

# The One Hundred, Forty-four Thousand



## Numerous Ideas and thoughts on the 144,000

Now, this is a subject that has really gotten a bit of interest over the years. And this is also a subject for some that is quite a confusing issue altogether. Some people have speculated and have thought that the 144,000 male followers of the Messiah found in the book of [Rev.7:&14:1-5] tell us of a large group of mixed Jewish and gentile followers of the Messiah who are separated and are Holy unto God during the tribulation period. Nevertheless, they follow the Messiah wherever he goes during the 7yr tribulation.

## Beliefs



Now according to Jehovah's witnesses today, they believe the 144,000 represent an exclusive group of faithful Christians who will go to heaven and rule with the Messiah in the eternal kingdom. They further believe that these individuals

are specifically anointed by God and will serve as kings and priests in a heavenly government as well. And even further they believe that only 144,000 people will be saved and these who are saved are only the ones who respond to the Jehovah's witnesses' false claims or message which they say only the remaining faithful will live forever on a perfect Earth as long as they follow the J.W's belief.

## Symbolic Interpretations on the 144,000



Some people also believe the 144,000 represents the fullness or completeness of God's redeemed people, rather than a specific number. While others interpret the number as a symbol of the Church, encompassing both Jews and Gentiles who have been redeemed by God. And of course, this view

suggests the number is not meant to be taken literally but rather as a symbolic representation of God's complete and chosen people.

### Literal Interpretation

Some interpret the 144,000 literally as 12,000 individuals from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. They believe these are Jewish individuals who come to believe in Yeshua Jesus as the Messiah and play a special role during the end times, potentially serving as evangelists during the Great Tribulation. This view emphasizes the specific mention of tribes in Revelation 7, though there are variations in the list compared to other biblical listings of the tribes.

### Being accurate, logical, and legitimate

But as far as we know the most accurate, logical, and legitimate interpretation of this subject revolves around understanding that the main people who are the center of the tribulation isn't just the world, it's the Jewish nation and its people. As most who already know that 100% of the Old Testament prophets speak directly to it's own nation and people. So, realizing this one could clearly see that the 144,000 are not a mixture of Jewish and gentiles' peoples that make up the 144,000 as the Jehovahs witnesses claim. In fact literally the scripture states in [Rev.7:3] by saying;

3. *"Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."*

This means that the 144,000 are sealed with Gods name, upon their forehead and are his personal bond servants who are not to be harmed. An interesting fact about the Jewish follower of the Torah is that when they pray they place



the tailfin upon their forehead which represents the word and covenant name of God which is “El Shaddai”. The only ones known who do this are Jewish men during prayer not gentiles. So, we can gather from this concept that these men who pray with Gods name on their forehead are none other than Jewish. As next in verse 5 were told this;

*4”And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel”:*

### **Literal not Symbolic**

Now what’s important here is that the church is not the tribe of Israel, no more than those who are a part of the church today replace Israel the physical nation. The Church is NOT present during the tribulation, as some would like us to imagine and speculate. So, the direct sons from the tribe of Israel represent the literal Jewish descendants of Abraham. These are believing Jewish men who are followers of the Messiah during the tribulation who are called out of the 12 tribes of Israel the literal and physical nation. It’s not a spiritual thing or is it the church and it’s not those who are not descendants directly from the 12 tribes of Israel [Rev.7:5-8]. The apostle John is very specific about his details on this. If John meant that the tribes were symbolically the church, he would have plainly said these 12 tribes are the church of Christ. No need for symbolism or spiritual interpretation. So this is to be understood from a literal perspective and interpretation.

There is no need for him to make this into a symbolic issue as some may know that John is retelling the revelation of the Messiah. And the Messiah is revealing the last outcome of the Jewish people Israel during the tribulation [Rev.1:1] not the church as the church is already with him during this time contrary to what some think or interpret.

### **The meaning of who is Jacob**

The book of revelation is the expansion on Daniel and Matt 24. And this does not include the church, but its focus is Soley on Israel. It is Gods time of

Jacobs [Israel's] trouble and to reconvene his plan of redemption for the Jewish people and its nation, it's not the time of the church's redemption because the church is already sealed and is redeemed now and awaits its imminent resurrection of the Messiah in the air [1Thess.4:13-17]. Also, the church has NEVER been identified or has ever at any time been called by the name of Jacob. This name for Jacob in scripture is always attached to the people of the bible, and those people are the Jewish nation. It's not the church or believers of today, it's the Jewish people during the 7yr tribulation.

### **The 144,000**

So, from scripture we can realize here that the hundred and forty-four thousand are Jewish men [Rev 14:1-5] who come out of the 12 tribes of Israel and become evangelist who will evangelize during the tribulation period. They will one day sing a special song that no one can learn but them. They also will be separated for the Messiah not knowing female



companionship. And they will be sealed with God's name upon their foreheads. The scriptures tell us that they have been bought from out of the earth and handpicked by God and are set aside for his purposes. They are his first fruits from out of the tribulation not from the

church. So, from this point it's pretty clear cut that these 144,000 are Jewish evangelist called out of the 12 tribes of Israel and are separated for the Messiah and that's it. It's not symbolic, it's not a spiritual picture of the church, and it's not believers of today who will go through the tribulation who are called the tribes of Israel.

Its 144,000 Jewish evangelist who will be protected and will follow the Messiah during the tribulation and will evangelize his message of the Kingdom and salvation to Israel and the world.