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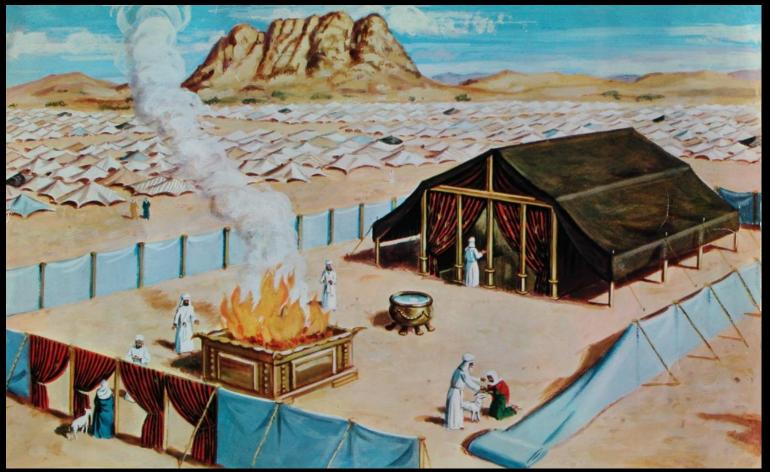
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Get into the Ark Sanctuary





And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet - Turmeric

Health Benefits of Turmeric (Seek Medical Advise)
Cancer is a disease, characterized by uncontrolled cell
growth. There are many different forms of cancer that
appear to be affected by curcumin supplements.

6. Turmeric may help prevent cancer:

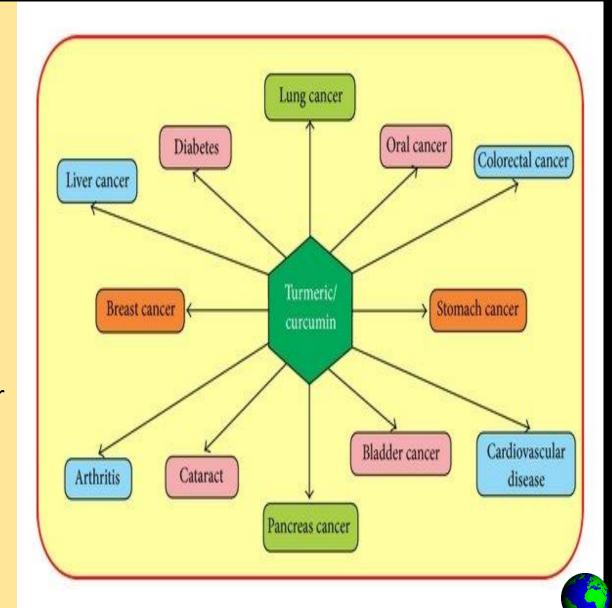
Curcumin has been studied as a beneficial herb in cancer treatment and been found to affect cancer growth and development. Studies have shown that it can:

- contribute to the death of cancerous cells.
- reduce angiogenesis (growth of new blood vessels in tumours)
- reduce metastasis (spread of cancer)

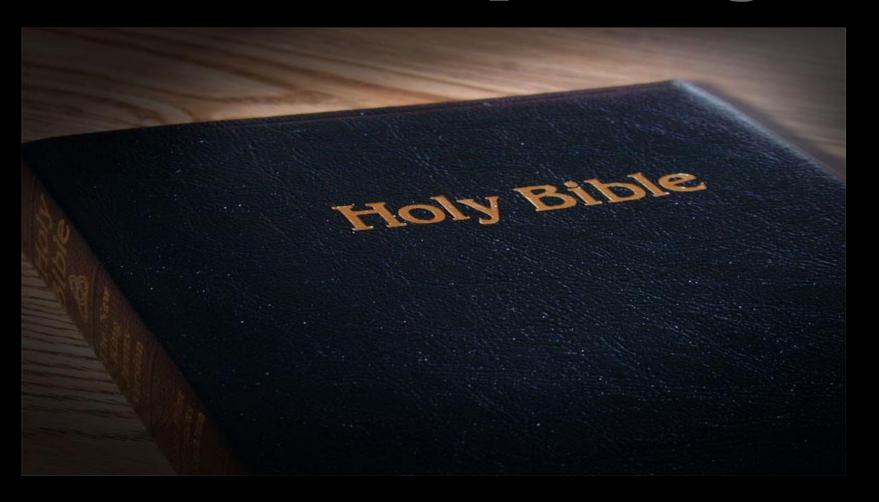
Whether high-dose curcumin — preferably with an absorption enhancer like Piperine — can help treat cancer in humans has yet to be studied properly.

However, there is evidence that it helps prevent cancer from occurring in the first place, especially cancers of the digestive system like colorectal cancer.

In a 30-day study in 44 men with lesions in the colon that sometimes turn cancerous, 4 grams of curcumin per day reduced the number of lesions by 40%.



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Introduction

Continuing on Daniel 12:1a: Standeth for the children of thy people – Stands in defence of His downtrodden people. Michael is introduced in Daniel 10 as the defender of God's people. In every Bible reference to Michael, He is seen "in direct conflict with Satan."

Who are these children of people?

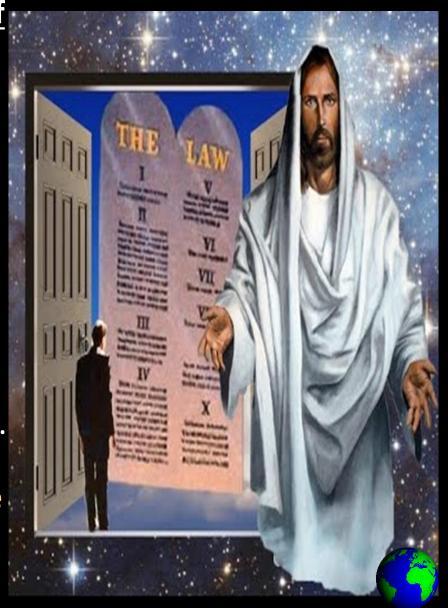
After the saints that are sealed give the loud cry mentioned in Daniel 11:44a, probation will close and Michael will stand to fight "for" His people against Satan and his followers.

These people have the Seal of God:

When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people.

Man cannot save himself!:

It is impossible for man to save himself. He may deceive himself in regard to this matter, but he cannot save himself. Christ's righteousness alone can avail for his salvation, and this is the gift of God.



