

The 144,000 Who Are They?

1. It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, **who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand? This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question.** {1SM 174.3} (1901). {LDE 269.1} {7BC 978.4}

My brethren and sisters, appreciate and study the truths God has given for you and your children. Spend not your time in seeking to know that which will be no spiritual help. **“What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” This is the all-important question, and it has been clearly answered. “What is written in the law? how readest thou?” [Luke 10:25, 26.]** {Ms 26, 1901, par. 20} {1SM 174.4}

2. Persons, in writing or speaking to me, often ask me questions that I have not liberty to answer. One says, “I want you to tell me, Sister White, **who are the one hundred and forty-four thousand, that are spoken of in Revelation?” I answer, “You have the Word; have you found out? If the Lord wanted you to know, He would have put it in His Word, and you would not need to ask me. When we get to heaven, then we shall learn exactly who compose the hundred and forty-four thousand.** Let us take that which the Lord has given us; it is sufficient to tax our mind to its utmost capacity, and if we will study the Scriptures prayerfully, the Holy Spirit will make the correct application to our hearts.” {Ms 179, 1907, par. 17}

3. Many spend their time seeking for doctrines that are new and strange. They try to find out what is meant by the hundred and forty-four thousand. When we get to heaven we shall know and understand who will be included in this number. **We are not to let our imaginations work upon matters that God has not revealed to us.** We are to plant our feet upon the Word of the living God, and when we reach the kingdom of heaven, we shall understand the mysteries of that country. Christ will lead us beside the river of life and open to our minds the truths of His Word. He will unfold to us mysteries that we cannot now grasp. In the school above we shall obtain the higher education. **Till then we must be content to leave with God the mysteries that we cannot comprehend.** {Ms 17, 1903, par. 6}

WHAT IS TRUTH? SHOULD EVER BE OUR INQUIRY

The great stone set up by Joshua was to stand as a constant reminder to Israel of the covenant which they had made with God, and a silent witness of their faithfulness or apostasy. So also **the song of Moses was to testify against them, should they depart from God.** Many of the Israelites were unacquainted with the books of Moses. But it was the purpose of God that **this inspired song** should awaken in thoughtful minds a desire to learn more of God’s wonderful dealings with his people, and lead to the study of his revealed word. Thus would they be led to realize the goodness of God toward them, and their duty to love, and obey, and worship him. {ST May 26, 1881, par. 15}

If it was necessary for God’s ancient people to often call to mind his dealings with them in mercy and judgment, in counsel and reproof, it is equally important that we contemplate the truths delivered to

us in his word,—truth which, if heeded, will lead us to humility and submission, and obedience to God. We are to be sanctified through the truth. The word of God presents special truths for every age. The dealings of God with his people in the past should receive our careful attention. We should learn the lessons which they are designed to teach us. But we are not to rest content with them. God is leading out his people step by step. Truth is progressive. The earnest seeker will be constantly receiving light from Heaven. What is truth? should ever be our inquiry. {ST May 26, 1881, par. 16}

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

WHO ARE THE “ELECT OF GOD” - A WORD BIBLE STUDY

Elect; Choose; Chosen one; H972 (13x); **select;** -- *Christ {1}; Abraham {2}; Children of Jacob {3}; Moses {4}; Saul {5}; David {6}; Israel {7};* -- 2 Samuel 21:6 {5}; 1 Chronicles 16:13 {3}{7}; Psalms 89:3 {6}; 105:6 {2}{3}; 105:43 {7}; 106:5 {7} ,23 {4}; Isaiah 42:1 {1}; 43:20 {7}; 45:4 {3}{7}; 65:9 {1}{3}{7},15,22 {7}.

Choose; G140 (1x); **to make a choice;** -- *Christ {1}* -- Matthew 12:18 {1}, *see also* Isaiah 42:1 {1}.

Elect; Chosen; G1588 (23x); 1. **select** 2. *(By implication)* **favorite;** -- *Christ {1}; Angels {2}; Brethren;* -- Matthew 20:16; 22:14; 24:22,24,31; Mark 13:20,22,27; Luke 18:7; 23:35 {1}; Romans 8:33; 16:13; Colossians 3:12; 1 Timothy 5:21 {2}; 2 Timothy 2:10; Titus 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2; 2:4,6 {1},9; 2 John 1:1,13; Revelation 17:14.

Election; Chosen; G1589 (7x); --- *Brethren* --- Acts 9:15; Romans 9:11; 11:5,7,28; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Peter 1:10.

Elected Together With; G4899 (1x); **chosen in company with, co-elect (fellow Christian);** 1 Peter 5:13.

Chosen for What? There is an election of individuals and a people, the only election found in the word of God, where man is **elected to be saved.** Many have looked at the end, thinking they were surely elected to have heavenly bliss; but this is not the election the Bible reveals. **Man is elected to work out his own salvation with fear and trembling. He is elected to put on the armor, to fight the good fight of faith. He is elected to use the means God has placed within his reach to war against every unholy lust, while Satan is playing the game of life for his soul. He is elected to watch unto prayer, to search the Scriptures, and to avoid entering into temptation. He is elected to have faith continually. He is elected to be obedient to every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, and that he may be, not a hearer only, but a doer of the word. This is Bible election.** TM 453.5

The Father sets his love upon **his elect people** who live in the midst of men. **These are the people whom Christ has redeemed by the price of his own blood;** and because they respond to the drawing of Christ, through the sovereign mercy of God, **they are elected to be saved as his obedient children.** Upon them is manifested **the free grace of God, the love** wherewith he hath loved them. **Everyone who will humble himself as a little child who will receive and obey the word of God with a child's simplicity, will be among the elect of God.** Of the church at Ephesus, the apostle writes: Ephesians 1:2-11. {ST January 2, 1893, par. 2}

In the council of heaven, provision was made that men, though transgressors, should not perish in their disobedience, but, **through faith in Christ as their substitute and surety, might become the elect of God** predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of his will. God wills that all men should be saved; for ample provision has been made, in giving his only-begotten Son to pay man's ransom. Those who perish will perish because they refuse to be adopted as children of God through Christ Jesus. The pride of man hinders him from accepting the provisions of salvation. But human merit will not admit a soul into the presence of God. That which will make a man acceptable to God is the imparted grace of Christ through faith in his name. No dependence can be placed in works or in happy flights of feelings as evidence that men are chosen of God; for **the elect are chosen through Christ.** {ST January 2, 1893, par. 4}

The everlasting inheritance is purchased only for the elect... {ST August 4, 1898, par. 4}

Matthew 19:30 But many [that are] first shall be last; and the last [shall be] first.

Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few **chosen.**

REVELATION 7:4-9, HEARD THE NUMBER THEN BEHELD AND SAW A GREAT MULTITUDE

James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to **the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad,** greeting.

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.**

Revelation 7:5 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.

Revelation 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses [were] sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:7 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.

Revelation 7:8 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.

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;**

The palms signify that they have gained the victory, and the white robes that they have been clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Thank God that a fountain has been opened to wash our robes of character, and make them as white as snow (Manuscript 66, 1895). {7BC 970.11}

Revelation 22:17 **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

TO NUMBER ISRAEL IS NOT TO WORK AFTER GOD'S ORDER, NO MAN IS TO NUMBER ISRAEL

1. The Lord does not move upon His workers to make them take a course which will bring on the time of trouble before the time. Let them not build up a wall of separation between themselves and the world by advancing their own ideas and notions. There is now altogether too much of this throughout our borders. The message of warning has not reached large numbers of the world in the very cities that are right at hand, and **to number Israel is not to work after God's order.** There is abundance of earnest work in cities that have not been worked. Let your pen and voice work to enlighten these souls in simple, stirring articles upon faith and love. {16MR 169.1} {TM 202.1}

2. **Then let no man attempt to number Israel today,** but let everyone have a heart of flesh, a heart of tender sympathy, a heart that, like the heart of Christ, reaches out for the salvation of a lost world. {PK 189.2}

3. **Selfishness would make a monopoly of eternal life. The Jewish nation thought to confine the benefits of salvation to their own nation; but the world's Redeemer showed them that salvation is like the air we breathe, like the atmosphere that belongs to the whole world. Every soul can be enriched by the love of God. The selfishness that would number Israel is an offense to God; for God's gift belongs not to a select few but to the whole world.** What strange work Elijah would have done in numbering Israel in the time when God's judgments were falling upon his backsliding people. He could only count one on the Lord's side. He said in mournful accents, "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." The word of the Lord surprised the disconsolate man; for Christ said, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." **No man is to number Israel, but let every man see that he has a heart of flesh, a heart of tender sympathy, that, like the heart of Christ, reaches out for the salvation of the world.** {RH November 12, 1895, par. 8}

4. **Those who claim to be descendants of Abraham have attempted to number Israel, as though the gift of eternal life belonged to a select few.** They would have the benefits of salvation limited to their own nation. But God has placed every individual of our race under divine favor, and **all are called upon to contribute to God's glory and to the advancement of his kingdom.** Individuals and nations will be held responsible for the grace of God given them through Jesus Christ. Christ came eating with publicans and sinners, giving them lessons day by day in his association with them. Leaving the ninety and nine in the fold, he went out into the wilderness after the one lost lamb. He said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." And his lesson to Simon was, to whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much. {YI August 5, 1897, Art. B, par. 1}

