

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 45 (PART 1)

THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE SAINTS (REVELATION 14:1-5)



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Revelation 14 is one of the most encouraging and assuring chapters in the Book of Revelation. It gives us a powerful prophetic picture of the victorious and overcoming saints. It is an important chapter for us who are the End-Time generation.

Revelation 12 to 14 is the **third parenthetical section** in the Book of Revelation, coming after the release of the seven trumpets. When the seventh trumpet is being sounded (Rev. 11:15-19), the final bowl judgments, which contain the fullness of God's wrath, will be released. The purpose of Revelation 12 to 14 is to answer the two questions, "*Why is judgment so severe?*" and "*What will happen to the saints?*" Revelation 12 and 13 answer the former whilst Revelation 14 addresses the latter.

1

God will supernaturally protect the End-Time Church — God will protect our hearts. There will be grace not to deny Him and there will be the glory to be able to love Jesus even unto death.

2

This is not about escaping. This is about overcoming! The End-Time saints will resist the Antichrist, overcome and walk in victory.

3

Jesus Himself will raise up the greatest prophetic, intercessory and worship movement (Rev. 14:2-5).

It is both a message of warning and of encouragement.

Jesus promises to reward His people who endure the persecutions and stay faithful. He also promises to judge the followers of the Antichrist (Rev. 14:9-13).

The decisions we make in life will have eternal consequences — eternal rewards for righteous decisions, and eternal punishment for wicked decisions. The consequences are real and have everlasting impact. Our decisions will determine our eternal destiny, and there will be no turning back!

Hence, we need to take heed ourselves and proclaim this message to the people!

Revelation 14 can be divided into three major sections with three emphases:

1. Verse 1 to 5 — **A prophetic picture of the victorious overcoming Church, and the End-Time prophetic, intercessory and worship movement** that God is raising up.
2. Verse 6 to 13 — **Four promises and prophetic proclamations of God.**

God promised that there will be ultimate earthly victory, ultimate earthly judgment, eternal punishment and eternal rewards.

- Verse 14 to 20 — **The two-fold End-**
3. **Time harvest** that will be released by the prayers of the saints — **the harvest of souls and the harvest of sin.**



In Revelation 14:1, John saw a vision of Jesus standing on Mount Zion, which is the earthly Jerusalem, together with 144,000 End-Time saints. This is a powerful prophetic picture of the victorious overcoming saints. They have the grace to overcome because they were sealed in the name of the Father.



THIS VERSE HAS TWO PURPOSES:

1

**TO ASSURE AND ENCOURAGE US THAT WE WILL
EVENTUALLY RULE AND REIGN WITH JESUS IF
WE STAY STEADY AND FAITHFUL.**

**IT GIVES US THE KEY TO BECOMING THE
OVERCOMING SAINTS — BY GETTING
THE SEAL OF GOD!**

2

There are three seals in the Book of Revelation which we are exhorted to acquire:

1. **The Seal of the Living God (Rev. 7:1-3)** — This seal is a parallel of Song of Songs 8:6. It is about the **empowerment to love God and overcome until the very end!**
2. **The Seal of God in Revelation 9:4** — This is parallel to Psalm 91 and speaks of the **protection of God.**
3. **The Seal of the Father's Name on our forehead (Rev. 14:1)** — This is the declaration of our **allegiance to God and His total ownership over our lives.**



The number 144,000 is the multiplication of $12 \times 12 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$. The first set of 12 represents the 12 tribes of Israel, and it refers to the **Jewish people**. The second set of 12 represents the 12 apostles, and this refers to the **Gentile believers**. There are 3 sets of 10. 10 is the **number of completeness** while 3 represents the **number of God**.

Taken together, the number **144,000** means **God's preordained and complete number of Jewish and Gentile believers who will be sealed!** The number is predetermined by God. But **our decision determines if we are part of the 144,000**. Hence, our choices and response will make a difference. **We have to press in to acquire the seal!**

Verses 2 and 3 talk about the powerful prophetic and intercessory worship movement that God is raising up. **They will receive prophetic oracles and songs directly from heaven, and they will have real power and authority to shift kingdoms and nations, move angels and demons, and turn darkness into light.** There will be open heavens, heavenly visitations and encounters.

The 144,000 will hear and learn directly from Jesus Himself. The voice they hear from heaven is like “*the voice of many waters*” — this term is used to describe the **voice of Jesus** in Revelation 1:15. And the phrase “*the voice of loud thunder*” refers to the **voice of God the Father**, as well as **the power that is released from His throne**. The prophetic singers God is raising up will have a deep understanding from God and will sing forth new songs — **prophetic songs of what God is saying for the now**.



Verses 4 and 5 give us prophetic insights into the **five characteristics and attributes** of the 144,000 End-Time Saints. These are important attributes that we have to cultivate in order to carry the kind of anointing that God is releasing. If we do not have the right heart or character to carry the anointing at the End of the Age, it will destroy us.

The five characteristics or attributes of these 144,000 saints are:

1

THEY WERE NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN (*V4*) – THEY WERE TOTALLY UNDEFILED

At the End of the Age, there will be deep spiritual darkness. There will be high levels of immorality, sexual perversion and the occult. The 144,000 will be spiritually and physically undefiled. They will keep themselves pure until the end. They will have zero connection and zero tolerance for immorality as well as spiritual perversion.

We have to start cultivating now. Our goal is to arrive at the place where we have zero connection and tolerance for immorality and spiritual perversion.