The Four Winds Of Strife Rev 7:1-3

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

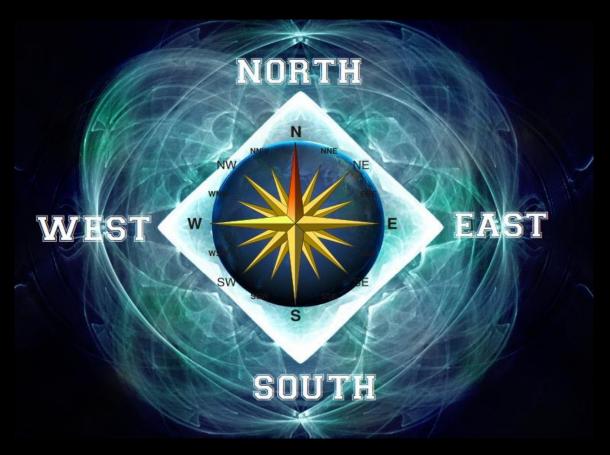
Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.





The Four Winds Of Strife Rev 7:1-3 (cont'd)

Soon the four winds of heaven will be loosed, and in every part of the globe there will be dissension, strife, war, bloodshed. Satan is stirred with intensity from beneath. The power of God will be the defense of His people until their warning message will have been proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. -**Manuscript Releases Volume Eighteen [Nos.** 1301-1359] (1990), page 177, paragraph 3



Winds are a symbol of strife. The four winds of heaven striving upon the great sea, represent the terrible scenes of conquest and revolution by which kingdoms have attained to power. - *Great Controversy p* 439



The Four Winds Of Strife Rev 7:1-3 (cont'd)

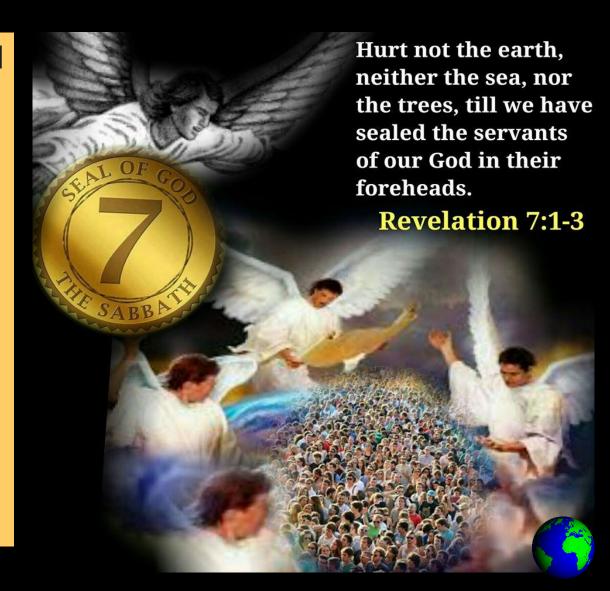
Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. - The Review and Herald, June 7, 1887, paragraph 13



The Four angels of destruction

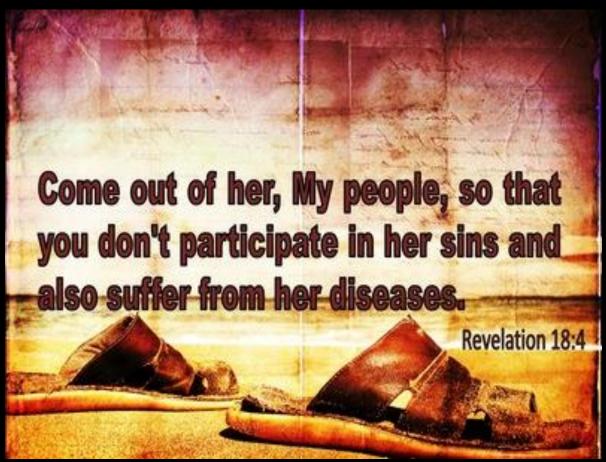
The devastation that will precede the second coming of Christ is put off until the "servants of God" are "sealed" "in their foreheads."

- The seal is a mark of God's protection for His people Ezekiel 9:4, 6; Exodus 12:13.
- It is identical to the name of God "written in their foreheads." Revelation 14:1; 22:4.
- God's name signifies His character -Exodus 34:5-7.
- The "forehead" is where the conscience resides and decisions are made.
- So the "seal" or "name" in the forehead is the character of God written in the mind.



The Final Call of God







The Final Call of God (cont'd)

Come Out Of Her My People





God does not want to punish humanity

"I was shown that the judgments of God would not come directly out from the Lord upon them, but in this way: They place themselves beyond His protection. He warns, corrects, reproves, and points out the only path of safety; then, if those who have been the objects of His special care will follow their own course, independent of the Spirit of God, after repeated warnings, if they choose their own way, then He does not commission His angels to prevent Satan's decided attacks upon them.

It is Satan's power that is at work at sea and on land, bringing calamity and distress and sweeping off multitudes to make sure of his prey.--14MR 3 (1883). {LDE 242.2}



Destruction is not yet fully prevalent

"Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The ... winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads." {Maranatha 175.} "Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path." {20MR 216.6}



Continuing on Revelation 7



Revelation 7: 2,3 "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."



The other angel from the East



Here comes another angel from the 'East', this means he comes from heaven with a message from God. Now we see why these angels are holding back the trouble, they are giving time for God's servants, His true people to get 'sealed'. A 'seal' is like a stamp of ownership. These people are going to have a 'seal' that shows they belong to God. This 'seal' is on their foreheads; this means that they have chosen with their minds to believe and obey God. The forehead area of the brain is where we make our decisions. In Ezekiel 9 we see a 'man with a writer's inkhorn' placing a mark on those that 'sigh and cry'. Why did they sigh and cry? Because of all the wicked things people are doing and ignoring God's Holy Law!

The other angel from the East (cont'd)



Now this 'sealing' is making up their minds so strongly that they will never change. Each person has to study for their self, and get to know Jesus for their self and love Him with all their heart.



How and Who gets Sealed



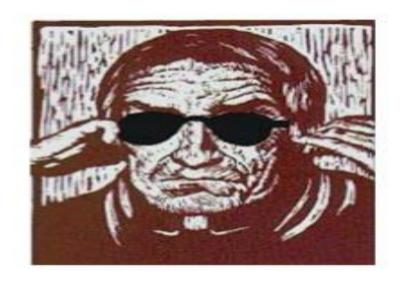
How do you get to love somebody? Well you have to get to know them, don't you? So it is with God, as we learn about Him from the Bible, we pray to Him and allow His Holy Spirit to come into our lives and teach and guide us, we get to know Him and trust Him more and more. Finally there comes a time when we are so solid in our decision to love and follow Jesus that NOTHING would change our minds. Then we are sealed. This takes time and so the angels hold the winds to give that time. God knows when His people are 'sealed' into loving and obeying Him.