5. **Human selfishness would make a monopoly of the salvation purchased at so great a cost. But Christ died to offer the gift of eternal life to all, and he sends his messengers that they may present the truth, the gift of God's grace, to all.** God cannot display the knowledge of his will and the wonders of his grace unless he has his witnesses among men. It is his plan that those who are partakers of this great salvation through Jesus Christ should be his missionaries, bodies of light throughout the world, living epistles, known and read of all men. Their faith and works should testify that they have not received the grace of God in vain. {YI August 5, 1897, Art. B, par. 2}

1 CHRONICLES 21:1-8 & 2 SAMUEL 24:1-10 – DAVID SINNED GREATLY BY ACCOUNTING ISRAEL GOD WAS DISPLEASED WITH DAVID IN REQUIRING THE SUM OF THE NUMBER OF ISRAEL

1 Chronicles 21:1 And **Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.** 2 And **David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel** from Beersheba even to Dan; and **bring the number of them to me, that I may know [it].** 3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they [be]: but, my lord the king, [are] they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? **why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?** 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout **all Israel,** and came to Jerusalem. 5 And Joab gave **the sum of the number of the people** unto David. And all [they of] Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah [was] four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin **counted** he not among them: for **the king's word was abominable to Joab.** 7 And **God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.** 8 And **David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing:** but now, I beseech thee, do away **the iniquity** of thy servant; for **I have done very foolishly.**

2 Samuel 24:1 And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, **number Israel and Judah.** 2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which [was] with him, go now through **all the tribes of Israel,** from Dan even to Beersheba, and **number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.** 3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see [it]: but **why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?** 4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, **to number the people of Israel.** 5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that [lieth] in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: 6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon, 7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, [even] to Beersheba. 8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 And Joab gave up **the sum of the number of the people** unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah [were] five hundred thousand men. 10 And **David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people.** And **David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done:** and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away **the iniquity** of thy servant; for **I have done very foolishly.**

David's sin has been the sin of selfish men in every age. They have made efforts to number Israel, to count the people; but Christ lifted up His voice to proclaim that the gift of eternal life was free to all who would receive Him as a personal Saviour. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] There is no nationality, tribe, or clans with God. He is the Maker of all mankind. It would be as just to put a price upon the air and light, the showers of rain, and every other blessing that God gives to our world, as to exclude from any sect, rank, or class of people the light shining from the throne of God. **Christ declared that whosoever will may take of the water of life freely.** [Revelation 22:17.] {Lt33-1898.}

REVELATION 7:14 - NONE WILL BE THERE WHO HAVE NOT SUFFERED; ONLY THE FAULTLESS; THE MULTITUDE OF THE REDEEMED CAME OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATION

1. Our Master was a man of sorrows; He was acquainted with grief; and those who suffer with Him will reign with Him. When the Lord appeared to **Saul** in his conversion, He did not purpose to show him how much good he should enjoy, but what great things he should suffer for His name. **Suffering has been the portion of the people of God from the days of the martyr Abel. The patriarchs suffered for being true to God and obedient to His commandments. The great Head of the church suffered for our sake; His first apostles and the primitive church suffered; the millions of martyrs suffered, and the Reformers suffered.** And why should we, who have the blessed hope of immortality, to be consummated at the soon appearing of Christ, shrink from a life of suffering? Were it possible to reach the tree of life in the midst of the Paradise of God without suffering, we would not enjoy so rich a reward for which we had not suffered. We would shrink back from the glory; shame would seize us in the presence of those who had fought the good fight, had run the race with patience, and had laid hold on eternal life. But **none will be there who have not, like Moses, chosen to suffer affliction with the people of God.** The prophet John saw **the multitude of the redeemed, and inquired who they were.** The prompt answer came: **"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."** {1T 78.1} (Revelation 7:14)

2. When tempted to murmur, censure, and indulge in fretfulness, wounding others around you (and in so doing wound your own soul), oh! let the deep, earnest, anxious inquiry come from your soul, Shall I stand without fault before the throne of God? **None will be there only the faultless. Men and women will not be translated to Heaven while their hearts are filled with the rubbish of earth. Every defect in the moral character must be remedied, every stain removed, by the cleansing blood of Christ, and all the unlovely, unloveable traits of character overcome.** {T14 94.2}

3. Brother George Russ's wife has learned the art of complaining, scolding, and fretting. Is that **the song she expects to sing on the other shore?**—because **none will be there, only those who can sing the angels' strains.** All scolders, all fretters and unbelievers, which means those who are ever questioning the right, will be left on this side; so none may deceive themselves. **If they do not cherish love for one another here, they will not have love for the heavenly beings there.** All the principles existing in heaven must be learned and practiced here, then they will be practiced on the other side. {Lt 1, 1882, par. 25}

NO WORD OF GUILF, NO WORD OF PREVARICATION, NO FALSEHOOD, FAULTLESS

O that every one of our youth would realize the evil of foolish conversation, and correct the habit of speaking idle words! Let everyone who has indulged in this sin repent of it, confess it before God, and put it far from him. In speaking foolish words, you have dishonored the name of Christ; for you have misrepresented him in character. **No word of guile was found in his lips, no word of prevarication or falsehood. The people that are described as making up the one hundred and forty-four thousand, have the Father's name written in their foreheads,** and of them it is said: "In their mouth was found no guile: for they are **without fault** before the throne of God." **If they had been speaking foolish, senseless, false words, they would not have been found without guile, and without fault before the throne of God.** John also wrote, saying: "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; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, saying, amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever, Amen. 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. 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 anymore; 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.” {YI June 27, 1895, par. 4} {OHC 292.4} Revelation 14:5

REVELATION 14:1-5, THE FIRST FRUITS, REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH FROM AMONG MEN

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God.

REVELATION 15:2-3, THEY SING THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints.

THE SONG OF MOSES IS NOT JUST FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE – EXODUS 15:1-16 {PP 288.1}.

Like the voice of the great deep, rose from the vast hosts of Israel that sublime ascription. It was taken up by the women of Israel, Miriam, the sister of Moses, leading the way, as they went forth with timbrel

and dance. Far over desert and sea rang the joyous refrain, and the mountains re-echoed the words of their praise—**“Sing ye to Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously.”** {PP 288.2}

This song and the great deliverance which it commemorates, made an impression never to be effaced from the memory of the Hebrew people. From age to age it was echoed by the prophets and singers of Israel, **testifying that Jehovah is the strength and deliverance of those who trust in Him. That song does not belong to the Jewish people alone. It points forward to the destruction of all the foes of righteousness and the final victory of the Israel of God.** The prophet of Patmos beholds **the white-robed multitude that have “gotten the victory,”** standing on the “sea of glass mingled with fire,” having “the harps of God. And **they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.”** Revelation 15:2, 3. {PP 289.1} {VSS 464.3} {EP 198.1}

THEY SING “A NEW SONG” WHICH NO MAN CAN LEARN BUT THE 144 000

They sing “a new song” before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song, for it is the song of their experience—an experience such as no other company have ever had. “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.” **These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as “the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb” (Revelation 15:2,3; 14:1-5.)** “These are they which came out of great tribulation”; they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob’s trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God’s judgments. {GC 648.3} {LDE 268.4}

IT IS “A NEW SONG” BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER BEFORE SUNG IN HEAVEN

There is a day just about to burst upon us when God’s mysteries will be seen, and all His ways vindicated; when justice, mercy, and love will be the attributes of His throne. **When the earthly warfare is accomplished, and the saints are all gathered home, our first theme will be the song of Moses, the servant of God. The second theme will be the song of the Lamb, the song of grace and redemption.** This song will be louder, loftier, and in sublimer strains, echoing and re-echoing through the heavenly courts. Thus **the song of God’s providence is sung, connecting the varying dispensations; for all is now seen without a veil between the legal, the prophetic, and the gospel.** The church history upon the earth and **the church redeemed** in heaven all center around **the cross of Calvary. This is the theme, this is the song,—Christ all and in all.**—in anthems of praise resounding through heaven from thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand and **an innumerable company of the redeemed host. All unite in this song of Moses and of the Lamb. It is a new song, for it was never before sung in heaven.** {TM 433.1} {Hvn 177.1} {HB 393.5} Revelation 14:3

NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE 144 000

“And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and **with Him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having His Father’s name written in their foreheads.** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and **they sung as it were a new song** before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and **no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God” [Revelation 14:1-5]. {18MR 27.3}

This Scripture represents the character of the people of God for these last days. The everlasting gospel is to be preached, and it is to be practiced in true missionary work carried forward not after the wisdom that men may devise, but after the wisdom of God. All who walk in safe paths are to understand that the third angel’s message is of consequence to the whole world, and must be carried to the world in clear, straight lines, and in its distinctive features, as Christ revealed it to John. {18MR 28.1}

[Revelation 14:6-12, quoted.] This is the message we have to bear; this is the work we have to do. This is the message God has kept before the Seventh-day Adventist people. The truth of this message will not decrease, but will increase in force and importance as we are brought down to the close of the work of God on earth. **We have no time to lose.** {18MR 28.2}

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Since the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages, many standard bearers have fallen asleep in Jesus; they have laid off their armor, but their works do follow them. The work advances, and the faithful ones hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. {18MR 28.3}

This vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, peoples, and tongues. **The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** **To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon.** {18MR 29.1}

THE REDEEMED, RANSOMED ONES, SING THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB

There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial?—He saw of the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity, and saw the happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes they were healed. **His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.** {CET 231.1}

What sustained the Son of God during His life of toil and sacrifice? He saw the results of the travail of His soul and was satisfied. Looking into eternity, He beheld the happiness of those who through His

humiliation had received pardon and everlasting life. **His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.** {AA 601.2} {8T 43.3} {Ms134-1903.10}

THIS IS THE SAME COMPANY THAT SING THE SONG, REVELATION 15:2,3 & ISAIAH 58:13,14

But “he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” [Matthew 24:13.] John sees “them that had gotten the victory over the beast and over his image, and over his mark and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.” And he says, **“They sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.” [Revelation 15:2, 3.] This is the same company mentioned by Isaiah, to whom it was promised that they should ride on the high places of the earth, and be fed with the heritage of Jacob their father.** {Ms48-1900.}

Isaiah 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, [from] doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking [thine own] words:

Isaiah 58:14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and **will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father:** for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 15:3 And **they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,** saying, Great and marvellous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints.

