

Book of Revelation, part 62,
The 144,000 and their ministry

- I. The 144,000 are Jews—men (Rev. 7:4-8).**
1. Come from the tribes of the sons of Israel (Rev. 7:4-8).
 2. Spiritually undefiled (Rev. 14:1-5).
 3. Sealed for physical protections (Rev. 9:4).
 4. Sealed just before Mid-Tribulation (Rev. 7:1-3).
 5. Trump and Vial Judgments are paused until the 144,000 are sealed (Rev. 7:1-3).
 - 1) Earth (7:1-3 cf. 8:7; 16:2).
 - 2) Sea (cf. 8:8; 16:3-4).
 - 3) Trees (cf. 8:7; 16:8-9).
 6. The 144,000 evangelize the whole world (Mt. 24:14).
 7. The majority of the Nation Israel is being protected in the wilderness for the second half of the Tribulation (Rev. 12:14).
 8. The 144,000 preach the Gospel of the Kingdom: that Jesus the God-Man, died for their sins and is coming again to earth in order to judge the world of unrighteousness (Rev. 6:9-10; 12:17; 17:6; Mt. 24:14).
 9. The large crowd are the sheep at the Sheep and Goat Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46).
 - 1) Accept the message—accept the messenger (Mt. 25:31).

The 144,000		The Large Crowd	
<u>Description</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Jews	7:4	Gentiles, from all nations	7:9
Exact number	7:4	So large no one can number	7:9
Sealed during Tribulation	7:3	Appearing at the beginning of Kingdom	7:9-10; 16-17
Sealed from the physical harm to which they will be exposed	7:4; 9:4	Robed and will no longer be exposed to physical harm	7:16

II. The large crowd is on earth during a great celebration.

1. Palms in their hands—Feast of Tabernacles (v. 9).
2. Coming out of the Great Tribulation—Post Tribulation just before the Millenium (v. 14).
3. Elders standing around the throne, but not sitting on thrones (v. 11 cf. Rev. 4:4).
4. Elder is unaware of these saints and their experience since the throne area in heaven has been isolated for the last half of the Tribulation (V. 13; Rev. 15:8; cf. Rev. 5:5).

III. The Feast of Tabernacles.

1. Mandatory eight-day observance of the escape from Egypt (Lev. 23:34-43).
 - 1) Memorialize the 40-year journey when they lived in temporary tents—booths.
 - 2) Celebration of the harvest in the new land.
2. Emphasizes the importance of rejoicing (Duet. 16:13-15).
3. Prophesizes the mandatory observance of the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millenium as in this scene (Zech. 14:16-19).

IV. “God will wipe away all tears from their eyes (7:15-17).

1. Earthly New Jerusalem (Ez. Chapters 40 to 48; Heb. 11:10 cf. 13:13-14).
2. They will serve before Christ’s earthly throne.
3. The Lamb will spread His tent over them (Rev. 21:23-24).
4. They will hunger no more—perfect environment (Amos 8:13).
5. No sunlight will harm them, no scorching heat (Rev. 21:23-24).
6. The Lamb will shepherd, feed them (Rev. 2:27).
7. Lead them into living ... waters (Ez. 47:8-12).