

Prophecy devo #23 – Judgments of the Tribulation (an interlude)

THE 144,000 (Revelation 7 & 14).

Who will preach the Gospel during the Tribulation when the church is not on earth? 144,000 servants of God will be sealed specifically for the purpose of declaring salvation through Christ (Revelation 7:3). Four angels will stand at the four corners of the earth and hold the judgments back until these preachers are sealed (7:1). They will have the seal of God on their foreheads (7:2). The 144,000 are not the church, not Seventh Day Adventists, and not Jehovah's witnesses. They are Jews, twelve thousand from each tribe of Israel (7:1-4), all males, all virgins, all unmarried (14:4). They are sealed for protection as they preach the Gospel in the Tribulation period. The number of people saved during the Tribulation, largely as a result of their preaching will be innumerable (7:9). They will win disciples from every nationality, color, language, and tribe (7:9). Most of these converts will be martyred, but God will wipe away their tears (7:17). They are described as the "firstfruits of God and the Lamb" (14:4). There are 144,000 when they begin the Tribulation. There will be 144,000 when the Tribulation is finished. We will see them before the throne of God someday (14:5).