THEY SING THE NEW SONG, FAITHFUL OF ALL AGES, THE REMNANT “MEN WONDERED AT” THE FRUIT OF THE EARTH, THEM THAT ARE ESCAPED OF ISRAEL, THE FAITHFUL OF ALL AGES, REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH - ISAIAH 4:2,3 & ZECHARIAH 3:4,5,8 & REVELATION 14:4,5.

As **the people of God** afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, “Take away the filthy garments” from them, and the encouraging words are spoken, “Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” **The spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God.** The **despised remnant** are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. **Their names are retained in the Lamb’s book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon’s roar.** Now they are eternally secure from the tempter’s devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin. (Zechariah 3:4,5) {CCh 353.3} {RH January 9, 1908, par. 10} {PK 591.1}

And **the remnant** are not only pardoned and accepted, but honored. **“A fair miter” is set upon their heads.** They are to be as kings and priests unto God. While Satan was urging his accusations and seeking to destroy **this company,** holy angels, unseen, were passing to and fro, **placing upon them the seal of**

the living God. These are they that stand upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having the Father's name written in their foreheads. They sing the new song before the throne, that song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Revelation 14:4, 5. {CCh 353.4} {PK 591.2} {5T 475.2}

Now is reached the complete fulfilment of those words of the Angel: "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch." **Christ is revealed as the Redeemer and Deliverer of his people.** Now indeed are **the remnant "men wondered at,"** as the tears and humiliation of their pilgrimage give place to joy and honor in the presence of God and the Lamb. "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and **the fruit of the earth** shall be excellent and comely for **them that are escaped of Israel.** And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is **written among the living in Jerusalem.**" {RH January 9, 1908, par. 11} {T32 232.1} {PK 592.1} (Zechariah 3:8) (Isaiah 4:2,3)

Isaiah 4:2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth [shall be] excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

Isaiah 4:3 And it shall come to pass, [that he that is] left in Zion, and [he that] remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, [even] every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

Zechariah 3:4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Zechariah 3:5 And I said, let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Zechariah 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they [are] men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD SINGING THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB

1. In the issue of the contest, all Christendom will be divided into two great classes,—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Although church and State will unite their power to compel "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive "the mark of the beast," [Revelation 13:16.] yet **the people of God** will not receive it. The prophet of Patmos beholds "them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God," and **singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.** [Revelation 15:2, 3.] {GC88 450.1}

2. **Through trials and persecution, the glory—character—of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The church of God,** hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the school of Christ. They walk in narrow paths on earth; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ

through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial and experience bitter disappointments; but their painful experience teaches them the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence. Being partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are destined to be partakers of His glory. In holy vision the prophet saw the triumph of **the people of God**. He says, "I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory, ... stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And **they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.**" "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 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." Revelation 15:2, 3; 7:14, 15. {MB 31.1}

ALL THE BLOOD WASHED THROUG SING THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB

1. O how sweet it will be to meet **all the blood-washed throug** in the city of our God. 'Tis then **we'll sing the song of Moses and the Lamb** as we march through the gates into the city, bearing the palms of victory and wearing the crowns of glory. {Lt 3, 1847, par. 2}

2. It is no benefit to us to **have a name as Christians** and not to be **Christlike**. To claim to live [a Christian life] while the eye is not single to the glory of God, makes the professed Christian a snare to souls. I may preach the gospel, give Bible readings, teach in the Sabbath school, visit the sick, help the poor, and be full of religious activity, and yet never enter the heavenly courts and **sing the song of Moses and the Lamb**. {Lt17-1894.}

3. I have an interest for the children, and I want that the parents shall never scold them. They are to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That is what we want. All the frivolity that is in the world, it is from the devil. It is not from the Lord. The Lord wants us to think soberly and righteously and sensibly in regard to the future life. We are striving for an immortal crown. **We are striving that we may see the King in His majesty, and that we may sing the song of Moses and the Lamb in the city of God, and that we may have that salvation that we shall never lose.** {Ms75-1911.16}

4. **Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand. And let us do all that we can to help others to gain heaven.** We are to have an intense interest in Christ Jesus; for he is our Saviour. He came to this world to be tempted in all points as we are, to prove to the universe that in this world of sin human beings can live lives that God will approve. {RH March 9, 1905, par. 4} {OFC 365.9}

MANY FAMILIES UNITE WITH THE REDEEMED TO SING THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB

1. Mary, dear precious child, is at rest. She was the companion of your sorrows and disappointed hopes. She will no more have grief or want or distress. Through faith's discerning eye, you may anticipate, amid your sorrows and grief and perplexities, **your Mary with her mother and other members of your family** answering the call of the Life-giver and coming forth from their prison house triumphing over death and the grave. Your faith may see **the loved and the lost ones reunited among the redeemed of earth**. You

with them ere long, **if faithful**, will be walking in the streets of the New Jerusalem, **singing the song of Moses and the Lamb**, wearing the jeweled crown. {Lt 71, 1878, par. 4} {HP 272.4}

2. Schools for colored children and youth are to be established in many different places in the Southern field. I am deeply interested in the maintenance of these schools. I have often spoken on the importance of this work. I desire to do my part in helping this branch of the Lord's cause in the Southern field. And I am calling upon my brethren and sisters in America to act their part. I am pleading with them to show by their works a firm faith in the power of God to gather out from **the Southland a people** who shall be a praise to his name, and who shall finally **unite with the redeemed from among men in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb**. {GH October 1, 1907, par. 9}

THE GODLY CHARACTER OF ENOCH REPRESENTED IN REVELATION 14:3

By **the translation of Enoch** the Lord designed to teach an important lesson. There was danger that men would yield to discouragement, because of the fearful results of Adam's sin. Many were ready to exclaim, "What profit is it that we have feared the Lord and have kept His ordinances, since a heavy curse is resting upon the race, and death is the portion of us all?" But the instructions which God gave to Adam, and which were repeated by Seth, and exemplified by Enoch, swept away the gloom and darkness, and gave hope to man, that **as through Adam came death, so through the promised Redeemer would come life and immortality**. Satan was urging upon men the belief that there was no reward for the righteous or punishment for the wicked, and that it was impossible for men to obey the divine statutes. But in the case of Enoch, **God declares "that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."** Hebrews 11:6. **He shows what He will do for those who keep His commandments**. Men were taught that it is possible to obey the law of God; that even while living in the midst of the sinful and corrupt, they were able, by the grace of God, to resist temptation, and become pure and holy. They saw in his example the blessedness of such a life; and **his translation was an evidence of the truth** of his prophecy concerning the hereafter, with its award of joy and glory and **immortal life to the obedient**, and of condemnation, woe, and death to the transgressor. {PP 88.2}

By faith Enoch "was translated that he should not see death; ... for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Hebrews 11:5. **In the midst of a world by its iniquity doomed to destruction, Enoch lived a life of such close communion with God that he was not permitted to fall under the power of death. The godly character of this prophet represents the state of holiness which must be attained by those who shall be "redeemed from the earth" (Revelation 14:3) at the time of Christ's second advent.** Then, as in the world before the Flood, iniquity will prevail. Following the promptings of their corrupt hearts and the teachings of a deceptive philosophy, men will rebel against the authority of Heaven. **But like Enoch, God's people will seek for purity of heart and conformity to His will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ. Like Enoch, they will warn the world of the Lord's second coming and of the judgments to be visited upon transgression, and by their holy conversation and example they will condemn the sins of the ungodly. As Enoch was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water, so the living righteous will be translated from the earth before its destruction by fire.** Says the apostle: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God;" "the trumpet shall sound, and the

dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” “The dead in Christ shall rise first: then **we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. {PP 88.3}

“IT IS WRITTEN” - “THE NUMBER”

Deuteronomy 32:8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when **he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.**

Isaiah 10:22 For though **thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, [yet] a remnant of them shall return:** the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Hosea 1:10 Yet **the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered;** and it shall come to pass, [that] in the place where it was said unto them, Ye [are] not my people, [there] it shall be said unto them, [Ye are] the sons of the living God.

