

## The Significance of 144,000

Having proven the identity of the 144,000 as those Elect, both Jew and Gentile, using Scripture alone in my [previous post](#), I now turn to the significance of this number.

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The Lord is using a figure of speech called [synecdoche](#).

<https://literarydevices.net/synecdoche/>

In other words, He is using the number 144,000 to represent the much larger number of those Elect who are to be saved throughout the New Testament dispensation. The number of those Elect are described in Revelation 7:9-17, a great multitude which no man could number of all nations, kindreds, peoples and tongues.

They came out of great tribulation, proving the Lord's word true: *In the world ye shall have tribulation* (John 16:33); they have been kept and protected from eternal harm by the evil one (John 17:15); they have overcome the world because Christ overcame the world (John 16:33).

And because they have overcome the world, the flesh and the Devil, they enjoy several privileges: from eating freely of the tree of life and hidden manna, whereby the second death no longer holds a threat, to being given a white stone (signifying 'not guilty'), among a plentitude of other blessings (cf. Rev. 2-3).

It is by no strange coincidence the saints described in Revelation 14 as being with the Lamb in heaven are also numbered at 144,000. By so doing, the Lord informs us that not one of His Elect will be lost, no matter the extent of trials and tribulation experienced on Earth. The words of Jesus are true: He loses not one given Him by the Father (John 6:39; 17:12); they shall never perish (John 10:28-29).

The innumerable numbers of Elect all have the same spiritual qualities:

1. They do not have the mark or name of the Beast written in their foreheads. Instead, they have the name of their Heavenly Holy Father, signifying the God who has their total allegiance, love and loyalty, not the pseudo-holy father of Rome.
2. The new song which they sing – a song which no unregenerate, carnal man can sing – is that song which gives all glory to God in Christ for their salvation. There is no mention of good works, free will, righteous decisions, church membership or saint and angel worship... *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*
3. They are virgins, undefiled with women. This analogy is not literal, but spiritual, for *marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled*. They have either renounced their previous spiritual adultery, or they were never participants in the first place.

4. They follow the Lamb, their Shepherd, wherever he goes, proving the Lord's words, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*
5. They are the redeemed, who were lost, blind and dead in sins and trespasses. For such the Lord gave His life (John 10:15; Luke 19:10).
6. They are without fault, blameless in the eyes of the Lord. The righteousness of Christ has been imputed to their spiritual account. They have exercised God's gracious gift of faith resulting in their justification (2 Cor. 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1).
7. They speak no guile, i.e. cunningly deceptive language which perverts God's truth, unlike the false prophets and antichrists who come in the name of Christ claiming to speak with authority from God.

NEXT: The 144,000 and New Jerusalem.