

# **The 7 Thunders Pt.4.1**

## **They that follow the Lamb the 144000**

### **The 7 Thunders - Reflections**

- PT 1 – Ignorance IS NOT Bliss
- PT 2 – The Final Repeat
- PT 3 – 5G? The Last Generation – The Rain The Fig Tree The Locust

#### **Quote From - Christian Experience and training**

It is necessary that our unity today be of a character that will bear the test of trial. . . . We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and Heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed. **{CET 203.2}**

When a brother receives new light upon the Scriptures, he should frankly explain his position, and every minister should search the Scriptures with the spirit of candor to see if the points presented can be substantiated by the inspired word. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." 2 Timothy 2:24, 25. **{CET 203.3}**

### **The Final Repeat---- WHEN?**

#### **Quote From - Bible Echo**

Science and history cannot of themselves make men wise unto salvation; but through the aid of the Holy Spirit, which, in answer to prayer, will be given to guide into all truth, science and history may be made use of as a clear, definite light, blending with that of the written, inspired word. There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past; and attention is called to these, that all may understand that God works on the same lines now that He ever has done. His hand is seen in His work and among the nations now, just the same as it has been ever since the gospel was first proclaimed to Adam in Eden. **{BEcho, August 26, 1895 par. 10}**

There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement.

From that word we understand that the forces are now at work that will usher in the last great conflict between good and evil--between Satan, the prince of darkness, and Christ, the Prince of life. But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens. {BEcho, August 26, 1895 par. 11}

### **Quote From - Youth Instructor**

God expects the youth to think soberly and intelligently of how those of past generations toiled and sacrificed to leave to future generations a heritage of light.

The patriarchs and prophets and the disciples of Christ received impressions from the Great Teacher, and this light and knowledge they bequeathed to those who live in this age.

The youth now have the privilege of improving all the treasures that have been acquired by past generations. The Lord expects these hereditary trusts to be gathered up as golden treasures, and imparted to others. {YI, June 29, 1899 par. 2}

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### **Gods Last Day SRP's (Special Remnant Peculiars)**

#### **Ephesians 6:12**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

## **The WAR**

- It is a battle for our minds
- It is a battle for our devotion
- It is a battle for our loyalty
- It is a battle for who we worship

**We will begin to look at the infamous tabooed subject of the 144000 of Revelation. We will study this topic by answering these questions-**

- Who are the 144000?

- What do they represent?
- When do they arrive?
- Where do they come from?
- Why should we strive to be among them?

## **Note:**

### **Primary and Secondary Interpretation**

#### **Numbers in the bible are literal...(Primary)**

- Seven Trumpets – 7 (Rev. 8:6)
- Three Angels – 3 (Rev 14:6-12)
- Ten Virgins – 10 (Matt 25:1-12)
- Six day creation week -6 (Gen 1,2)

**...However the meaning of the numbers can be symbolic as well (Secondary)**

### **Some Problems with the 144000**

- The number presents a hopeless case for some – how can I make it?
- The tribes of Israel do not exist today
- That cannot be all the people alive when Jesus comes
- Fallouts, fights and arguments because we understand it differently.... So leave the topic alone please (Taboo)
- The subject is not salvific – some say

### **Some hints in the bible about the 144000**

#### **Matthew 7: 13**

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for **wide** [is] the gate, and **broad** [is] the way, that leadeth to **destruction**, and **many there be which go in there at:** 14 Because **strait** [is] the gate, and **narrow** [is] the way, which leadeth unto **life**, and **few there be that find it.**

### **Ezekiel 9: 4-6**

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that **sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old [and] young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom [is] the mark; and **begin at my sanctuary.** Then they began at the ancient men which [were] before the house.