Romans 9:27 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:**

Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and **the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**

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.**

Revelation 9:16 And **the number of the army of the horsemen [were] two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.**

Revelation 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or **the number of his name.**

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count **the number of the beast:** for **it is the number of a man;** and **his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six.**

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name,** stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 20:8 And shall go out to deceive **the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog,** to gather them together to battle: **the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea.**

“THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS” - “THE NUMBER”

1. Centuries before, the pen of inspiration had traced this ingathering of the Gentiles; but those prophetic utterances had been but dimly understood. Hosea had said: **“Yet the number of the children**

of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people, there it shall be said unto them, **Ye are the sons of the living God.**” And again: “I will sow her unto Me **in the earth;** and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not My people, **thou art My people;** and they shall say, Thou art my God.” **Hosea 1:10;** 2:23. {AA 174.1} {AA 379.1}

2. That this step was in the order of God, is revealed in the immediate results for good that were seen. **“The word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.”** This ingathering of souls was due both to the greater freedom secured by the apostles and to the zeal and power shown by the seven deacons. The fact that these brethren had been ordained for the special work of looking after the needs of the poor, did not exclude them from teaching the faith. On the contrary, they were fully qualified to instruct others in the truth, and they engaged in the work with great earnestness and success. {AA 89.3}

3. Self-denial in dress is a part of our Christian duty. To dress plainly and abstain from display of jewelry and ornaments of every kind is **in keeping with our faith. Are we of the number** who see the folly of worldlings in indulging in extravagance of dress as well as in love of amusements? {CG 423.3}

4. If a teacher cannot be made to feel the responsibility and the carefulness he should ever reveal in dealing with human minds, his education has in some cases been very defective. In the home life the training has been harmful to the character, and it is a sad thing to reproduce this defective character and management in the children brought under his control. **We are standing before God on test and trial to see if we can individually be trusted to be of the number of the family who shall compose the redeemed in heaven.** “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened; which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” [Revelation 20:12.] {CE 145.1}

5. I saw many traveling in this broad road who had the words written upon them: “Dead to the world. The end of all things is at hand. Be ye also ready.” They looked just like all the vain ones around them, except a shade of sadness which I noticed upon their countenances. Their conversation was just like that of the gay, thoughtless ones around them; but they would occasionally point with great satisfaction to the letters on their garments, calling for the others to have the same upon theirs. They were in the broad way, yet **they professed to be of the number who were traveling the narrow way.** Those around them would say: “There is no distinction between us. We are alike; we dress, and talk, and act alike.” {CET 157.1} {1T 128.2} {1TT 33.1}

6. The law of God is to be the means of education in the family. Parents are under a most solemn obligation to obey this law, setting their children an example of the strictest integrity. Men in responsible positions, whose influence is far-reaching, are to guard well their ways and works, keeping the fear of the Lord ever before them. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Psalm 111:10. **Those who hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord and cheerfully keep His commandments will be among the number who see God.** “The Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us.” Deuteronomy 6:24, 25. {CH 359.4}

7. **God requires perfection of His children. His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character. This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have to compose His kingdom.** The life of Christ on earth was a perfect expression of God's law, and when those who claim to be children of God become Christlike in character, they will be obedient to God's commandments. **Then the Lord can trust them to be of the number who shall compose the family of heaven.** Clothed in the glorious apparel of Christ's righteousness, they have a place at the King's feast. **They have a right to join the blood-washed throng.** {COL 315.1} {AG 148.4}

8. Very precious to God is His work in the earth. Christ and heavenly angels are watching it every moment. As we draw near to the coming of Christ, more and still more of missionary work will engage our efforts. The message of the renewing power of God's grace will be carried to every country and clime, until the truth shall belt the world. **Of the number of them that shall be sealed will be those who have come from every nation and kindred and tongue and people. From every country will be gathered men and women who will stand before the throne of God and before the Lamb, crying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Revelation 7:10.** But before this work can be accomplished, we must experience here in our own country the work of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts. {CT 532.1} {Mar 261.3} {SpTB11 27.4} {Ms 59, 1907, par. 4}

MANY CAN BE "ADDED TO THE NUMBER"

1. Upon learning of this vision, the brethren hastened Paul's secret escape from Jerusalem, for fear of his assassination. "They brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus." The departure of Paul suspended for a time the violent opposition of the Jews, and the church had a period of rest, in which **many were added to the number of believers.** {AA 130.3} also see {AA 156.3} {AA 256.3} {AA 388.3} {LP 38.1} {3SP 323.1} {UL 100.4} {RH December 5, 1893, par. 2} {RH April 20, 1911, par. 5} {7Red 55.1} {Lt66-1893.} {Ms38-1905.7} {Lt 66, 1893, par. 4} {Ms 126, 1899, par. 26}

2. So far as possible, committees should let the people understand their plans in order that the judgment of the church may sustain their efforts. Many of the church members are prudent and have other excellent qualities of mind. Their interest should be aroused in the progress of the cause. Many may be led to have a deeper insight into the work of God and to seek for wisdom from above to extend Christ's kingdom by saving souls perishing for the word of life. **Men and women of noble minds will yet be added to the number of those of whom it is said: "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, ... that ye should go and bring forth fruit." John 15:16.** {7T 259.3} {TM 216.2} {SpTA03 49.2} {Lt58-1895.}

3. The Lord works and His servants work, watching for souls as they that must give an account. The promised Spirit comes from God, who gives the increase. God sends His servants to a place, and they must work with all their united energies to present the Word in its simplicity. The conscience is enlightened. A sense of sin is felt. The explanation of sin is given as John has given it, "Sin is the transgression of the law." [1 John 3:4.] Most earnest work is to be done in every place where camp meetings are held. There are now in Brisbane, **as the result of the camp meeting and the gathering-in work, about forty believers and others are being added to the number.** {Lt38-1899.} {Ms126-1899.}

THEY ARE OF THAT NUMBER – MATTHEW 25:21,34 & REVELATION 14:1-5.

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father’s name written in their foreheads.” Revelation 14:1. In this world their minds were consecrated to God; they served Him with the intellect and with the heart; and now He can place His name “in their foreheads.” “And they shall reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 22:5. They do not go in and out as those who beg a place. They are of that number to whom Christ says, “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” He welcomes them as His children, saying, “Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:21,34. {AA 590.4}

Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, [thou] good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

“These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” Revelation 14:4. The vision of the prophet pictures them as standing on Mount Zion, girt for holy service, clothed in white linen, which is the righteousness of the saints. But all who follow the Lamb in heaven must first have followed Him on earth, not fretfully or capriciously, but in trustful, loving, willing obedience, as the flock follows the shepherd. {AA 591.1} {Ms7a-1896.}

“I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne: ... and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.... In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” Revelation 14:2-5. {AA 591.2}

THE LIVING SAINTS, 144 000 IN NUMBER

Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus’ coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses’ did when he came down from Mount Sinai. {CET 58.1} {CCh 33.1} {EW 14.1} {LDE 272.2} {LS 65.1} {1T 59.1}

A TRANSFORMED COMPANY FORM A PART OF THE 144 000

A transformation has taken place, and you are a different man. You are not the same passionate man that you used to be. You are not the same worldly man that you were. You are not the man that was giving way to the lust and evil passions, evil surmisings, and evil speakings. You are not this man at all because a transformation has taken place. What is it?—the image of Christ reflected in you. Then you are bearing in view that there is a company to stand by and by on Mount Zion, and you want to be one of that company, and you are determined that you will form a part of that company. Let me read: “And

I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with him **an hundred and forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders, and **no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth.**" [Revelation 14:1-3.] {Ms13-1888.40}

THE MARK OF GOD'S SEALING APPROVAL, THE PURE MARK OF TRUTH

The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. **Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people.** This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men, each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. "And the Lord said unto him, go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." {T23 22.1}

Who are standing in the counsel of God at this time? Is it those who virtually excuse wrongs among the professed people of God, and murmur in their hearts, if not openly, against those who would reprove sin? Is it those who take their stand against them, and sympathize with those who commit wrong? No, indeed! These, unless they repent, and leave the work of Satan in oppressing those who have the burden of the work, and holding up the hands of sinners in Zion, will never receive **the mark of God's sealing approval.** They will fall in the general destruction of all the wicked, represented by the five men bearing slaughter weapons. Mark this point with care: **Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those "that sigh and cry for all the abominations that are done" in the church.** Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in an agony, even sighing and crying. Read Ezekiel, chapter nine. {T23 22.2}

REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH FROM AMONG MEN, ONE DESIRE WAS TO BE LIKE CHRIST

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." Because of their faith this honor is bestowed on them. In this life they did not boast, nor lift up their souls unto vanity. With intensity of desire, with a pure, holy faith, they grasped the promise of eternal riches. **Their one desire was to be like Christ.** **Ever they kept the standard of righteousness uplifted.** To them is given an eternal weight of glory, because on the earth they walked with God, keeping themselves unspotted from the world, revealing to their fellow beings the righteousness of Christ. Of them the Saviour declares, "They shall walk with me in white, in the world that I have prepared for them." **"He that overcometh,** the same shall be clothed in white raiment;

and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” {RH August 10, 1905, par. 11}