2

THEY ARE VIRGINS (*V4*)

Every born-again believer is called a chaste virgin, because he or she is preparing to be a Bride ready for the return of Jesus (2 Cor. 11:2).

The 144,000 are called virgins because they are wholehearted in love and totally devoted to Jesus. Their desire is to prepare themselves to be ready for the Wedding Day!

3

THE ONES WHO FOLLOW THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES (*V4*)

They are totally obedient and they fully trust the Lord (Prov. 3:5-6). They fully lean and yield to the Lord (SoS. 8:5) and they have no personal agenda. Their agenda is that of the Lamb!

4

IN THEIR MOUTH WAS FOUND NO DECEIT (*V5*)

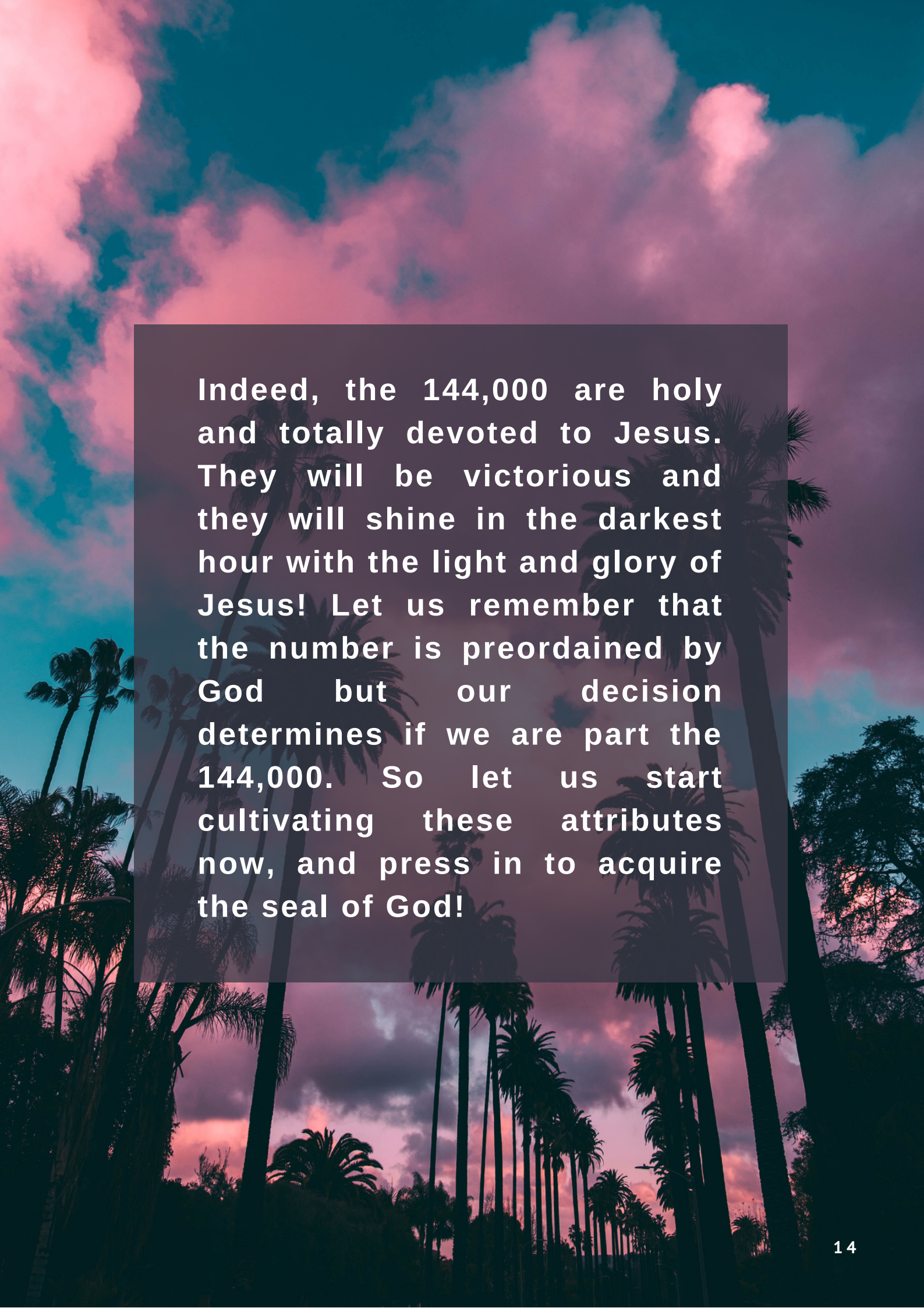
God is very particular about our speech. There must be no falsehood, no darkness, no exaggeration or hype in our speech. This is especially so for intercessors and prophetic singers because we are the ones praying or singing forth the very word of God. God takes His word seriously and He takes our words seriously as well.

None of God's words fall to the ground. If we want to be on the same page as God and move with power and authority, we have to be careful with our speech.

5

THEY ARE WITHOUT FAULT (*V5*)

They are blameless before God. They are strong in resisting sin and they will not compromise the way of the Lord.

The background of the image is a vibrant, low-angle shot of a sky at dusk or dawn. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of deep pink, magenta, and light blue. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of numerous palm trees are visible, their trunks and fronds reaching upwards against the colorful sky. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is centered over the image, containing white text.

Indeed, the 144,000 are holy and totally devoted to Jesus. They will be victorious and they will shine in the darkest hour with the light and glory of Jesus! Let us remember that the number is preordained by God but our decision determines if we are part the 144,000. So let us start cultivating these attributes now, and press in to acquire the seal of God!

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