

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On July 7, 2012, we received the following comment:

“You probably know why Jehovah God created man? People would live on earth with eternal life. But Satan got people to listen to him.

“Jehovah God has promised that he will make all things new, people will live on earth with eternal life. Revelation 21:1-5. But the rebellion in Eden, Jehovah God had to come up with a prophecy. 1 Genesis 3:15.

“Who was it who would crush Satan's head, it was the Christ. Galatians 3:16. But there are several with Christ crushing Satan's head. Romans 16:20.

“In Revelation we read the number 144000 with Christ. Revelation 14:1. These 144,000 to be with Christ crushing Satan's head, and reign over the earth for a thousand years with Christ. Revelation 20:6.

“Many people will survive the great tribulation, they have supported those of the 144,000 who are still living on earth today, and many people will be a resurrection of the earth in the New World. Christ and the 144,000 will reign over them for a thousand years and help them to perfection, like Adam and Eve were.

“Then after the thousand years Satan will let loose and try them. Those who listen to Satan will be destroyed with Satan, Satan's head will be crushed. Revelation 20:7-10.”

This represents the “current understanding” that is promoted by the leadership of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Please notice that the teachings of the Christ are omitted, with the exception of these two scriptures:

“Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not: “And to seeds,” as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one: “And to your seed,” who is Christ.” – ***Galatians 3:16***

“For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you.” – ***Romans 16:20***

These scriptures do not support the teaching that only 144,000 go to heaven and the rest of faithful mankind lives on earth forever. Rather, ***Galatians 3:16*** tells us that **all** who belong to Christ are the seed of Abraham – thus we are **all** brothers. We encourage the author to read the scripture in context. We published an article that discusses the entire book of Galatians that may also be of assistance: “**Moving Forward in Faith.**”

As for ***Romans 16:20***, we believe the author is reading into that scripture what it does not say in order to support an “interpretation” or “current understanding.” It does **not** say that a 144,000 and the Christ will crush Satan.

The “current understanding” assumes that Jesus did not have a message for mankind; but that he was only here to gather 144,000 so he can go to war. The author of the above comment has missed the revealing of the sons of God (***Romans 8:18-19***); missed that we are all, in fact, sons of God through our faith in Christ Jesus (***Galatians 3:26***); that we are all brothers with one Father (***Matthew 23:8-9***); that no one comes to the Father except **through** Christ (***John 14:6***); that if we are not seeking the prize of the upward call, our mental attitude needs adjusting (***Philippians 3:14-15***).

To the author, we encourage you to read the Christian Greek Scriptures in their entirety and include them in your belief system. You may also appreciate the article “**The Cherished Earthly Hope**.” It has been very helpful in clarifying the earthly hope.

We wish you peace.

“Elaia Luchnia”