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him **an hundred and forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, ... and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which **were redeemed from the earth.**.. These are they which **follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.** These **were redeemed from among men,** being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And **in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God.** {RH August 10, 1905, par. 12}

“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 Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;** and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever.” {RH August 10, 1905, par. 13}

THE KING AND HIS TROPHIES OF REDEEMED ONES

In that day the redeemed will shine forth in the glory of the Father and the Son. The angels of heaven, touching their golden harps, will welcome **the King and His trophies of victory,** those who have been **washed and made white and tried.** A song of triumph will peal forth, filling all heaven. Christ has conquered! **He enters the heavenly courts accompanied by His redeemed ones**—the witnesses that His mission of suffering and self-sacrifice has not been in vain. {18MR 204.1}

THE OVERCOMERS ARE THE UNNUMBERED HOST OF THE REDEEMED

Then I saw a very great number of angels bring from the city glorious crowns—a crown for every saint, with his name written thereon. As Jesus called for the crowns, angels presented them to Him, and with His own right hand, the lovely Jesus placed the crowns on the heads of the saints. In the same manner the angels brought the harps, and Jesus presented them also to the saints. The commanding angels first struck the note, and then every voice was raised in grateful, happy praise, and every hand skillfully swept over the strings of the harp, sending forth melodious music in rich and perfect strains. Then I saw Jesus lead **the redeemed company** to the gate of the city. He laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its glittering hinges and bade the nations that had kept the truth enter in. Within the city there was everything to feast the eye. Rich glory they beheld everywhere. Then Jesus looked upon **His redeemed saints;** their countenances were radiant with glory; and as He fixed His loving eyes upon them, He said, with His rich, musical voice, “I behold the travail of My soul, and am satisfied. This rich glory is yours to enjoy eternally. Your sorrows are ended. There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.” I saw **the redeemed host** bow and cast their glittering crowns at

the feet of Jesus, and then, as His lovely hand raised them up, they touched their golden harps and filled all heaven with their rich music and songs to the Lamb. {EW 288.1} {Hvn 180.4}

Before entering the City of God, the Saviour bestows upon **His followers** the emblems of victory and invests them with the insignia of their royal state. **The glittering ranks are drawn up in the form of a hollow square about their King,** whose form rises in majesty high above saint and angel, whose countenance beams upon them full of benignant love. Throughout **the unnumbered host of the redeemed** every glance is fixed upon Him, every eye beholds {Hvn 181.1}

His glory whose “visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.” Upon the heads of **the overcomers,** Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. **For each there is a crown, bearing his own “new name” (Revelation 2:17),** and the inscription, **“Holiness to the Lord.”** **In every hand are placed the victor’s palm and the shining harp.** Then, as the commanding angels strike the note, every hand sweeps the harp strings with skillful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains. Rapture unutterable thrills every heart, and each voice is raised in grateful praise: “Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.” Revelation 1:5, 6. {GC 645.3} {Hvn 182.1}

THE REDEEMED HOST KNOW THE CONFLICT OF OVERCOMING – NOAH, JOB, AND DANIEL

In this life we must meet fiery trials and make costly sacrifices, but the peace of Christ is the reward. There has been so little self-denial, so little suffering for Christ’s sake, that the cross is almost entirely forgotten. We must be partakers with Christ of His sufferings if we would sit down in triumph with Him on His throne. So long as we choose the easy path of self-indulgence and are frightened at self-denial, our faith will never become firm, and we cannot know the peace of Jesus nor the joy that comes through conscious victory. The most exalted of **the redeemed host** that stand before the throne of God and the Lamb, clad in white, **know the conflict of overcoming, for they have come up through great tribulation.** Those who have yielded to circumstances rather than engage in this conflict will not know how to stand in that day when anguish will be upon every soul, when, though **Noah, Job, and Daniel** were in the land, they could save neither son nor daughter, **for everyone must deliver his soul by his own righteousness.** {ST 215.1} {WGD 238.3}

THE RANSOMED OVERCOMERS HAVE KEPT HIS WORD – HIS COMMANDMENTS

The prophet caught the sound of music there [in heaven], and song, such music and song as, save in the visions of God, no mortal ear has heard or mind conceived. **“The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:** they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” “Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.” “As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there.” “They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord.” Isaiah 35:10; 51:3; Psalm 87:7; Isaiah 24:14. {PK 730.5} {Hvn 178.2}

What a song that will be when **the ransomed of the Lord** meet at the gate of the Holy City, which is thrown back on its glittering hinges and **the nations that have kept His word—His commandments**—enter into the city, **the crown of the overcomer** is placed upon their heads, and the golden harps are placed in their hands! All heaven is filled with rich music, and **with songs of praise to the Lamb**. Saved, everlastingly saved, in the kingdom of glory! To have a life that measures with the life of God—that is the reward.—Ms 92, 1908 quoted in The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:982. {Hvn 178.3}

“FIRST FRUITS” - A BIBLE STUDY

Beginning, Chief(-est), First(-fruits, part, time), Principal thing; H7225 (49x); ראשית re'shiyth (ray-sheeth'); 1. **the first, in place, time, order or rank.** 2. (specifically) **a firstfruit.** --- Genesis 1:1; 10:10; 49:3; Exodus 23:19; 34:26; Leviticus 2:12; 23:10; Numbers 15:20,21; 18:12; 24:20; Deuteronomy 11:12; 18:4; 21:17; 26:2,10; 33:21; 1 Samuel 2:29; 15:21; 2 Chronicles 31:5; Nehemiah 10:37; 12:44; Job 8:7; 40:19; 42:12; Psalms 78:51; 105:36; 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 3:9; 4:7; 8:22; 17:14; Ecclesiastes 7:8; Isaiah 46:10; Jeremiah 2:3; 26:1; 27:1; 28:1; 49:34,35; Ezekiel 20:40; 44:30; 48:14; Daniel 11:41; Hosea 9:10; Amos 6:1,6; Micah 1:13.

First-fruits; G536 (8x); ἀπαρχή aparche (a-par-chee'); 1. **a beginning of sacrifice.** 2. (figuratively) **the (Jewish) first-fruit.** --- Romans 8:23; 11:16; 16:5; 1 Corinthians 15:20,23; 16:15; James 1:18; Revelation 14:4.

CHRIST AROSE FROM THE DEAD AS THE FIRST FRUITS REPRESENTING THE GREAT SPIRITUAL HARVEST THAT WAS DEDICATED TO GOD, A SAMPLE OF THE FINAL RESURRECTION

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.** 1 Corinthians 15:19, 20. {FLB 180.1}

Christ arose from the dead as the first fruits of those that slept. He was the antitype of the wave sheaf, and His resurrection took place on the very day when the wave sheaf was to be presented before the Lord. For more than a thousand years this symbolic ceremony had been performed. From the harvest fields **the first heads of ripened grain** were gathered, and when the people went up to Jerusalem to the Passover, **the sheaf of first fruits was waved as a thank offering before the Lord.** **Not until this was presented could the sickle be put to the grain, and it be gathered into sheaves.** **The sheaf dedicated to God represented the harvest.** **So Christ the first fruits represented the great spiritual harvest to be gathered for the kingdom of God.** **His resurrection is the type and pledge of the resurrection of all the righteous dead.** {FLB 180.2}

The resurrection of Jesus was a sample of the final resurrection of all who sleep in Him. The risen body of the Saviour, His deportment, the accents of His speech, were all familiar to His followers. In like manner will those who sleep in Jesus rise again. We shall know our friends even as the disciples knew Jesus. Though they may have been deformed, diseased, or disfigured in this mortal life, yet in their resurrected and glorified body their individual identity will be perfectly preserved, and we shall recognize, in the face radiant with the light shining from the face of Jesus, the lineaments of those we love. {FLB 180.3}

At His second coming all the precious dead shall hear His voice, and shall come forth to glorious, immortal life. The same power that raised Christ from the dead will raise His church, and glorify it with Him, above all principalities, above all powers, above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the world to come. {FLB 180.4}

He will receive us with honor. To us will be given a crown of glory that fadeth not away. {FLB 180.5}

CHRIST THE FIRST FRUITS; A SAMPLE OF ALL THE RESURRECTED JUST

The slaying of the passover lamb was a shadow of the death of Christ. Says Paul, “Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.” [1 Corinthians 5:7.] The sheaf of first-fruits, which at the time of the Passover was waved before the Lord, was typical of the resurrection of Christ. Paul says, in speaking of the resurrection of the Lord, and of all his people, “Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.” [1 Corinthians 15:23.] Like the wave-sheaf, which was the first ripe grain gathered before the harvest, Christ is the first-fruits of that immortal harvest of redeemed ones that at the future resurrection shall be gathered into the garner of God. {GC88 399.1} {Hvn 20.2}

These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the time. On the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, the very day and month on which, for fifteen long centuries, the passover lamb had been slain, Christ, having eaten the passover with his disciples, instituted that feast which was to commemorate his own death as “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” That same night he was taken by wicked hands, to be crucified and slain. And as the antitype of the wave-sheaf, our Lord was raised from the dead on the third day, “the first-fruits of them that slept,” [1 Corinthians 15:20.] a sample of all the resurrected just, whose “vile body” shall be changed, and “fashioned like unto his glorious body.” [Philippians 3:21.] {GC88 399.2} {CIHS 123.1}

