink of the contents of this cup. They SHALL BE TORMENTED WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE (or sulfur). The verse continues, IN THE PRESENCE OF (or before) THE HOLY ANGELS, AND IN THE PRESENCE OF (or before) THE LAMB-Rev 14:10. We can expect that the 144,000 will be warning the people, in advance, of what is coming. They will be warning people not to take the mark or worship the image of the Antichrist when the time comes.

AND THE SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT ASCENDETH (or goes, or rises) UP FOR EVER AND EVER: AND THEY HAVE NO REST DAY NOR NIGHT. These followers of Satan that were clearly shown the truth and chose to disregard it, they shall be tormented for time without end. There shall never be a day or a night for ever and ever that they shall not be tormented. They will never have any rest; they will never have a moment of relief. Smoke will come forth from the **lake of fire** from their torment, and it shall also rise up for ever and ever. These are those WHO WORSHIP THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE, AND WHOSOEVER RECEIVETH THE MARK OF HIS NAME-Rev 14:11.

HERE IS THE PATIENCE (or perseverance...needed) **OF THE SAINTS** (or God's people). The saints can rest assured that the disobedient shall receive the just

reward for their actions. HERE ARE THEY THAT KEEP (or obey) THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND THE FAITH OF JESUS (or remain faithful to Jesus)-Rev 14:12. The true saints do keep God's commandments, which testifies of their love for God-ref Jn 14:15. The true Christians do remain faithful to Jesus, even when confronted with death. Note the words in Rev 12:17- WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST.

All of these verses cover things which the 144,000 should teach and much more.

Many Become Saved: Many Should Be the Result of The 144,000

As a result of the teaching of the 144,000, a great multitude of people, during the first part of the Tribulation, will be saved. Many of them, however, will be killed in the second part of the Tribulation. This includes both Jew and Gentile alike. A remnant, that is, one-third of Israel, will also be saved.

AFTER THIS I BEHELD, AND, LO, **A GREAT MULTITUDE** (or a huge crowd), WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER (or too large) (which no one could count-NASB), **OF ALL NATIONS, AND KINDREDS** (or tribes), **AND PEOPLE, AND TONGUES** (or language), STOOD BEFORE (or in front of) THE THRONE, AND BEFORE (or in front of) THE LAMB, CLOTHED WITH (or dressed, or wearing) WHITE ROBES, AND PALMS (or palm branches) IN THEIR HANDS...AND HE SAID TO ME, THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME OUT OF (the) GREAT TRIBULATION (or great persecution), AND (they) HAVE WASHED THEIR ROBES, AND MADE THEM WHITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (Jesus). THEREFORE ARE THEY BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD, AND SERVE HIM DAY AND NIGHT IN HIS TEMPLE: AND HE THAT SITTETH ON THE THRONE SHALL DWELL AMONG THEM (or spread His tent over them-NIV)-Rev 7:9,14,15.

One-Third of Israel Becomes Saved and Refined

One-third of Israel will be refined as silver is refined. They will go through many judgments and trials. However, two-thirds of the Jews will not turn to Jesus. Sadly, they will ultimately be cut off and die.

AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT IN ALL THE LAND, SAITH THE LORD, TWO PARTS THEREIN SHALL BE CUT OFF AND DIE; BUT THE THIRD SHALL BE LEFT THEREIN. AND I WILL BRING THE THIRD PART THROUGH THE FIRE, AND WILL REFINE THEM AS SILVER IS REFINED, AND WILL TRY THEM AS GOLD IS TRIED: THEY SHALL CALL ON MY NAME, AND I WILL HEAR THEM: I WILL SAY, IT IS MY PEOPLE: AND THEY SHALL SAY, THE LORD IS MY GOD-Zech 13:8,9. THEREFORE THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD; BECAUSE YE ARE ALL BECOME DROSS (or scum on molten metal - rubbish), BEHOLD, THEREFORE I WILL GATHER YOU INTO THE MIDST OF JERUSALEM-Ezek 22:19. AS THEY GATHER SILVER, AND BRASS, AND IRON, AND LEAD, AND TIN, INTO THE MIDST OF THE FURNACE, TO BLOW THE FIRE UPON IT, TO MELT IT; SO WILL I GATHER YOU IN MINE ANGER AND IN MY FURY, AND I WILL LEAVE YOU THERE (in the midst of Jerusalem) AND MELT YOU-Ezek 22:20. YEA, I WILL GATHER YOU, AND BLOW UPON YOU IN THE FIRE OF MY WRATH (as silver is refined to make it pure, so the children of Israel will be refined). AND YE SHALL BE MELTED IN THE MIDST THEREOF. AS SILVER IS MELTED IN THE MIDST OF THE FURNACE, SO SHALL YE BE MELTED IN THE MIDST THEREOF; AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT I THE LORD HAVE Poured OUT MY FURY UPON YOU-Ezek 22:21,22.