How and Who gets Sealed (cont'd)



The wicked end up 'sealed' too, but in a sad-bad way. They have disobeyed God for so long and rejected His love and His word until their hearts become hard and they reach a place where they would never change, not in a million years.





How and Who gets Sealed (cont'd)



We know that the 7th day Sabbath is the 'seal' of God's 10 Commandment Law. It is the only place where it tells God's name, (the Lord thy God) His territory, (Heavens and Earth) and his authority (He is the Creator). The 'sealed' people of God will keep His true Sabbath!



The Four angels of destruction (cont'd)



The 4 angels are still holding the winds- it is time to get to know Jesus and give your whole heart to Him! There is nothing more important than that!

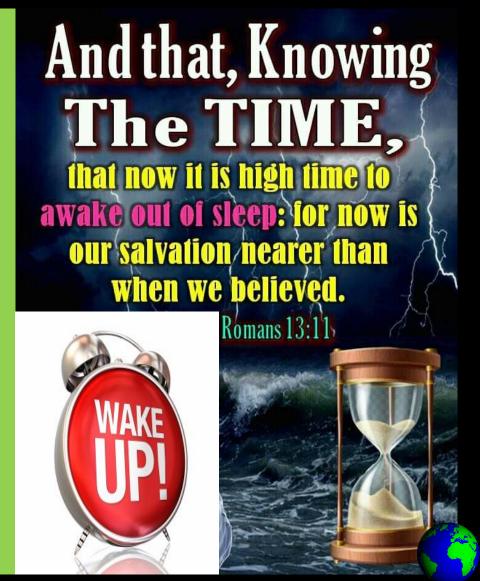
Revelation 7:13-17, are some of the sweetest texts in the whole Bible, read them often and think about what they mean. We want to be in that group!



Jesus 2nd Coming is nearer now!

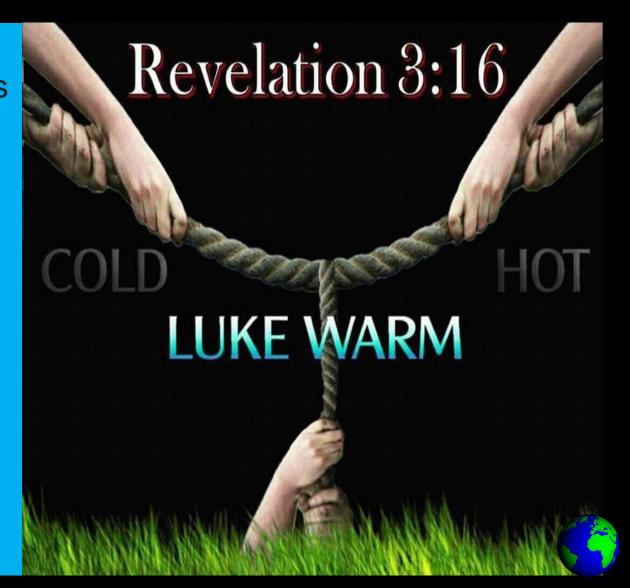
The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." - Matthew 24:44

But there are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which says so plainly that the end is near. Oh, how many who have not sought their souls' salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"! - Jeremiah 8:20



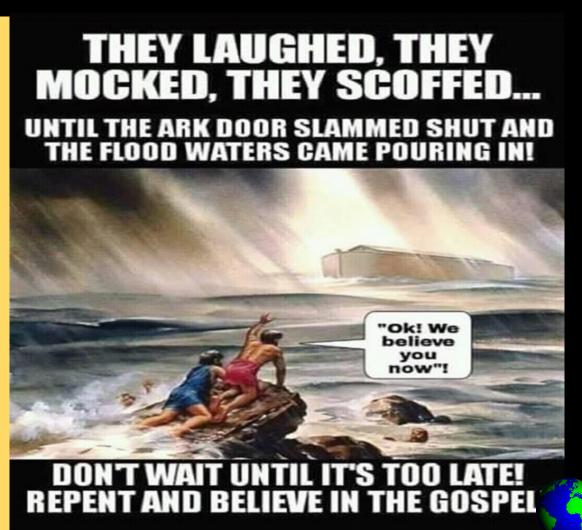
Many are not ready for Jesus 2nd coming

I saw that many measure themselves among themselves, and compare their lives with the lives of others. This should not be. No one but Christ is given us as an example. He is our true Pattern, and each should strive to excel in imitating Him. We are co-workers with Christ, or co-workers with the enemy. We either gather with Christ or scatter abroad. We are decided, wholehearted Christians, or none at all. Says Christ: "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth." - Revelation 3:15,16



How many are listening to the warnings?

But who reads the warnings given by the fast-fulfilling signs of the times? What impression is made upon worldlings? What change is seen in their attitude? No more than was seen in the attitude of the inhabitants of the Noachian world. Absorbed in worldly business and pleasure, the antediluvians "knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away." Matthew 24:39. They had heaven-sent warnings, but they refused to listen. And today the world, utterly regardless of the warning voice of God, is hurrying on to eternal ruin.



No one can escape the day of 2nd coming

I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God.

The nations are in unrest. Times of perplexity are upon us. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the earth. But those who believe in God will hear His voice amid the storm, saying, "It is I; be not afraid."



The Sabbath test will come to All!

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church.

—Testimonies for the Church 5:81 (1882).

The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast

The sign, or seal, of (
God is revealed in the
observance of the

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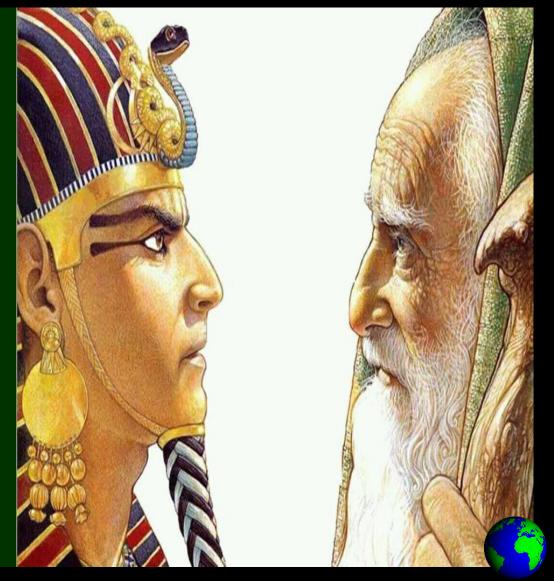
the Lord's memorial of creation.

The MARK OF THE
BEAST is the
opposite of this--the
observance of the
first day of the week.



God does not destroy anyone!