THE VINTAGE (BEST) - THE FIRST FRUITS WERE CONSECRATED AS AN OFFERING TO THE LORD

The payment of the tithe was but a part of God’s plan for the support of His service. Numerous gifts and offerings were divinely specified. Under the Jewish system the people were taught to cherish a spirit of liberality both in sustaining the cause of God and in supplying the wants of the needy. For special occasions there were freewill offerings. At the harvest and the vintage, the first fruits of the field—corn, wine, and oil—were consecrated as an offering to the Lord. The gleanings and the corners of the field were reserved for the poor. The first fruits of the wool when the sheep were shorn, of the grain when the wheat was threshed, were set apart for God. So also were the first-born of all animals, and a redemption price was paid for the first-born son. The first fruits were to be presented before the Lord at the sanctuary and were then devoted to the use of the priests. {AA 336.3}

CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSEHOLD WAS THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

Thus was the gospel brought to those who had been strangers and foreigners, making them fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God. The conversion of Cornelius and his

household was but the first fruits of a harvest to be gathered in. From this household a wide-spread work of grace was carried on in that heathen city. {AA 139.3}

THE SPECIAL RESURRECTION – ALL WHO DIED IN THE FAITH OF THE THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE

Graves are opened, and “many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth ... awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel’s message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God’s covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. “They also which pierced Him” (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ’s dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient. {GC 637.1} {Hvn 28.1} {DD 47.1} {Hvn 28.1} {HF 386.3} {LDE 271.2} {4SP 454.1} {14MR 136.4} {ML 344.4} {FLB 182.4}

MRS HASTINGS WAS SEALED AND WOULD BE WITH THE 144 000

I hardly know what to say to you. The news of your wife’s death was to me overwhelming. I could hardly believe it and can hardly believe it now. God gave me a view last Sabbath night which I will write {2SM 263.2}

I saw that she [Mrs. Hastings] was sealed and would come up at the voice of God and stand upon the earth, and would be with the 144,000. I saw we need not mourn for her; she would rest in the time of trouble, and all that we could mourn for was our loss in being deprived of her company. I saw her death would result in good. {2SM 263.3} {14MR 53.1} {Lt 10, 1850, par. 5} {LDE 222.4}

THE LIVING SAINTS, THE FAITHFUL AND TRIED COMPANY CHANGED AND CAUGHT UP BY ANGELS WITH THE RESURRECTED SAINTS INTO THE AIR TO MEET THEIR LORD

1. The earth mightily shook as the voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, “Victory, victory, over death and the grave! O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” Then **the living saints and the risen ones** raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory. Those bodies that had gone down into the grave bearing the marks of disease and death came up in immortal health and vigor. **The living saints are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and caught up with the risen ones, and together they meet their Lord in the air.** Oh, what a glorious meeting! Friends whom death had separated were united, never more to part. {EW 287.1} {SR 411.2} {1SG 207.1}

2. He saw the Sabbath trodden under foot and a spurious institution established in its place. Moses was filled with astonishment and horror. How could those who believed in Christ set aside the law which is the foundation of His government in heaven and earth? With joy Moses saw the law of God still honored and exalted by a faithful few. He saw the last great struggle of earthly powers to destroy those who keep God’s law. He heard God’s covenant of peace with those who have kept His law, as He utters His voice from His holy habitation. He saw the second coming of Christ in glory, the righteous dead raised

to immortal life, and the living saints translated without seeing death and together ascending with songs of gladness to the City of God. {EP 338.2} {Hvn 78.2} {PP 476.2}

3. Soon I heard the voice of God, which shook the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. Buildings were shaken down, and fell on every side. I then heard a triumphant shout of victory, loud, musical and clear. I looked upon this company who, a short time before were in such distress and bondage. Their captivity was turned. A glorious light shone upon them. How beautiful they then looked. All weariness and marks of care were gone. Health and beauty were seen in every countenance. Their enemies, the heathen around them, fell like dead men. They could not endure the light that shone upon the delivered, holy ones. This light and glory remained upon them, until Jesus was seen in the clouds of heaven, and **the faithful, tried company** was changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, from glory to glory. **And the graves were opened and the saints came forth, clothed with immortality, crying victory over death and the grave, and together with the living saints, were caught up to meet their Lord in the air;** while the rich, musical shouts of glory and victory were upon every immortal tongue, and proceeding from every sanctified, holy lip. {1SG 187.2}

4. The saints are preserved in the earth in the midst of these dreadful commotions, as Noah was preserved in the ark at the time of the flood. Christ appears in his glory, and calls forth the righteous dead. **The living saints are changed, and, with the resurrected dead, are borne away from the earth by angels to meet their Lord in the air.** The earth is left like a desolate wilderness. {3SG 83.1}

5. Jesus is coming! But not to reign as a temporal prince. **He will raise the righteous dead, change the living saints to a glorious immortality, and, with the saints, take the kingdom under the whole heaven.** This kingdom will never end. Then those who have patiently waited for Jesus, will be made like him. {YI April 1, 1854, par. 6}

6. But you must not think that you have nothing to do, because Christ died for you. You must repent of all of your sins, and give your hearts to God, and then believe that the blood of Christ will cleanse you from all sin. Then if you keep all the commandments of God, the Sabbath with the rest, you may through the merits of Christ, be brought back to the tree of life. **This will be when Jesus comes to raise the righteous dead, and change the living saints.** Then you will have right to the tree of life, and eat of the leaves, and immortal fruit of the tree of life and live forever in perfect happiness. Read Revelation 22:14. {YI August 1, 1856, par. 8}

7. The trumpet has not yet sounded. Those who have gone down into the grave have not yet cried, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" [1 Corinthians 15:55.] **The righteous dead have not yet been caught up with the living saints to meet their Lord in the air.** But the time is near when the words spoken by the apostle Paul will have their fulfilment, "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." [1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.] {Ms28-1886.} {3MR 106.3}

A WORD TO THE LITTLE FLOCK – THE 144 000 STAND STIFFLY FOR THE TRUTH

The 13th chapter of Revelation, and the first five verses of the 14th, is one connected chain of past, present, and future events, down to **the complete redemption of the 144000**; then the 6th verse commences another chain of events, which carry us down through the history of **God's people** in this mortal state. John had a view of the beast and his image, as recorded in chapter 13th; and how natural it would be for him to view on a little further, and see **the 144000**, who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, standing on mount Zion with the Lamb, etc., as recorded in chapter 14:1-5. So I think the division should be between the 5th, and 6th verses of the 14th chapter; and the 6th verse commences a series of events, relative to the successive messages of holy advent truth. {1847 JW, WLF 10.4}

...The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spake the time, he poured on us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai. {1847 JW, WLF 14.2}

By this time the 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious Star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked. {1847 JW, WLF 14.3}

...Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality. **The 144,000 shouted, Hallelujah!** as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought along the crowns and with his own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. **Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square.** Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared heavy with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns. And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the City. Jesus raised his mighty glorious arm, laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its golden hinges, and said to us, **you have washed your robes in my blood, stood stiffly for my truth, enter in.** We all marched in and felt we had a perfect right in the City. Here we saw the tree of life, and the throne of God. Out of the throne came a pure river of water, and on either side of the river was the tree of life. On one side of the river was a trunk of a tree and a trunk on the other side of the river, both of pure transparent gold. {1847 JW, WLF 14.4}

...And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised his lovely voice and said, only the 144,000 enter this place, and we shouted Hallelujah. {1847 JW, WLF 17.1}

...I saw there the tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold; after we had beheld the glory of the temple, we went out... {1847 JW, WLF 17.2}

IF FAITHFUL - ELLEN WHITE WITH THE 144 000

The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The inhabitants of the place were of all sizes; they were noble, majestic,

and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the earth. The reply was, "We have lived in strict obedience to the commandments of God, and have not fallen by disobedience, like those on the earth." Then I saw two trees, one looked much like the tree of life in the city. The fruit of both looked beautiful, but of one they could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but were forbidden to eat of one. Then my attending angel said to me, "None in this place have tasted of the forbidden tree; but if they should eat, they would fall." Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons. There I saw good old Enoch, who had been translated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and on each leaf was written "Victory." Around his head was a dazzling white wreath, and leaves on the wreath, and in the middle of each leaf was written "Purity," and around the wreath were stones of various colors, that shone brighter than the stars, and cast a reflection upon the letters and magnified them. On the back part of his head was a bow that confined the wreath, and upon the bow was written "Holiness." Above the wreath was a lovely crown that shone brighter than the sun. I asked him if this was the place he was taken to from the earth. He said, "It is not; the city is my home, and I have come to visit this place." He moved about the place as if perfectly at home. I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, "You must go back, and **if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God.**" {EW 39.3} {CET 98.2} {Hvn 88.3} {HB 387.4} {Mar 368.7}

"GOD WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED" HE HAS MADE THE WAY PLAIN

1 Timothy 2:3 For this [is] good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 **Who will have all men to be saved,** and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