### **Revelation 12:17**

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the **remnant** of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

### **Revelation 14:12**

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the **faith of Jesus.**

### **Genesis 7:1**

1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; **for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.**

### **2 Kings 2:11**

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

### **Genesis 5:22**

22 And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.

## **Hints reveal the following >**

- They follow the straight and narrow path to Life - Unpopular
- They cry out against abominations in the church
- They keep the Commandments of God - Obedient
- They not only have faith in Jesus, but the faith OF Jesus

- They live in the time of the proclamation of the 3rd Angels Message – Established in the Present Truth (2 Pet 1:12)
- They are alive and of the remaining righteous (overcomers) from the last generation
- They are of Israel (Gods People) and are translated without tasting death

## Who are the 144000 and what do they represent?

### Revelation 14: 4,5

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

### Revelation 12: 11

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

### Quote from - Maranatha

The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. {Mar 287.4}

### Quote from - Manuscript Release

One of the marked features in the representation of the 144,000 is **that in their mouth** was found no guile. The Lord has said, "Blessed is the man . . . in whose **spirit there is no guile**" [Psalms 32:2]. They profess to be children of God, and are represented **following** the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. They are prefigured before us as standing on **Mount Zion**, girt for holy service, clothed in white linen, which is the righteousness of the **saints**. **But all who follow the Lamb in heaven will first have followed Him on earth, in trustful, loving, willing obedience; followed Him not fretfully and capriciously, but confidently, truthfully, as the flock follows the shepherd.** {14MR 93.1}

### Quote from - Life Sketches of Ellen White

Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded, as He descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints, then raised His eyes and hands to heaven, and cried, "Awake! awake! awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise." Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted "Alleluia!" **as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death**, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. {LS 66.1}

# **The 144000 are the saints that are sealed alive just before the second coming of Christ**

## **When do they arrive?**

### **Revelation 7: 3,4**

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

### **Quote from - SDA Bible Commentary**

Christ says that there will be those in the church who will present fables and suppositions, when God has given grand, elevating, ennobling truths, which should ever be kept in the treasure house of the mind. When men pick up this theory and that theory, when they are curious to know something it is not necessary for them to know, God is not leading them. It is not His plan that His people shall present something which they have to suppose, which is not taught in the Word. It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, **Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand**. This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question. {7BC 978.4}

..... We need not wait till we are translated to follow Christ. God's people may do this here below. We shall follow the Lamb of God in the courts above only if we follow Him here. Following Him in heaven depends on our keeping His commandments now. We are not to follow Christ fitfully or capriciously, only when it is for our advantage. {7BC 978.7}

We must choose to follow Him. In daily life we must follow His example, as a flock trustfully follows its shepherd. We are to follow Him by suffering for His sake, saying, at every step, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." {7BC 978.8}

## **The 144,000 arrive at the completion of the sealing – Gods appointed time**

## **Where do they come from?**

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### **Quote from - Prophet and Kings**

No longer have the hosts of evil power to keep the church captive; for "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city," which hath "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication;" and to **spiritual Israel** is given the message, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.{PK 715.1}

### **Quote from - Maranatha**

**The living saints, 144,000 in number**, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. **The Israel of God** stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory. {Mar 287.4,5}

The 144,000 come from the group that is known as Spiritual Israel. Those that are faithful and true to the Law of God.

## **Why should we strive to be among them?**

### **Revelation 4:5**

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

### **Quote from - Maranatha**

...I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, "You must go back, and if you are faithful, **you, with the 144,000**, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God." {Mar 368.7}

### **Quote from - Review and Herald**

Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand. And let us do all that we can to help others to gain heaven."—[The Review and Herald, March 9, 1905](#)

## **Point...**

**We should strive to be among the 144000 because there purpose is to call others out of darkness (Babylon) into the saving Light (Truth) of Jesus. These individuals would have been living the overcomers' life.**

**John saw the 144000 and the great multitude two separate groups which receive the same reward of eternal life.**

Just as in the days of Noah, there will be 2 classes of people in 4 categories on the earth after the close of human probation at the second coming of Jesus

CAT 1 - **(Type A)** The Living Saints from Spiritual Israel – awaiting translation – 144000 Gods Special reserve **(Type B)** The Living called out of the world under the proclamation of the 3AM – awaiting translation – Great Multitude

CAT 2 - The Sleeping Saints awaiting resurrection – Great Multitude

CAT 3 - The Living Wicked – awaiting judgment

CAT 4 – The Dead Wicked – awaiting judgment

## **The Sleeping Soldiers / Multitude**

**Hebrews 11:39,40**

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

God has made provision for my salvation, I must choose to accept

## **They That Follow The Lamb**

**Revelation 22:19-21**

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

**AMEN!**

## **Next on The 7 Thunders**

**PT 4.2**

**WHEN COMES THE RAIN**