ESAIAS ALSO CRIETH CONCERNING ISRAEL, THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BE AS THE SAND OF THE SEA, A REMNANT SHALL BE SAVED-Ro 9:27. AS THE LORD HATH SAID, AND IN THE REMNANT WHOM THE LORD SHALL CALL-Joel 2:32.

The 144,000 Greatly Persecuted

It is unclear whether the following verses are covering the 144,000, or the converts of the 144,000, or both. It is written, BUT BEFORE ALL THESE, THEY SHALL LAY THEIR HANDS ON YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU, DELIVERING YOU UP

TO THE SYNAGOGUES, AND INTO PRISONS, BEING BROUGHT BEFORE KINGS AND RULERS FOR MY NAME'S SAKE-Lk 21:12. AND IT SHALL TURN TO YOU FOR A TESTIMONY. SETTLE IT THEREFORE IN YOUR HEARTS, NOT TO MEDITATE BEFORE WHAT YE SHALL ANSWER. Jesus is telling them, do not worry what you will say. Do not try to figure out beforehand what answers you will give. FOR I WILL GIVE YOU A MOUTH AND WISDOM, WHICH ALL YOUR ADVERSARIES SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO GAIN SAY NOR RESIST (or contradict)-Lk 21:13-15. THEY SHALL DELIVER YOU UP TO COUNSELS; AND IN THE SYNAGOGUES YE, SHALL BE BEATEN-Mk 13:9. IN THAT HOUR, THAT SPEAK YE: FOR IT IS NOT YE THAT SPEAK, BUT THE HOLY GHOST-Mk 13:11.

Jesus had told His disciples nearly two thousand years ago, BEHOLD, I SEND YOU FORTH AS SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES: BE YE THEREFORE WISE AS SERPENTS, AND HARMLESS AS DOVES-Mt 10:16.

BUT BEWARE OF MEN: FOR THEY WILL DELIVER YOU UP TO THE COUNCILS, AND THEY WILL SCOURGE YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES; AND YE SHALL BE BROUGHT BEFORE GOVERNORS AND KINGS FOR MY SAKE, FOR A TESTIMONY AGAINST THEM AND THE GENTILES. BUT WHEN THEY DELIVER YOU UP, TAKE NO THOUGHT HOW OR WHAT YE SHALL SPEAK: FOR IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU IN THAT SAME HOUR WHAT YE SHALL SPEAK. FOR IT IS NOT YE THAT SPEAK, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER WHICH SPEAKETH IN YOU. AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL MEN FOR MY NAME'S SAKE: BUT HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED. BUT WHEN THEY PERSECUTE YOU IN THIS CITY, FLEE YE INTO ANOTHER: FOR VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, YE SHALL NOT HAVE GONE OVER THE CITIES OF ISRAEL, TILL THE SON OF MAN BE COME-Mt 10:17-20,22,23.

The Jew Was To Evangelize the World

Originally, it was given to the Jew to preach the Gospel to all the world. Jesus said, AND THAT REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM. AND YE ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS-Lk 24:47,48. BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU: AND YE SHALL BE WITNESSES

UNTO ME BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDAEA, AND IN SAMARIA, AND UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH-Acts 1:8. AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE-Mk 16:15. GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST: TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD. AMEN-Mt 28:19,20.

The 144,000 Male, Virgin Jews: What Happens To Them?

