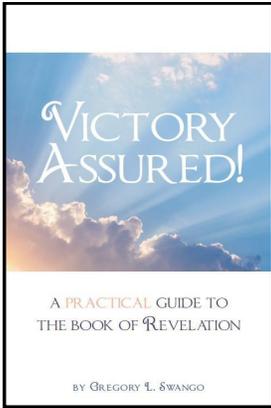


Victory Assured! -- Eternal Victory!



The Joy and Rewards of Overcoming (Rev. 7; 14; 21,22)

Important Sections:

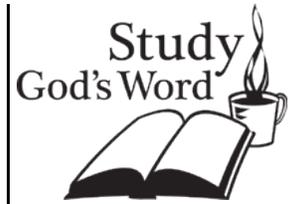
Lesson 12

The 144,000

God is Praiseworthy

Perfect Protection

Perfect Provision



Scripture References

Rev. 7:1-17
Eph. 1:13,14
1Pet. 1:18,19
2Cor. 11:2
1Pet. 2:20,21
Jas. 1:18
Eph. 5:27
Rev. 14:1-5

Rev. 15:1-8

Rev. 21:1-27
2Pet. 3:9-14
Eph. 5:25-27
1Cor. 15:23-28

Rev. 22:1-21
Mt. 7:23
Gen. 3:14-19

The 144,000 (7:1-17; 14:1-5).

The symbolism of numbers explains the 144,000.

Contextually the 144,000 are:

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| 1. _____ (Eph. 1:13,14). | 4. _____ (1Pet. 2:20,21). |
| 2. _____ (1Pet. 1:18,19). | 5. _____ (Jas. 1:18). |
| 3. _____ (2Cor. 11:2). | 6. _____ (Eph. 5:27). |

God is Praiseworthy (15:1-8).

What a foretaste of the heavenly realm! All of the nations come and worship before God. God is praiseworthy for His judgments are right and He avenges those who do not do His will.

Perfect Protection (21:1-27).

John is shown the eternal habitation of the bride. The city is beyond compare. Its brilliance can only be imagined this side of heaven; its protection is undeniable; its permanency is God Himself.

It is a place of brightness without shadow to darken the spirit for all is illuminated by God's glory and lamp of the Lamb. Only that which is good and proper enter in; nothing common, profane, or sinful is allowed (21:24,26,27). It is no wonder that the gates are never locked. Nothing unclean enters and there is no night (21:25).

Perfect Provision (22:1-21).

Heaven is a place that fully protects its inhabitants from evil. Sin and temptation are long gone. The water of life comes from the throne of God (22:1). This water supplies life to fruit trees and they bear every month. There is no shortage of sustenance.

The leaves of these same trees are for healing (22:2). In heaven there are no abnormalities, defects, or illnesses. There is no disease, no decay, no aging, or frailty brought on by the advancing years. Oh, to live on this street!

Put It into Practice!

1. Did this lesson change your view of the 144,000? If so, how?
2. Discuss how the Holy Spirit is our "mark" or "earnest" of our salvation.
3. Of all the great things about heaven, do you have a favorite attribute? Explain why.
4. Balance the admonition in Rev. 22:11 and how the church is to be evangelistic.
5. Do you think we will know one another in heaven? Defend your answer.