God destroys no man. Everyone who is destroyed will have destroyed himself. Everyone who stifles the admonitions of conscience is sowing the seeds of unbelief, and these will produce a sure harvest. By rejecting the first warning from God, Pharaoh of old sowed the seeds of obstinacy, and he reaped obstinacy. God did not compel him to disbelieve. The seed of unbelief which he sowed produced a harvest of its kind. Thus his resistance continued, until he looked upon his devastated land, upon the cold, dead form of his firstborn, and the first-born of all in his house and of all the families in his kingdom, until the waters of the sea closed over his horses and his chariots and his men of war. His history is a fearful illustration of the truth of the words that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7. Did men but realize this, they would be careful what seed they sow.



Seek the Creator God while you can!

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: Amos 8:11

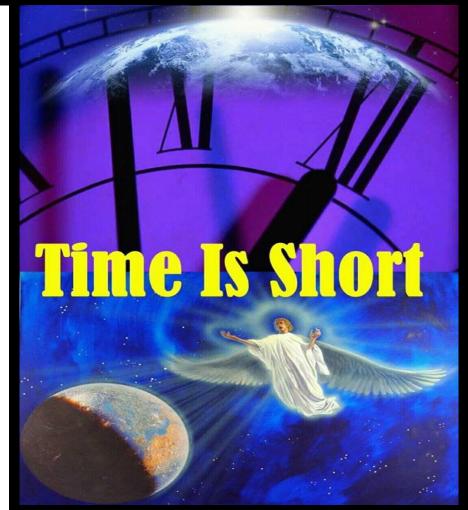
Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. - Isaiah 55:6,7



Many don't know the truth for this time!

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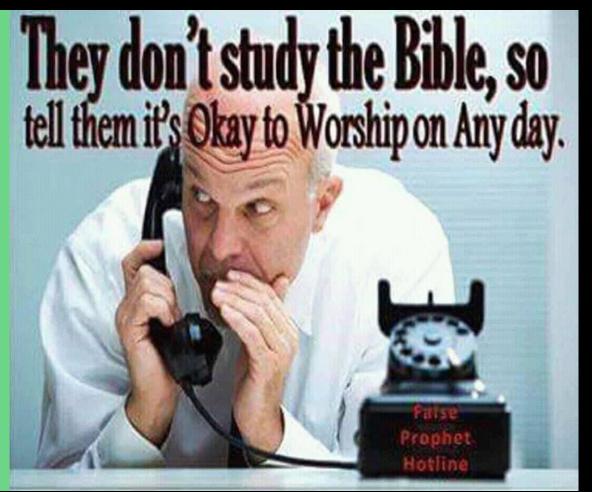




Soon the probation will close!

The Close of Probation

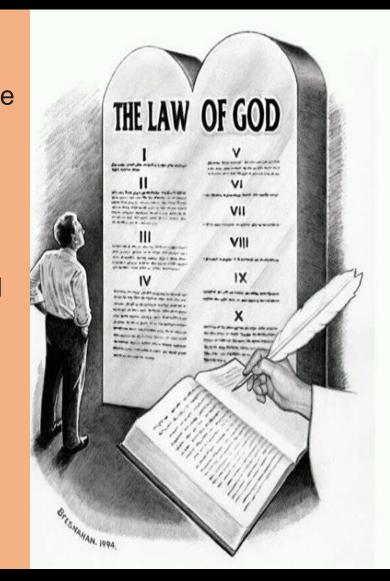
"The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.
 But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed."
 The Great Controversy, 594.





Know the relation of Faith and Works

There are many who fail to understand the relation of faith and works. They say, "Only believe in Christ, and you are safe. You have nothing to do with keeping the law." But genuine faith will be manifest in obedience. Said Christ to the unbelieving Jews, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." John 8:39. And concerning the father of the faithful the Lord declares, "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." Genesis 26:5. Says the apostle James, "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17. And John, who dwells so fully upon love, tells us, "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." 1 John 5:3.



We have to want that sinless life we have to choose to have it—if we want to give Jesus lip-service while we still cling to our darling sins we will be lost! Those who are saved at last will hate sin just as God hates it—they will have rejected all of its so called pleasures and see it for the hideous, cruel thing that it is. TRUST & OBEY FOR THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS BUT TO TRUST AND OBEY!



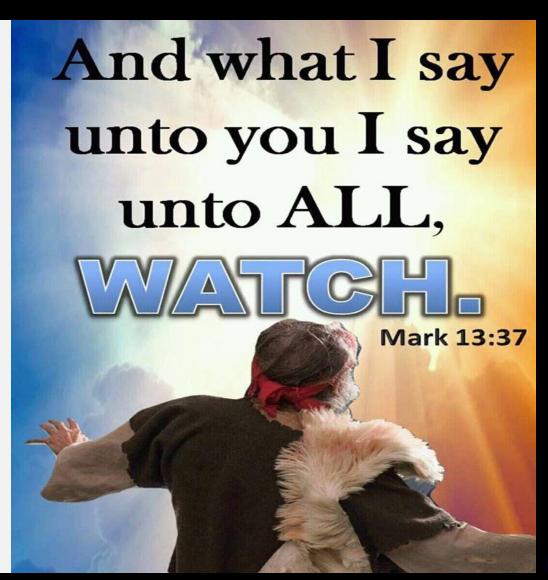
Only profession of faith is worthless

"And now also," said the prophet, "the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Not by its name, but by its fruit, is the value of a tree determined. If the fruit is worthless, the name cannot save the tree from destruction. John declared to the Jews that their standing before God was to be decided by their character and life. Profession was worthless. If their life and character were not in harmony with God's law, they were not His people. - DA 107.1



Need to be watchful and not sleep

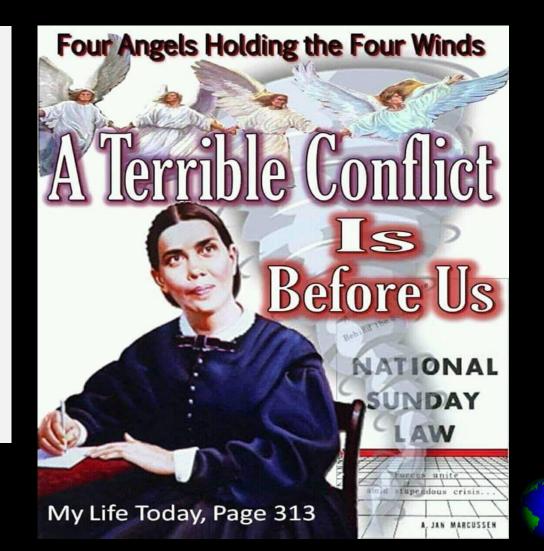
"Watch ye therefore:...lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." Mark 13:35, 36. Perilous is the condition of those who, growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world. While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments—it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Daniel 5:27.—The Great Controversy, 479-491.