Rev 14:1-AND I LOOKED, AND, LO, A LAMB (which is Jesus) STOOD ON THE MOUNT ZION. The following may be noted, a voice from heaven-v.2, harpers-v.2, before the throne-v.3, the four beasts-v.3, the elders-v.3, and the 144,000 which were redeemed from the earth-v.3. Collectively, these indicate that this is a heavenly Mount Zion. There is also an earthly Mount Zion, the temple site. It is a hill in Jerusalem. It is mentioned in the Bible approximately 156 times. There are times when "Zion" appears to represent Jerusalem, such as in Isa 1:26,27 and Ps 126:1. The verse continues, AND WITH HIM (with Jesus) AN HUNDRED FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND (144,000). The 144,000 are now pictured with Jesus on Mount Zion. They HAVING HIS FATHER'S NAME (who had His name and His Father's name-NIV) WRITTEN IN (or on) THEIR FOREHEADS. Note, 144,000 (12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel) are also mentioned in Rev 7:1-8. The one exception is the tribe of Dan. It was left out. In Rev 7:3, the 144,000 are called THE SERVANTS OF OUR GOD. They are SEALED...IN THEIR FOREHEADS-Rev 14:3. Here, we are told, they have the name of the Father in their forehead. It appears the 144,000 are pictured before the heavenly Mount Zion.

The Scriptures do not seem to specify how they got there. Were they beheaded? Were they raptured or translated in some unexplained way? We can only speculate. They may have been killed, during the second part of the Tribulation, by being beheaded.

Also the Scriptures do not seem clear as to exactly what time period this represents during the second part of the Tribulation.

Some consider that verse one is the earthly Mount Zion after the return of Jesus, and then verse two switches to a heavenly scene. This, however, might be inconsistent, as v.3 appears to portray the 144,000 in heaven singing. Others consider that the 144,000 did not die yet, but are upon the earthly Mount Zion singing.

Rev 14:2-AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, AS THE VOICE OF MANY (rushing) WATERS, AND AS THE VOICE OF A GREAT (or pealing) THUNDER: AND I HEARD THE VOICE (or sound) OF HARPERS HARPING (or playing) WITH (or on) THEIR HARPS. Again, we may note the harp in heaven. The harpers are not identified. Some believe they are some of the saints that were martyred during the Tribulation. Harps are also mentioned in Rev 15:2.

Rev 14:3-AND THEY (the 144,000) SUNG AS IT WERE A NEW SONG BEFORE THE THRONE. Here they are before the throne of God in heaven. AND BEFORE THE FOUR BEASTS (or living creatures), AND THE ELDERS: AND NO MAN (or no one) COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT **THE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND**, WHICH WERE REDEEMED (or ransomed, or purchased) (or, we might say, were paid for and taken) FROM THE EARTH (or world). It is noted that Jesus is still in heaven. The 144,000 have fulfilled their mission upon the earth during the first part of the Tribulation.

Rev 14:4-THESE ARE THEY (or the ones) WHICH WERE NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN; FOR THEY ARE VIRGINS (or they kept themselves pure-NIV). These appear to have never been married and never been intimate with a woman. (There are those that disagree with this.) Some consider the virginity mentioned here is not of a sexual nature but is referring to spiritual purity. However, the fact that women are mentioned, in connection with this, indicates this means exactly what it says. THESE ARE THEY WHICH FOLLOW THE LAMB (which is Jesus) WHITHERSOEVER HE GOETH. THESE WERE REDEEMED (or ransomed, or purchased) FROM AMONG MEN (or humanity), BEING (offered as) THE

FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD (or as firstfruits for God) AND TO THE LAMB (or Jesus). This could signify that they were originally the first to be saved after the Rapture.

Rev 14:5-In an age when cursing and blaspheming God is commonplace, it is interesting to note in this verse, AND IN THEIR MOUTH WAS FOUND NO GUILTY (or lie): FOR THEY ARE WITHOUT FAULT (or defect, or blameless) BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD.

These 144,000 are probably alive right now in Israel. Many of them may be orthodox Jews in the Holy Land today. Though they are zealous for God, at this time, BLINDNESS IN PART IS HAPPENED TO ISRAEL-Ro 11:25.