

The People of the Apocalypse
“The 144 Thousand
Saviors/Deliverers/Mediators”

During every situation when the Lord delivered His earthly people, He used a human mediator or deliverer. Noah brought deliverance for his family before the flood destroyed the earth (Genesis 6-8) and Abraham provided the necessary mediation to bring about the deliverance of Lot and his family before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Genesis 18:23-33)

When Israel was in bondage in Egypt, Moses was called by God to be their deliverer, and he went on to perform mightily and was without question Israel’s human savior/mediator. He cried out to God on the people’s behalf throughout his lengthy forty-year sojourn with the Israelites. So, too, during the following time of Joshua and the subsequent series of Judges, the Lord continued this pattern of utilizing a human savior/deliverer/mediator for the deliverance of His people.

Daniel, although not physically involved in Israel’s deliverance from Babylon, nevertheless, he was their spiritual priest unto God/mediator and could even be termed their spiritual deliverer/savior as he prayed mightily to God in chapter nine of his prophecy confessing “*we have sinned*” on four occasions, crying out to God on behalf of his people and himself for forgiveness:

“O Lord, hear, O Lord, forgive; O Lord; hearken and do; defer not for Thine own sake, O my God: for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name.” (Daniel 9:19)

In like manner, at the end of the age, when God’s people are once again in desperate need of deliverance during “*the time of Jacob’s trouble*” (Jeremiah 30:7), God will call out and send, not just one human savior, but, a great company of saviors:

“And saviors shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdoms shall be the Lords” (Obadiah 21).

The time [End of the 70th Week of Daniel] of the fulfillment of this prophecy is indicated in the Revelation: “*And the seventh angel sounded; and the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 11:15)*

“And I looked and lo a Lamb stood on mount Zion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Fathers name written in their foreheads.” (Revelation 14:1)

These 144 Thousand priests unto God will be the instruments the Lord uses to bring about the spiritual deliverance of their brethren, the nation of Israel “*when all Israel shall be saved*” (Romans 11:26).

They are initially described by the prophet David:

“Thy people [troops/prayer warriors] shall be willing in the day of Thy power [army/battle], in the beauties of holiness [priestly garments] from the womb of the morning, Thou hast the dew [multitude] of thy youth [young men].” (Psalm 110:3)

These “*people*” described here are young men adorned with holy character who are the saviors/soldiers in the Lords army, His priests unto God, the 144 Thousand of the Revelation. This holy company of prayer warriors, who willingly enlist in the Lord’s army, are the human instruments God will use to bring into His kingdom that great company of Jews who will ultimately be delivered by The Lamb, The Redeemer, The Messiah, The Lord Jesus Christ, at the end of the 70th Week of Daniel (Isaiah 59:20; Zechariah 13:9; Romans 11:25,26).

Their position on Mount Zion with the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, worshipping before the throne of God

along with the four beasts, the twenty-four elders and the heavenly harpers places them in the presence of God Himself with His Son, attesting to their undefiled, holy condition as indicated in these Scriptures: (Psalm 110:3; Revelation 14:4, 5).

These 144 Thousand “*servants of our God*” (Revelation 7:3) will be responsible during their ministry at the end of the age to pray mightily and witness fervently to those whom God will call in that day as the Lord Jesus Christ redeems this great harvest of souls at the end of the 70th Week of Daniel.

The continuation of this most necessary ministry to the lost which was carried out by the church saints until they were raptured will be one of the responsibilities of the 144 Thousand. The rapture will occur right after they are sealed guaranteeing the Lord’s priesthood and continuing testimony on earth in order for His program of redemption to be carried on during the Day of the Lord which begins the same day the saints are raptured (Luke 17:22-37; Revelation 6:12-8:2).

There will be an increasingly intensive spiritual battle for the souls of men (Revelation 12:12) which will be the primary charge of the 144 Thousand fulfilling their calling as the end of the age soul winners and priests unto God being obedient followers of the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 14:4).

As the Lord’s mediators, His kingdom of priests, they will also have the privilege of fulfilling an important conditional covenant of old:

“Now therefore if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.” (Exodus 19:5,6).

Although this conditional covenant was never fulfilled due to the disobedience and rebellion of the people of Israel, the end of the age Israel of God, the 144 Thousand, will indeed bring it to pass! This powerful group of God’s servants will in fact minister to the Lord and thereby bring about His will on earth during the Day of the Lord.

It is through powerful prayer and timely witnessing (Daniel 11:33-35,12:3,10) that the salvation of the lost will be effected at the end of the age just as it is today. The Lord will continue to be the same “*yesterday, today and forever*” (Hebrews 13:8) as He calls to Himself those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life from the foundation of the world.

He will have His “*saviors*” (Obadiah 21), the end of the age “*servants of our God*” (Revelation 7:3) who will be protected (Revelation 3:10, 9:4) and ultimately victorious (Revelation 14:1-5) during those horrendous days of deadly judgment (Revelation 9:18, 16:3) when the Lord pours out His Day of the Lord wrath (Revelation 6:17, 16:1) upon the unbelieving, unrepentant, and ungodly inhabitants of this world. (Revelation 9:20,21, 16:11,21).