The powers of the earth will force...

Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath.



Jesus is Coming Soon



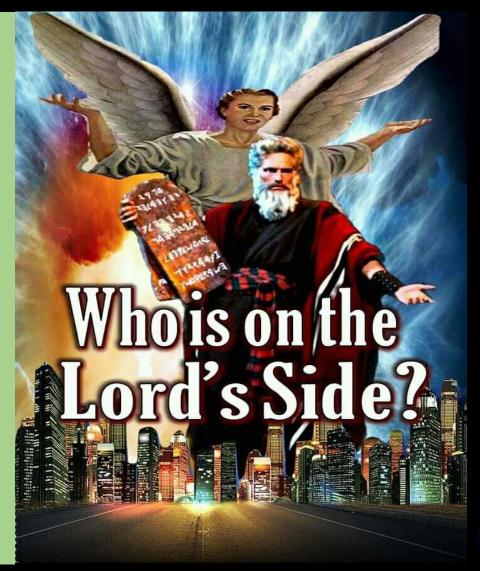
The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



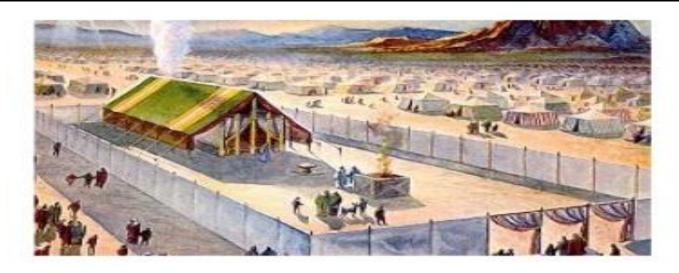
God is calling all too come to Him!

Mercy's sweet voice is calling, "Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. " "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; " 2 Timothy 4:3 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. " 2 chronicles 7:14





The 144,000

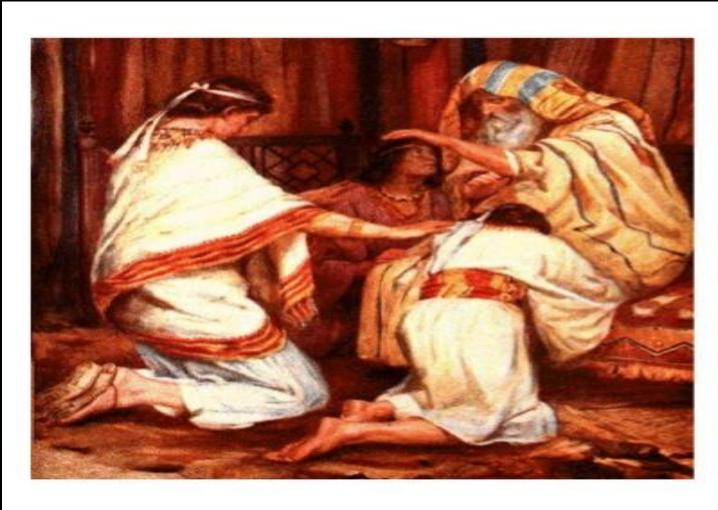


Revelation 7:4 "And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

The number 144,000 has been a puzzle to many people. Some think it is a symbol, and it is true that it means something. There were 12 tribes in Israel and there were 12 Apostles. Here Twelve thousand out of each tribe, 12X12 = 144,000. It does seem here though that it may be a real number. It represents the people of God who will be alive on the earth when Jesus returns. They will go to heaven without ever dying.



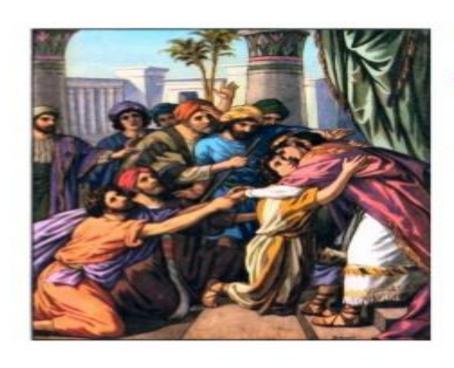
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The twelve sons of Jacob, who became the heads of great families, called tribes, were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun. Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, and Joseph. But Jacob, on his dying bed, adopted the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, to constitute two of the tribes of Israel. Gen. 48:5.



The 144,000 (cont'd)



JACOB'S SONS

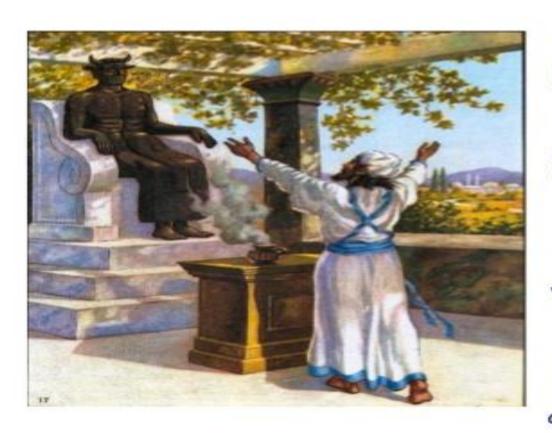
5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. 6 twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.



The 144,000 (cont'd)



But here in this list we find 2 names left out. Ephraim and Dan are not on this final list. The Bible says "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone." Hosea 4:17. The tribe of Dan was also involved in Idol worship and repented not.

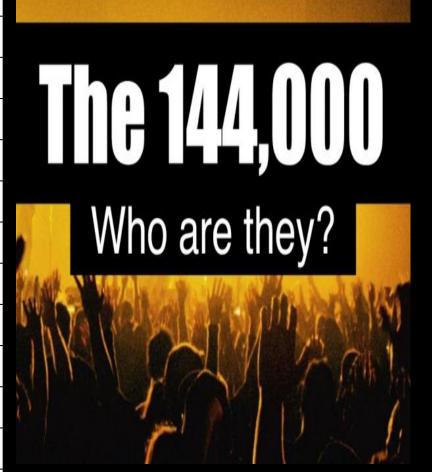
There are some people who have done interesting studies about the characters of these different 'tribes', and feel that they represent different personalities, you might like to read about it sometime.

God knows who these special people will be, who will be alive when Jesus comes and go home to heaven without ever dying. Maybe some of us will be among them!



