

THE 144,000 REVISTED - Part 2 Studies in the Revelation

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:1

SO, JUST WHO ARE THESE GUYS:

First-fruits of Israel sealed with the mark of God:

And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having (what) the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have (what) sealed the bond-servants of our God (where) on their foreheads."

And I heard the number of those who were (what) sealed, (how many) one hundred and forty-four thousand (what) sealed from every tribe of (who) the sons of Israel:

the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

the tribe of Asher twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin,

twelve thousand were sealed.

Revelation 7:2-8

WHAT MAKES THESE GUYS DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS:

One, they praise God in good times and in bad:

And I heard a voice from heaven, like (1) the sound of many waters and like (2) the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like (3) the sound of harpists playing on their harps. And (who) they (what) sang a new song before (1) the throne and before (2) the four living creatures and (3) the elders; and no one could learn the song except (who) the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been (what) purchased from the earth.

Revelation 14:2-3

Question:

What was the voice that was heard from heaven?

Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east; and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.
Ezekiel 43:1-2

His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.
Revelation 1:14-15

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."
Revelation 19:6

Questions:

What was the *new song* they sang? Where did they sing the song? And why couldn't any of the other redeemed learn the song? Why was it only for the 144,000?

An Old Testament song of redemption and deliverance:

Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; sing praises to Him with (what) a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a (what) new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.
Psalm 33:1-3

He put a (what) new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear and will trust in the LORD.
Psalm 40:3

Sing to the LORD a (what) new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of (what) His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
Psalm 96:1-3

O sing to the LORD a (what) new song, for (why) He has done wonderful things, (which are) His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. The LORD has made known (what) His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen (what) the salvation of our God.
Psalm 98:1-3

I will sing a (what) new song to You, O God; upon (what) a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You, Who (1) gives salvation to kings, Who (2) rescues David His servant from the evil sword.
Psalm 144:9-10

A New Testament song of praise, victory and wonder:

Around the (1) throne were (2) twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

And the (3) four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."
Revelation 4:4, 8-11

Four Living Creatures and Twenty-four Elders:

When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang (what) a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."
Revelation 5:8-10

Now Add Myriads of Angels:

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the (1) throne and the (2) living creatures and the (3) elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."
Revelation 5:11-12

Plus Every Created Thing in the Universe:

And every created thing which is in (1) heaven and (2) on the earth and (3) under the earth and (4) on the sea, and (5) all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.
Revelation 5:13-14

Then, the Saints:

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."
Revelation 7:9-10

Angels Now Join the Multitude:

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."
Revelation 7:11-12

Two, they reflect the holiness of Christ:

These are the ones who have not been (1) defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who (2) follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been (3) purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And (4) no lie was found in their mouth; they are (5) blameless.
Revelation 14:4-5

1. Purity (sexual / moral):

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; (defined as) that is, that you abstain from (what) sexual immorality. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. Now flee from (what) youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
2 Timothy 2:20-22

2. Obedience (without reservation):

3. God's Purpose:

4. Truth (no lie found in their mouth):

5. Blameless: