

Standing with The Lamb of God

REVELATION 14 : 1 - 5

DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NV • OCTOBER 28, 2012
All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets and modify words underlined with dots. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1200.

Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

- Revelation 7:3-4, NIV84



**After their storm passes,
we find 144,000...**

1. A Rescued Army.

Revelation 14:1, NIV84 -¹ Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion [A reference to the New Temple literally in Jerusalem*], and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

* **Psalm 2:6, NIV84** -⁶ "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Protected by, preserved by and presented to God.

2. A Rejoicing Army.

Revelation 14:2-3, NIV84 -² And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn [lit., understand] the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed [Gk: ἀγοράζω, a-go-RAZ-ō, lit., "to purchase" but the root word means, "to pay a ransom", used here in perfect, passive form, is translated "redeemed" from the believer's perspective] from the earth.

3. A Redeemed Army.

Revelation 14:4-5, NIV84 -⁴ These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure [meaning they never married]. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased [Gk: ἀγοράζω, a-go-RAZ-ō, lit., "to purchase" but the root word means "to pay a ransom", used here in aorist, passive, indicative form, is translated "buy" (an object of great value) as from God's perspective] from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.⁵ No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

Purity pays! They were surrendered and spotless.

"They sought personal holiness—not personal happiness."

- Dr. William Barclay



William Borden's Inspiration

"No Reserves"

Romans 12:1, NIV84 -¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

"No Retreat"

Philippians 3:14, NIV84 -¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

"No Regrets"

2 Timothy 4:7, NIV84 -⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