The tribes of the literal Israel

Genesis 49:1-28	<u>Numbers 1:5-15</u>	Ezekiel 48:1-29	Revelation 7:5-8
Reuben	Reuben	Dan	Judah
Simeon	Simeon	Asher	Reuben
Levi	Judah	Naphtali	Gad
Judah	Issachar	Manasseh	Asher
Zebulun	Zebulun	Ephraim	Naphtali
Issachar	Ephraim	Reuben	Manasseh
Dan	Manasseh	Judah	Simeon
Gad	Benjamin	Benjamin	Levi
Asher	Dan	Simeon	Issachar
Naphtali	Asher	Issachar	Zebulun
Joseph	Gad	Zebulun	Joseph
Benjamin	Naphtali	Gad	Benjamin





The names & meanings of sons of Israel

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1. Judah = "I will praise the Lord" (Genesis 29:35)
2. Reuben = "Surely the LORD has looked upon my affliction" (Genesis 29:32)
3. Gad = "Good fortune" (Genesis 30:11)
4. Asher = "Happy am I" (Genesis 30:13)
5. Naphtali = "With great wrestlings have I wrestled" (Genesis 30:8)
6. Manasseh = "God has made me forget all my toil" (Genesis 41:51)
7. Simeon = "the LORD has heard that I was hated" (Genesis 29:33)
8. Levi = "my husband will be joined to me" (Genesis 29:34)
9. Issachar = "God has given me my reward" (Genesis 30:18)
10. Zebulun = "Dwelling" (Genesis 30:20)
11. Joseph = "The LORD shall add to me" (Genesis 30:24)
12. Benjamin = "Son of right hand side" - From the Hebrew Binyamin. "Bin" means 'Son'
and "Yamin" means 'right hand side' (Jacob changed Benjamin's name after his
birth, Genesis 35:18).
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This list tells the story of salvation as experienced by the church, Christ's bride: "I will praise the Lord for Surely the LORD has looked upon my affliction. With good fortune and Happy am I. With great wrestlings have I wrestled, but God has made me forget all my toil. The LORD has heard that I was hated. My husband will be joined to me. God has given me my reward of dwelling. The LORD shall add to me the Son of His right hand side."



Identifying the 144,000

- 1. They exist in the last days. Rev 13 describes the final attack on God's people as the beast and his image rise to slay them (Rev 13: 15). Rev 14:1-5 describes those who will have victory over the beast and his image the 144,000.
- 2. The 144,000 are "of Israel" (Rev 7:4). As Israel refers to the church (Rev 7:3), the 144,000 are therefore a special group sealed from among Christians.
- 3. They are the answer to the question at the end of the previous chapter, "Who shall be able to stand?" (Rev 6:17).
- 4. The 144,000 are those who will stand through the final events and see Jesus Second Coming. Clearly they include more than just literal Israelites.
- 5. They are Christians as they "follow the Lamb." (Rev 14:4). John "heard" their number. (Rev 7:4). In Rev 9:16 John also "heard the number" of those who are not true followers of Christ.
- 6. They have the seal of God (Rev 7:2-4) They keep God's Sabbath.



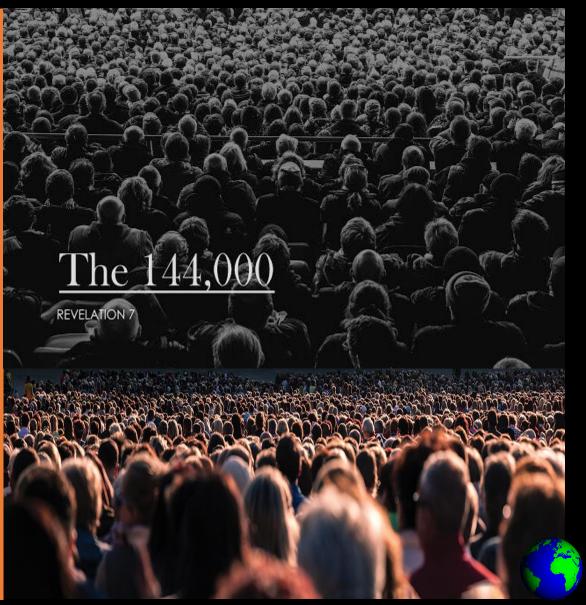
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- 7. They have the Father's name in their foreheads (Rev 14:1) Name stands for character (Genesis 32:28). The 144,000 have God's character (Rev 14:5).
- 8. They are Virgins (Rev 14:4) Spiritually pure Christians (2 Corinthians 11:2).
- 9. They are Servants of the living God (Rev 7:3) Christians who are free from sin (Romans 6:22).
- 10. They are Firstfruits (Rev 14:4). Firstfruits can refer to first in quality (Numbers 18:12; Ezekiel 44:30). The 144,000 are highest quality Christians.
- 11. They are without guile Without fault (Rev 14:5; Jude 24). They are Like Christ (1Peter 2:22).
- 12. The 144,000 are redeemed "from among men" (Rev 14:3), i.e. they do not die. On the other hand God says of those that die, "I will redeem them from death." (Hosea 13:14).



Identifying the 144,000 (cont'd)

The 144,000 is an all-inclusive group of faithful followers who love Jesus and are obedient to His commandments (Rev 14:4, 5). They conquer the image of the beast, endure persecution (Rev 7:1-3; 14:9-11; 13:15-18), stand victorious with Jesus Christ and sing the triumphant song of their experience with God (Rev 14:3). The number is therefore symbolic of God's end-time universal church who make up spiritual Israel (Rev 7:4-8). They are the remnants who survive the shifting in Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22) and include those who respond to the loud cry of the third angel's message when the image of the beast becomes law (Rev 15:2).



Gideon - A type of end-time events

Gideon's Army – Judges 7

- (a) A small group selected from among all Israel
- (b) Vessels (pitchers)
- (c) Lamps hidden within the vessels
- (d) Trumpets they blew
- (e) A trinity of evil:
- 1.Midianite
- 2. Amalekites
- 3. Children of the East. Like grasshoppers for multitude.
- (f) The Midianites etc. turned on each other and destroyed themselves.

The 144000 – Revelation 7

- (a) A small group selected from among all of spiritual Israel (Rev 14:1-5)
- (b) Our Bodies are vessels for the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19)
- (c) The Holy Spirit that will be seen in and upon the faithful (Isaiah 60:1)
- (d) The Messages of God (1Cor 14:8-9)
- (e) The end-time enemies of God's people:
- 1. Dragon (Rev 16:13)
- 2. Beast (Rev 16:13)
- 3. False Prophet (Rev 16:13)
- (f) The enemies of God's people will destroy each other. (Revelation 17)

Who are the spiritual Israel today?

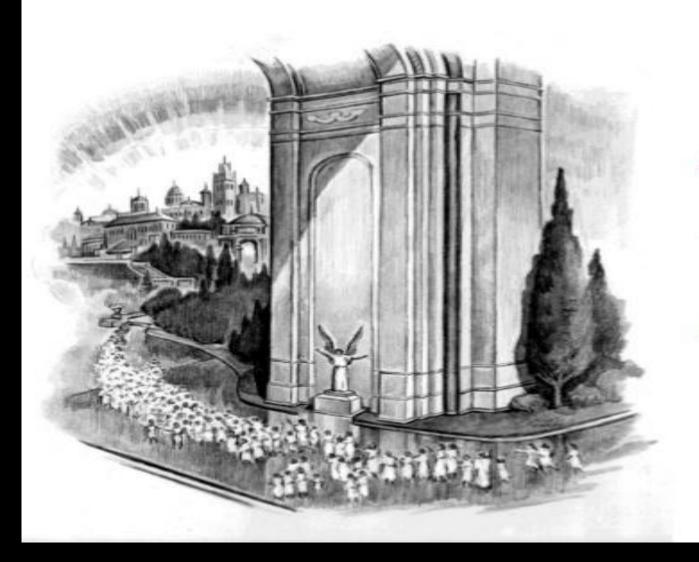
Romans 2:28.29 - Jew inwardly James 1:1 - Greeting 12 tribes 1 Peter 2:9 - A chosen generation Philippians 3:3 - The true circumcision

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- Galatians 3



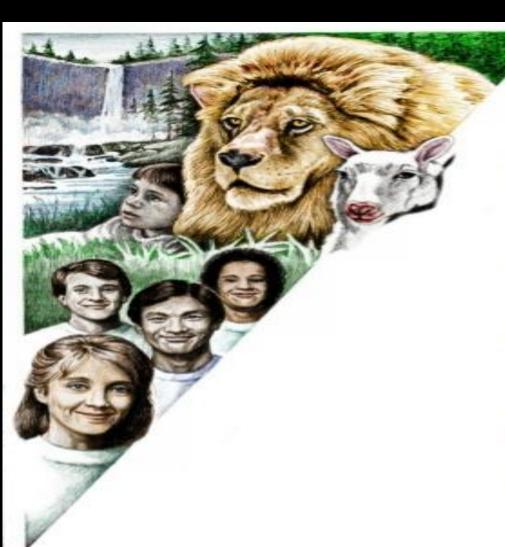
The Great Multitude



Revelation 7:9, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."



The 144,000 & The Great Multitude

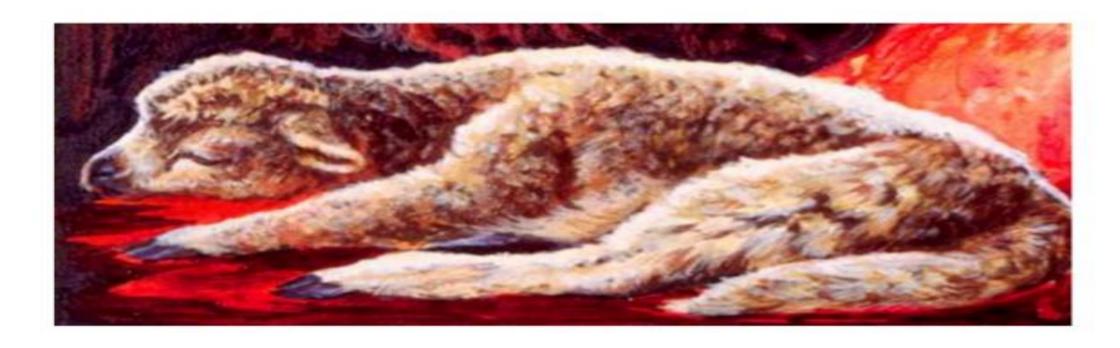


Some people worry when they think about the 144,000 because it doesn't seem like a very big number to be saved from the whole earth. But we never need to worry about that, there is lot's of room in heaven for all, and nobody who really wants to be there and truly gives their heart to Jesus will be left out.

Just imagine this beautiful scene; all of the dear people of God from all different countries, happy in heaven and singing joyful songs to Jesus. They have palm branches in their hands as a sign of victory over sin and Satan, and white robes, which means they all have lovely characters like Jesus.



The Overcomers



Revelation 7:13,14 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.





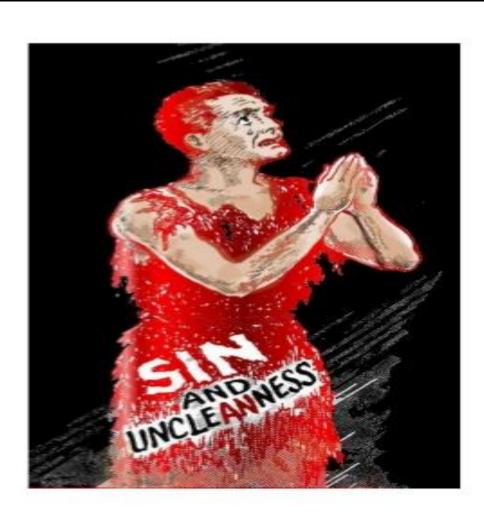
Now here we are talking about this special group who have been sealed in their foreheads. They are dressed in pure, white robes - this is their perfect characters that Jesus has given them. They came out of a time when the entire wicked world united to destroy God's truth and blot it from the earth. But in the strength of their mighty Lord, they stood firm for the truth and obeyed God's Commandments.





How did they get these pure characters? It tells you— they washed them in the blood of the Lamb. They accepted the forgiveness made possible by Jesus death and they chose to have Him live His perfect life in them. They chose to have Jesus' character instead of their own sinful ones. Day by day, hour by hour, they kept choosing His ways, in the strength He gave them and when temptation came, they refused to yield. They cried out to Jesus to take all sin and wicked selfishness out of their lives.





It took time, and as victory was gained over one sinful trait, the Holy Spirit would show them more things that had to be overcome and they would cry again to Jesus for victory. The closer they came to Jesus, and the more they learned about His beautiful character, the more sinful they saw themselves to be and the more they cried to Jesus for Him to take away the sin from them and cover their poor selves with His robe of perfect character.





15-17 "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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."



These ones have a special experience, all who are saved in heaven will have passed through trials and been overcomers, but these final ones have seen the whole world given over to Satan.

They have seen the close of probation when the Mercy of God is totally removed from the wicked and Satan has full control of them. They have seen the terrible 7 last plagues of God's anger fall on the wicked and have clung to Jesus through the time of Jacob's trouble.



