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WHO ARE THE 144 THOUSAND ?

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Rev 7:1-17 NIV

¹⁻ 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. ²⁻ 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: ³⁻ "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." ⁴⁻ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: **144,000** from all the tribes of Israel. ⁵⁻ From the tribe of **Judah 12,000** were sealed, from the tribe of **Reuben 12,000**, from the tribe of **Gad 12,000**, ⁶⁻ from the tribe of **Asher 12,000**, from the tribe of **Naphtali 12,000**, from the tribe of **Manasseh 12,000**, ⁷⁻ from the tribe of **Simeon 12,000**, from the tribe of **Levi 12,000**, from the tribe of **Issachar 12,000**, ⁸⁻ from the tribe of **Zebulun 12,000**, from the tribe of **Joseph 12,000**, from the tribe of **Benjamin 12,000**. ⁹⁻ 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 in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰⁻ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹⁻ 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, ¹²⁻ saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" ¹³⁻ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes-who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴⁻ 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." ¹⁵⁻ 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 spread His tent over them. ¹⁶⁻ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷⁻ 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."

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 144,000 ?

#1 - THEY HAVE BEEN PURCHASED

Rev 14:3 NIV

And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. **No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been REDEEMED from the earth.**

#2 - THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARED

Rev 7:3-4 NIV

³⁻ **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.** ⁴⁻ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: **144,000 FROM ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.**

Rev 14:1 NIV

Then I looked, and there before me **WAS THE LAMB, STANDING ON MOUNT ZION,** and with him **144,000** who had **HIS NAME** and **HIS FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN ON THEIR FOREHEADS.**

REMEMBER THAT SATAN WILL PLACE HIS MARK OF PREPARATION ON HIS FOLLOWERS

Rev 13:16-17 NIV

¹⁶⁻ He also **FORCED** everyone, **small and great, rich and poor, free and slave,** to **RECEIVE A MARK ON HIS RIGHT HAND OR ON HIS FOREHEAD,** ¹⁷⁻ so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

#3 THEY ARE PROTECTED

Rev 7:1-3 NIV

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#4 - THEY ARE PERSISTENT

Rev 14:4 NIV

These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. THEY FOLLOW THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES. THEY WERE PURCHASED from among men and OFFERED AS FIRST-FRUITS TO GOD AND THE LAMB.

#5 - THEY ARE PREACHERS

REVEALING THE HEART OF GOD

AND FULFILLING Matt 24:14

Matt 24:14 NIV

And THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD as a TESTIMONY to all nations, and THEN THE END WILL COME.

Luke 19:10 NIV

For the Son of Man came to SEEK AND TO SAVE WHAT WAS LOST."