We talk a lot about the horrific events that will happen during the Tribulation. As I have explained, I believe the Bible teaches that believers will be removed from the earth prior to the beginning of the Tribulation. It will be a time of great suffering on the earth, and Jesus explains it as a time like the world has never known. The Antichrist will do all he can do to consolidate power. While he is doing that, 144,000 Jewish evangelists will be bringing about the greatest revival in history. We are having what some call a "revival" beginning on Friday April 22. For believers I prefer to call it a "refreshment" because we aren't dead at all needing to be revived. We perhaps are just asleep needing to be awakened. Well, the ministry of the 144,000 It will be something like that, but on a worldwide scale. And it will be a true revival because those that are dead in Christ will be made alive in Him. This will all be going on while global mayhem is underway. It will be the greatest display of God's saving power in history. There are three graces that will be dispensed at this time:

- 1. Good news will be abundant simultaneously with all the bad news.
- 2. There will be supernatural protection for God's covenant servants.
- 3. There will be huge multitudes who receive God's salvation the door for salvation will remain wide open during the Tribulation. Many will enter.

Some have recently asked me how the unsaved will be saved during the tribulation if all believers are gone before that? Well, the Bible tells us exactly how the Gospel will come to the earth. There will be: 1) The "two witnesses" who will lead MANY to Christ (discussed in Revelation 11 which tells us that the whole world will be watching them at one time). 2) There will be 144,000 Jewish evangelists preaching on the earth. 3) There will be an angel (Revelation 14:6) flying around preaching to those who "dwell on the earth."

Open your Bible tonight and bookmark Revelation 6:17, and chapters 7 and 14 where we are told that there will be 144, 000 witnesses from the twelve tribes of Israel (12,000 from each tribe).

¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:17, NKJV). The answer to "who is able to stand" is answered in chapter 7.

¹"After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. ² Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: (Revelation 7:1-4, NKJV). (The twelve tribes are then enumerated in verses 5-8). Who are the 144,000? (Not Jehovah Witnesses. Not 7th day Adventists. These are Jewish people). Why? The Bible clearly says that these are Jews. The Bible is a Jewish Book. It was written by Jews. The Apostles were Jews. Jesus was a Jew. The plan of world history has Israel and the Jews threaded through it. The last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation is, in fact, called the "time of Jacob's trouble." Remember, Jacob is Israel and Israel is Jacob. Israel in its entirety (as a nation) will be prepared to receive Jesus.



The Bible tells us that sometime in the future All ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED, and they will probably be saved in the time of Jacob's trouble through the ministry of these 144,000. These 144,000 will be the most convincing powerful evangelists who have ever lived. If you've ever looked up "Messianic Judaism" on Youtube, you will find a man named Mottel Batelson. He has one of the most

convincing testimonies of his faith in Yeshua as Messiah. (Mottel Baleston – see <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucEvScS7rKk&list=PLEtDtmsLsWM_Vuow7iHz31zbi-Xb-OVGL</u>). There will be 144,000 Mottel Balestons out in all parts of the world proclaiming Jesus as Messiah and Lord. Just to see people like this is something that was never seen for 2,000 years. It has only been in the last 50-60 years that Jewish people have been coming to Yeshua as Messiah. Someday in the future, ALL JEWS will come to Jesus Christ. Zechariah prophesied this some 2,500 years ago.

Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. (NKJV).

Revelation 1:7

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (NKJV).

The scripture tells us that these 144,000 are "sealed." This means that they are under God's "ownership" and "protection." We too have been sealed. Listen to Paul's words: "¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14, NKJV). You too are owned by Him, and you are under His divine protection.

Think about how 12 Jewish men changed the world. Can you imagine 144,000 of these on the earth!?

They show up again in Revelation 14.

¹Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new song before the

throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. <u>These are the ones who</u> follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. (Revelation 14:1-5, NKJV).

These 144,000 will have a GREAT HARVEST of believers from their evangelism.

A Multitude from the Great Tribulation

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, <u>a great multitude which no one could number</u>, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, <u>"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their</u> <u>robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.</u> ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:9-17, NKJV).

The Prophet Joel prophesied of a time when the Spirit would be poured out on all flesh (including the Jews). This prophesy has come to pass in part on the day of Pentecost, but much more is yet to come. This will happen in "those days". I believe this is also looking forward to a day when for "[those] *in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,*". Let's read below.



²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.
²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
³² And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said,
Among the remnant whom the LORD calls. (Joel 2:28-32, NKJV).

You know, God is still pouring out His Spirit and is ready to pour out His Spirit on anyone today that calls on the name of the Lord. That promise is still there. "Whosoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." These are not things we need to be afraid of. Rather, we should be inspired to repent and be saved. THESE ARE INDEED THE DAYS OF ELIJAH! How exciting to be alive at this time. It is not by mere chance that you were brought into the earth at this time. God has a place, a plan, and a purpose for you right here right now. If you know Him, then He has already poured out His Spirit on you. Now walk in Him!

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