1. For time and for eternity, the sacrifice of the Son of God to save the fallen race will have a binding claim on man. If God had failed to act His part, if He had not fully revealed His will, if He had given human beings any reason for neglecting the great salvation, man might plead ignorance as a valid excuse. But **He has made the way plain. He would have all men to be saved.** To some is given greater light than to others. Each will be judged by the light given him. My brother, you have had great light. You will be judged by the knowledge you have gained, but have for years neglected. Had you received the truth as it is in Jesus, had you followed on to know the Lord, your light would have increased unto the perfect day. God designed that you should cherish as sacred the light given you. {Lt 180, 1902, par. 7}

2. **"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."** 1 Timothy 2:4, 5. This is an all-important point, that all human agencies, in the church and in families, are to receive that education which will lead **every member of the church to study the Scriptures for themselves,** that they may not dishonor God by looking to human agencies to stand between them and God. "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher (minister), and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner

also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." Verses 6-10. {Ms 190, 1901, par. 2}

3. It is a marvel to the heavenly host that God bears so long with the transgressors of his law. But God is long-suffering, and abundant in mercy. His sun shines upon the evil and upon the good, upon those who are so blinded by the deceiving power of Satan that they deny the existence of Omnipotence, and upon those who strive earnestly to do his will. He gives men richly "all things to enjoy," and tho all do not acknowledge him as worthy of their praise or service, yet he bears patiently with them, and his voice of entreaty is still heard: "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" **He would have "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."** {ST February 11, 1897, par. 13}

4. **God's servants are to make use of every resource for enlarging His kingdom.** The apostle Paul, a faithful steward of the grace of God, declares that it is **"good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth,"** that **"supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men."** [1 Timothy 2:3, 4, 1.] And James says, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." [James 5:20.] **Every member of the church is pledged to unite with his brethren in giving the invitation, "Come, for all things are now ready."** [Luke 14:17.] **Each is to encourage the other in doing whole-souled work. Earnest invitations will come from a living church. Thirsty souls will be led to the water of life.** {Ms 127, 1901, par. 50} {7T 14.3}

"GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS"

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened [his] mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**

1. From the case of Cornelius, we may learn a lesson that we would do well to understand. The God of heaven sent His messengers to the earth to set in operation a train of circumstances that would bring Peter into connection with Cornelius, that Cornelius might learn the truth. It was with reluctance at every step that Peter undertook the duty laid upon him by divine command. When relating his experience, he does not defend his action on general principles, but as an exception, done because of divine revelation. And the result was a surprise to him. When Cornelius had related to him his experience and the words of the angel, who had appeared to him in vision, Peter declared, **"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him."** [Acts 10:34, 35.] **The conversion of Cornelius and his household was only the first fruits of a harvest to be gathered in from the world.** From this home a widespread work of grace was carried on in a heathen city. {Ms 87, 1907, par. 17}

2. As responsible agents we must look to God. The great centers are to be worked. **God is an impartial God; He is no respecter of persons or places.** The church is to do more than it has done. The work at this time should have an efficiency and power that shall send witnesses for Christ, passing from country to country, erecting the standard of truth and righteousness in the high places as well as the byways and hedges. {Ms83-1897.}

3. Satan is carrying the world with him. Such will not stand under Christ's bloodstained banner. What are you doing to save your own souls? I ask you what is it that leads men to be so paralyzed? **Nadab and Abihu are examples to us of those who are self-willed and who fight against God. They come before the Lord with strange fire and are consumed by Him whom they did not fear. God is no respecter of persons now any more than He was then.** {Ms25-1887.}

4. I know that God has conscientious, God-fearing men in the harvest field who will not spare themselves, who will, if required, **sacrifice all for Jesus.** Let us respect our brethren, give them credit for honesty of purpose and unselfish motives, as we wish they should do for us. We should treat all, rich and poor, high or lowly, exactly as we wish them to treat us. **God is no respecter of persons.** The pure, those who are good and do good, are very near to Jesus. **The disciple whom Jesus loved most was John, because he was the closest imitator of His character and was imbued with the spirit of love.** {Lt5-1880.}

5. **God is no respecter of persons.** All your efforts to gain the treasures of the world, to use them as you have been doing to separate your affections from God, will be to you a terrible curse. You are depriving yourself of time to pray, of time to meditate, of time to instruct your children and keep before them the highest interest of our lives. You need to be alarmed. You do not see yourself. You are deceived in regard to yourself. You can do good. You can bless others with your influence, and with your means which God has lent you. {Lt1a-1872.}

6. The angels of heaven are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. We know not now who they are; it is not yet made manifest who shall overcome, and share the inheritance of the saints in light; but angels of heaven are passing throughout the length and breadth of the earth, seeking to comfort the sorrowing, to protect the imperiled, to win the hearts of men to Christ. Not one is neglected or passed by. **God is no respecter of persons, and He has an equal care for all the souls He has created.** {DA 639.1}

7. **We should be careful as to what kind of record passes up to heaven concerning our daily life; for God is no respecter of persons, but will render to every man according to his works. The Judge of all the earth will try every man's case.** You may deceive human eyes. In the courts of justice on earth, justice is not always done; the innocent often suffer, the guilty are often set free for lack of proper evidence; but **there will be no lack of evidence in the court of heaven.** The deeds of men, with every concealed motive, will be revealed. The eyes of the Lord run to and fro over the whole earth. **He who has offered salvation to the sinner will one day judge the thoughts and deeds of all who stand before Him. He who died that man might become a partaker of the divine nature, will one day acquit or condemn him before the Father and the holy angels.** Gold and silver will not be a sufficient ransom in that day; **nothing but the merits of the blood of Christ will suffice to wash out the guilty stains from the hearts of men.** {Ms143-1901.28}

IT IS NOT THE WILL OF GOD THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

Revelation 22:17 **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

It is not the will of God that any should perish, but that all should come to a knowledge of the truth, and be saved. And if men and women would unselfishly do the work which God has left for them, not

shirking responsibilities, the gospel would be brought within the reach of all. Let none be content to drink of the life-giving fountain themselves, but let them extend the invitation, **“Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”** Christ left his royal throne and high command in heaven, and came into the world to save sinners. Who of those who profess to be his ministers—who of you, my brethren—have such a love for souls as Jesus has shown for you? {RH November 18, 1884, par. 8}

IT IS AN EXTRA MEETING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD

LETTER FROM SISTER HARMON, PORTLAND, ME., DECEMBER 20, 1845

Bro. Jacobs,

As God has shown me in holy vision the travels of the Advent people to the Holy City, and the rich reward to be given those who wait the return of their Lord from the wedding, it may be my duty to give you a short sketch of what God has revealed to me. The dear saints have got many trials to pass through. But our light afflictions which are but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. I have tried to bring back a good report, & a few grapes from the heavenly Canaan, for which many would stone me, as the congregation bade stone Caleb and Joshua for their report, (Numbers 14:10.) But I declare to you, my brother in the Lord, it is a goodly land, and we are well able to go up and possess it. While praying at the family* altar the Holy Ghost fell on me and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, Look again, and look a little higher. At this, I raised my eyes and see a strait and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the City, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the first end of the path, which an angel told me was the Midnight Cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so they might not stumble. And if they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the City, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the City was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising his glorious right arm, and from his arm came a glorious light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, Hallelujah! Others rashly denied the light behind them, and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out which left their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and got their eyes off the mark and lost sight of Jesus, and fell off the path down in the dark and wicked world below. It was just as impossible for them to get on the path again & go to the City, as all the wicked world which God had rejected. They fell all the way along the path one after another, until we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000, in number, know and understand the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder & an earthquake. When God spake the time, he poured on us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God as Moses did when he came down from Mount Sinai, (Exodus 34:30-34.) By this time the 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious Star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us in prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and the wicked would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was

