

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND  
REV. 14:1-5; 7:1-8

Introduction:

WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE HERE?

A. The Abrahamic covenant.

The offspring of Abraham would be innumerable and indestructible and the race to bear the Messiah.

1. Gen. 12:1-4.
2. Gen. 12:7.
3. Gen. 13:14-17.
4. Gen. 15:1-21, (18-21).
5. Gen. 17:1-14.
6. Gen. 22:15-18.

B. The Palestinian covenant.

The "land" would be theirs forever. God would bring them back to it from wherever they are scattered.

1. Deut. 30:1-10.
2. Ezek. 16:60-62.
3. Ezek. 11:14-21.
4. Hosea 2:14-23.
5. Isa. 11:11-12.
6. Zech. 8:1-8.

C. These covenants are still unfulfilled.

1. Rom. 11:26-27.
2. Jer. 30:12-22, [712 B.C.]

I. THE SEALING OF A NATION. REV. 7:1-8.

A. The wrath of God falling on the earth was stayed for a special work of God.

1. Rev. 7:1-2.
2. This is a time for God to use to "seal" 144,000 Jews
3. seal = sphragizo - to mark, to brand.
4. 12,000 from each tribe.

## II. THE POWER OF THE LAMB. V14:1

- A. "And I looked, and, lo, a lamb stood on the mount Sion and with him an hundred forty and four thousand having his Fathers name written in their forehead."
  - 1. Psalm 14:7, "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad."
  - 2. Isa. 59:20, "And the redeemer shall come to Zion and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord."
  - 3. Heb. 8:8-12.
  
- B. The special circumstances of their deliverance from the beast.
  - 1. v22, "voices and harps."
  - 2. v3, "no man could learn that song."

## III. THE JEWS AND THEIR CHARACTER. V4

- A. "These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins."
  - 1. defiled = moluno - to soil, to stain.
  - 2. virgins = parthenos - virgin.
  - 3. Figuratively they have kept themselves pure from all defiling relationships, they have not received the mark of the beast nor had any relationships with Babylon, the great harlot.
  
- B. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth."
  - 1. follow = akoloutheo - to follow one, or to be with him, or after him, [from a footman].
  
- C. "These were redeemed from among men being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."

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1. redeemed = agorazo - to buy, to purchase.
2. They were "extracted" from mankind.
3. firstfruits = aparche - They were the first of many Jews to be saved.

D. "And in their mouth was found no guile."

1. found = heurisko - to find out, discover.
2. guile = pseudos - lie.

E. "for they are without fault before the throne of God."

1. fault = amomos - Without fault or blemish of sin, not spoiled by any flaw, [as in the Law of Moses].
2. They are "spotless" before God.

#### IV. OUR POSITION BEFORE GOD. EPH. 1:11-14.

A. We have trusted in Christ.

1. We have believed in Him.
2. He has saved us.

B. We have been sealed.

1. We do not have a visible mark.
2. We have the "Spirit," the earnest of our inheritance

