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BIBLE TALK

Question: Will only 144,000 go to heaven as some surmise?

Answer: This is but a theory and is based upon an erroneous interpretation of Rev. 7 and 14:15. A group of 144,000 is depicted as standing with Christ, the Lamb, on Mt. Zion.

A literal interpretation of the passages forces one to an absurd position. A careful reading of the passage reveals: All are men (14:4); all are Jews (7:4); all are male virgins not defiled with women (14:4); the number excludes Jews of the tribes of Dan and Ephraim (7:5-8); the number is very limited compared to the number of generations who will stand before God in the resurrection. They stand with the Lamb (14:1) on Mt. Zion (14:1) with God's seal stamped on their foreheads (7:3-4). Too, there was also a "*multitude of others*" (Rev. 7:10-11).

Much of the Bible is presented in figurative language. We see a limited number of Jews who accepted Christ and were cleansed from their sins, but a large group of Gentiles saved. The limited number of Hebrews and the large number of Gentiles who would follow Jesus are contrasted in these passages.

There is one eternal hope for all Christians (Eph. 4:4), being with God in heaven (Rev. 21:1-4)! The true church will thus represent the scriptures to all men. False witnesses offer an untrue message and false hope. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (Jn. 3:16). The "*whosoever*" gives allowance for those who will, or desire, to be saved through obedience (Rev. 22:17). The invite was given to "*all*" to come and "*find rest*" (Mt. 11:28).

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