

Prophecy devo #20 – Why the church will not go through the Tribulation (Part 8)

Reason #7: The anointing of the Spirit can't be on the 144,000 until the church is raptured.

The anointing of the Spirit is on the church now. The sealing of the Spirit will be on the 144,000 during the Tribulation. According to Strong, to seal means to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation. The sealing of the Spirit is like the anointing of the Spirit. The same word is used for the sealing of the believer by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:19). And believers are "sealed until the day of redemption", i.e., when we receive our new bodies (Ephesians 4:30). God will preserve the 144,000 through the Tribulation in much the same way He preserves Christians in the church age. The church and the 144,000 are two separate entities or two separate times. The church is made up of Jews and Gentiles who form the body of Christ. The 144,000 are Jews who are the "firstfruits of God" in the Tribulation (Revelation 14:4). The anointing of the Spirit will not be on the church and Israel at the same time. It is much like the anointings in the Old Testament. Samuel anointed Saul to be Israel's king. God removed the anointing from Saul, then He told Samuel to anoint David. Even though he would not be crowned for several years, David was God's choice and had the anointing. David had a separate anointing from Saul. The church has a separate anointing from the 144,000, because the church has a different purpose in the overall plan of God. The two anointings do not go together. They do not exist at the same time. The purpose of the anointing is to extend God's power and mediate God's authority on earth. The anointing will remain on the church until the rapture. The church is to take the Gospel to the world (Matthew 28:18-20). After the rapture the anointing will pass to 144,000 Jewish believers, who will be sealed to preach to the nations, tribes, and peoples of the earth (Revelation 7:9). When Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation Israel will be converted and the anointing will pass to the nation (Ezekiel 36:26-27).