that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could **wash one another's feet, and salute the holy brethren with a holy kiss,** and they worshipped at our feet. Soon our eyes were drawn to the East, for a small black cloud had appeared about half as large as a man's hand, which we all knew was the Sign of the Son of Man. We all in solemn silence gazed on the cloud as it drew nearer, lighter, and brighter, glorious, and still more glorious, till it was a great white cloud. The bottom appeared like fire, a rainbow was over it, around the cloud were ten thousand angels singing a most lovely song. And on it sat the Son of Man, on his head were crowns, his hair was white and curly and lay on his shoulders. His feet had the appearance of fire, in his right hand was a sharp sickle, in his left a silver trumpet. His eyes were as a flame of fire, which searched his children through and through. Then all faces gathered paleness, and those that God had rejected gathered blackness. Then we all cried out, who shall be able to stand? **Is my robe spotless?** Then the angels ceased to sing, and there was some time of awful silence, when Jesus spoke, **those who have clean hands and a pure heart shall be able to stand, my grace is sufficient for you.** At this, our faces lighted up, and joy filled every heart. And the angels struck a note higher and sung again while the cloud drew still nearer the earth. Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded, as he descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints then raised his eyes and hands to heaven & cried out, Awake! Awake! Awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise. Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality. **The 144,000 shouted, Hallelujah!** as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. **We all entered the cloud together, and were 7 days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought along the crowns and with his own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square.** Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared hung [heavy] with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns. And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the City. Jesus raised his mighty glorious arm, laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its golden hinges, and said to us, **you have washed your robes in my blood, stood stiffly for my truth, enter in.** **We all marched in and felt we had a perfect right in the City.** Here we see [saw] the tree of life, & the throne of God. Out of the throne came a pure river of water, and on either side of the river was the tree of life. On one side of the river was a trunk of a tree and a trunk on the other side of the river, both of pure transparent gold. At first I thought I see [saw] two trees. I looked again and see [saw] they were united at the top in one tree. So it was the tree of life on either side of the river of life. Its branches bowed to the place where we stood. And the fruit was glorious, which looked like gold mixed with silver. We all went under the tree, and sat down to look at the glory of the place, when Bro. Fitch, and Stockman, who had preached the gospel of the kingdom, whom God had laid in the grave to save them, came up to us and asked us what we had passed through while they were sleeping. We tried to call up our greatest trials, but they looked so small compared with the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory that surrounded us, that we could not speak them out, and we all cried out Hallelujah, heaven is cheap enough, and we touched our glorious harps and made heaven's arches ring. And as we were gazing at the glories of the place, our eyes were attracted upwards to something that had the appearance of silver. I asked Jesus to let me see what was within there. In a moment we were winging our way upward and entering in. Here we saw good old father Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Noah, Daniel, and many like them. And I saw a veil with a heavy fringe of silver, and gold as a border on the bottom. It was very beautiful. I asked Jesus what was within the veil. He raised

it with his own right arm, and bade me take heed. I saw there a glorious ark, overlaid with pure gold, and it had a glorious border resembling Jesus' crowns. On it were two bright angels; their wings were spread over the ark as they sat on each end, with their faces turned towards each other and looking downward. In the ark, beneath where the angels wings were spread, was a golden pot of Manna of a yellowish cast, and I saw a rod, which Jesus said was Aaron's†, I saw it bud, blossom, and bear fruit. — And I saw two long golden rods on which hung silver wires, and on the wires most glorious grapes. One cluster was more than a man here can carry. And I saw Jesus step up and take of the manna, almonds, grapes, and pomegranates, and bear them down to the city, and place them on the supper table. I stepped‡ up to see how much was taken away, and there was just as much left, and we shouted Hallelujah. Amen. We all descended from this place down into the city, and with Jesus at our head we all descended from the city down to this earth, on a great and mighty mountain, which could not bear Jesus up, and it parted asunder, and there was a mighty plain. Then we looked up and saw the great city with twelve foundations, twelve gates, three on each side, and an angel at each gate, and all cried out the city, the great city, it's coming, it's coming down from God, out of heaven, and it came and settled on the place where we stood. Then we began to look at the glorious things outside of the city. There I saw most glorious houses, that had the appearance of silver, supported by four pillars, set with pearls most glorious to behold, which were to be inhabited by the saints. In them was a golden shelf, I saw many of the saints go into the houses, take off their glittering crowns and lay them on the shelf, then go out into the field by the houses to do something with the earth, not as we have to do with the earth here; no, no. A glorious light shone all about their heads, and they were continually shouting and offering praises to God. And I saw another field full of all kinds of flowers, and as I plucked them, I cried out, well they will never fade. Next I saw a field of tall grass, most glorious to behold. It was living green, and had a reflection of silver and gold as it waved proudly to the glory of King Jesus. Then we entered a field full of all kinds of beasts; the lion, the lamb, the leopard and the wolf, altogether in perfect union. We passed through the midst of them, and they followed on peaceably after. Then we entered a wood, not like the dark woods we have here, no, no; but light, and all over glorious. The branches of the trees waved to and fro, and we all cried out, we will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in this woods. We passed through the wood, for we were on our way to Mount Zion, as we were traveling along we met a company who were also gazing at the glories of the place: I noticed red as a border on their garments. Their crowns were brilliant—their robes were pure white. As we greeted them, I asked Jesus who they were? He said they were martyrs that had been slain for him. With them was an innumerable company of little ones, they had a hem of red on their garments also. Mount Zion was just before us, and on the Mount sat a glorious temple, and about it were seven other mountains, on which grew roses and lilies, and I saw the little ones climb, or if they chose use their little wings and fly to the top of the mountains, and pluck the never fading flowers. There were all kinds of trees around the temple to beautify the place. The box, the pine, the fir, the oil, the myrtle, the pomegranate§ and the fig tree, bowed down with the weight of its timely figs that made the place look all over glorious. And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised his lovely voice and said, only the 144,000 enter this place, and we shouted Hallelujah. Well bless the Lord, Bro. Jacobs, it is an extra meeting for those who have the seal of the living God. This temple was supported by seven pillars, all of transparent gold, set with pearls most glorious. The glorious things I saw there, I cannot begin to describe. O, that I could talk in the language of Canaan, then could I tell a little of the glory of the upper world; but if faithful you soon will know all about it. I saw there the tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000, were engraved in letters of gold.—After we had beheld the glory of the temple, we went out. Then Jesus left

us and went to the city. Soon we heard his lovely voice again, saying: Come my people; you have come out of great tribulation, and done my will, suffered for me; come in to supper, for I will gird myself, and serve you. We shouted Hallelujah, glory, and entered into the city, and I saw a table of pure silver, it was many miles in length, yet our eyes could extend over it. And I saw the fruit of the tree of life, the manna, almonds, figs, pomegranates, grapes, and many other kinds of fruit. We all reclined at the table. I asked Jesus to let me eat of the fruit. He said, not now. Those who eat of the fruit of this land, go back to earth no more. But in a little while if faithful, you shall both eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the fountain, and he said, you must go back to the earth again, and relate to others, what I have revealed to you. Then an angel bore me gently down to this dark world. Sometimes I think I cannot stay here any longer, all things of earth look so dreary. I feel very lonely here, for I have seen a better land. O, that I had wings like a dove, then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Ellen G. Harmon.

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THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE 12 TRIBES

Isaiah 60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

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| 1. Juda = Praise | |
| 2. Reuben = See a son | East – Lion - Matthew |
| 3. Gad = A company or troop | |
| 4. Aser = Happy | |
| 5. Nephtalim = Wrestling | North – Eagle - John |
| 6. Manasses = Forgetting | |
| 7. Simeon = Hearing | |
| 8. Levi = Joined | South – Man - Luke |
| 9. Issachar = Servants | |
| 10. Zabulon = Dwelling | |
| 11. Joseph = Added | West – Ox - Mark |
| 12. Benjamin = Son of the right hand | |

“Enter through the gates called praise. Sons, a company of sons redeemed and happy after wrestling in prayer forgetting self in the past hearing God’s Word and joined to God as servants. Dwelling with added joys and special blessings as sons of the right hand.

12 GATES, 12 ANGELS, 12 PEARLS, 12 FOUNDATIONS, 12 TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Revelation 21:12 And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Revelation 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city [were] garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation [was] jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

Revelation 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

Revelation 21:21 And the twelve gates [were] twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city [was] pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

12 STONES, 12 THRONES, 12 TRIBES, 12 FRUITS

Joshua 4:8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

1 Kings 18:31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

Ezekiel 47:13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This [shall be] the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph [shall have two] portions.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

12 STONES - THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ON THE BREASTPLATE OF JUDGMENT

Exodus 28:15 And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; [of] gold, [of] blue, and [of] purple, and [of] scarlet, and [of] fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. 16 Foursquare it shall be [being] doubled; a span [shall be] the length thereof, and a span [shall be] the breadth thereof. 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, [even] four rows of stones: [the first] row [shall be] a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: [this shall be] the first row. 18 And the second row [shall be] an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. 19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. 20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. 21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, [like] the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

Exodus 28:29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy [place], for a memorial before the LORD continually.

Exodus 28:30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

THE MEASUREMENT OF NEW JERUSALEM, 12 000 FURLONGS, ALL EQUAL, 144 CUBITS A MAN

Revelation 21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

Revelation 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

Revelation 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred [and] forty [and] four cubits, [according to] the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

THE NAMES OF THE 12 APOSTLES WRITTEN ON THE FOUNDATION WALL OF THE CITY

Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto [him] his twelve disciples, he gave them power [against] unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James [the son] of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James [the son] of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Mark 3:13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth [unto him] whom he would: and they came unto him. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: 16 And Simon he surnamed Peter; 17 And James the [son] of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them

Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: 18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the [son] of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, 19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

Luke 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, he called [unto him] his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; 14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, 15 Matthew and Thomas, James the [son] of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, 16 And Judas [the brother] of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Acts 1:20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. 21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. 23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all [men], shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

1. Simon, who is called Peter.
 2. Andrew his brother.
 3. James [the son] of Zebedee: surnamed Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder.
 4. John his brother: surnamed Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder.
 5. Philip.
 6. Bartholomew.
 7. Thomas.
 8. Matthew the publican.
 9. James [the son] of Alphaeus.
 10. Lebbeaus, whose surname was Thaddaeus: Judas [the brother] of James.
 11. Simon the Canaanite: called Zelotes.
 12. Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.
- XX. Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him: the traitor. Removed from the 12 and replaced.

Psalms 109:8 Let his days be few; [and] let another take his office.

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.