God alone will be exalted in the end

So long have men worshiped human opinions and human institutions that almost the whole world is following after idols. And he who has endeavored to change God's law is using every deceptive artifice to induce men and women to array themselves against God and against the sign by which the righteous are known.

But the Lord will not always suffer His law to be broken and despised with impunity. There is a time coming when "the lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Isaiah 2:11



And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,

SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE, and SOME to

shame and everlasting CONTEMPT. DAN 12:2

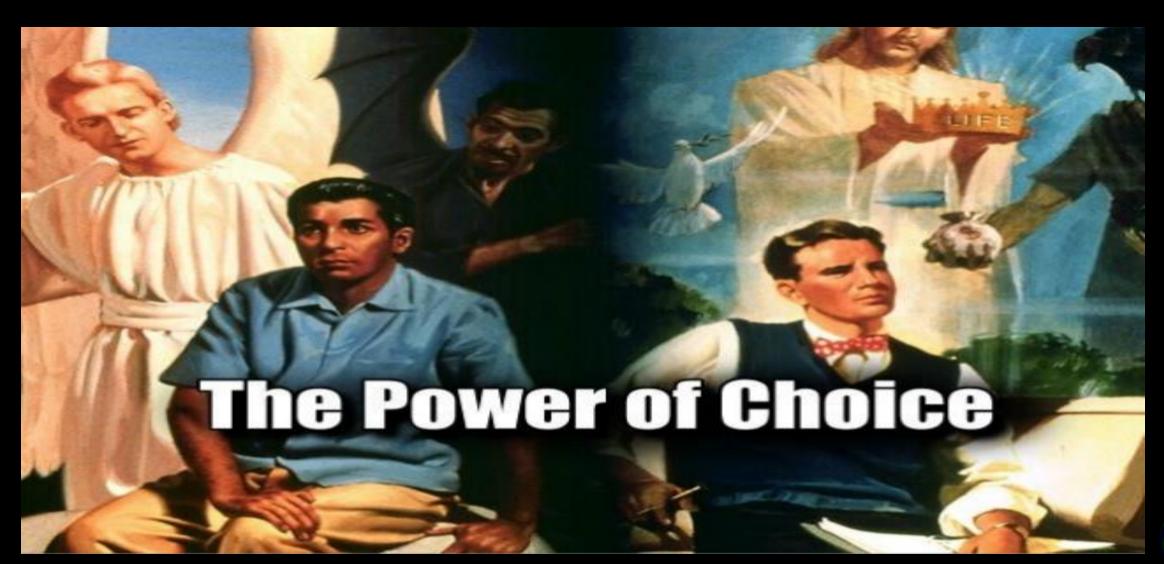


Conclusion

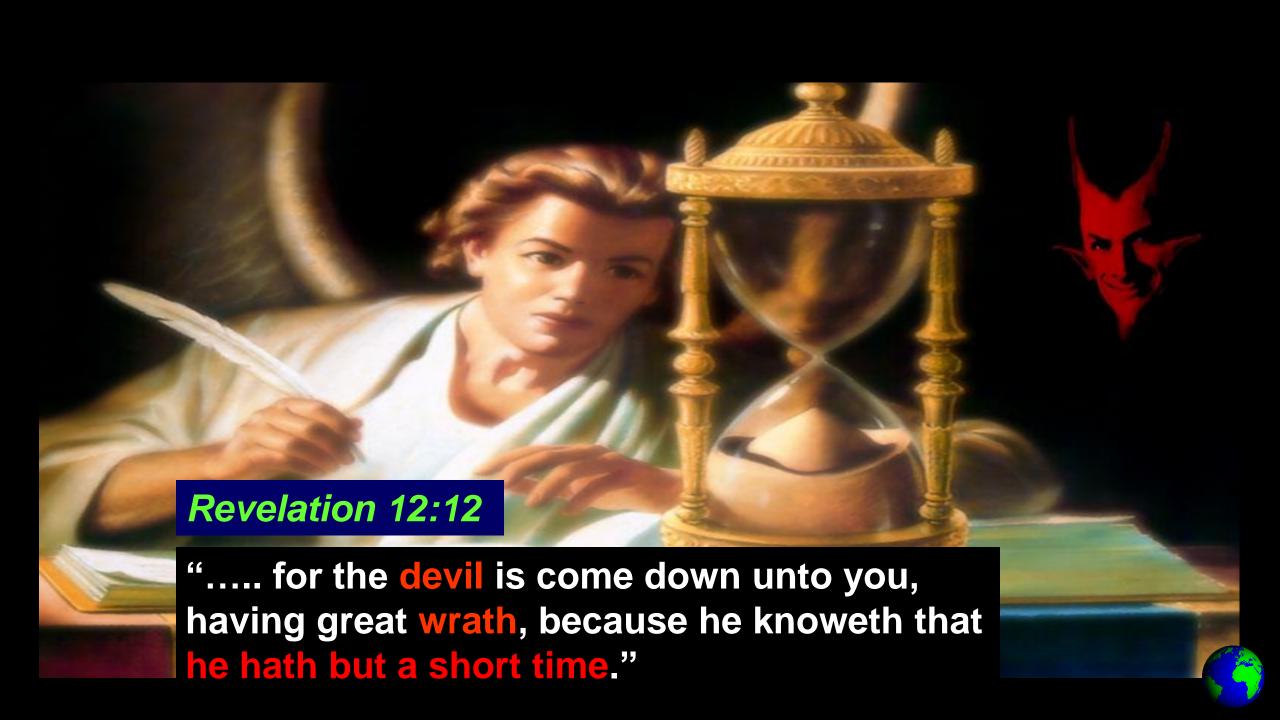
"I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. As decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed." - White, Early Writings36,37



God has given all:







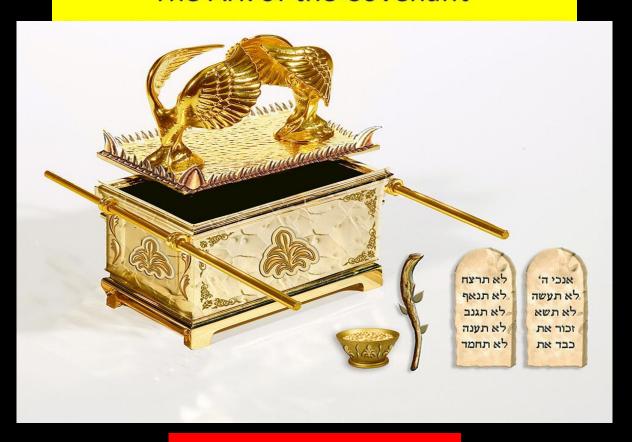
Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





