

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On October 31, 2015, we received the following inquiry:

“Your commentary ["We Want To Go With You Part 5"](#) is one of the best piece of analysis I've come across on the site. That being said I was left a bit puzzled about your interpretation of Rev 7:1-4, though you do not support the society's interpretation. You go on to say "All 144000 are on earth at the start of the great tribulation, not just a remnant". [*Then the author presents a possible interpretation of who he believes are part of the 144,000 and how many he thinks might be on earth at that time.*]

To the author, thank you for visiting our site and sending your email. Had you provided a private email address, we may have been able to discuss the details of your interpretation with you personally. But since we can only respond publicly, we omitted your interpretation consistent with our policy of not publicly promoting the interpretation of Bible prophecy on this website. Nevertheless, please know that we do appreciate your thoughtful effort.

With respect to what we published in the above referenced article, please understand that we are not giving an interpretation of who the 144,000 are, nor are we saying that all 144,000 would be, or would not be, on earth at the beginning of a great tribulation. We are merely showing that the Watchtower's 144,000 Doctrine is not consistent with what John actually wrote. Our conclusion is based solely on what is written in the prophecy and not on our interpretations or speculations, nor by comparing or contrasting it with other Bible characters, prophecies, parables or teachings. We consider the words of the prophecy for what they actually say. Nothing more. We hope you understand that distinction.

In our opinion, the identification of the 144,000 must await a further revelation and, as such, is far too speculative to base one's faith on being, or not being, one of them. In fact, we have heard a few different interpretations of who they are and a couple of them sound quite plausible, but neither of them limits the number of Christians who might go to heaven. Nevertheless, we maintain our position that even those interpretations are too speculative to rest one's faith on. It is much wiser to rest our faith on the things Jesus plainly and openly taught.

Accordingly, we can say for a certainty that there is nothing Jesus ever taught that gives any indication that he was only preparing places in heaven for a small number of his followers, or that only a small number of his followers should partake at the Memorial Supper, or that only a small number of his followers are his brothers, or that it was or is the Father's purpose for his followers to live forever on earth. Those ideas are completely absent! So whoever one may think the 144,000 are, or however many one supposes will be on earth at any given point in time, we are certain the true interpretation will not conflict with what Jesus actually taught. And we are also certain that as long as we exercise faith in Jesus and his plain teachings, and do the will of God to the best of our ability, we will always be on the favorable side of events, no matter what the future holds and no matter who the 144,000 turn out to be.

“Elaia Luchnia”
