

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS OF THE ETERNAL GOSPEL!

The Good News: An Eternal Gospel!

- The eternal gospel will be proclaimed to all those who live on this earth.
- The eternal gospel calls people to fear God and give him glory.
- The eternal gospel warns that the hour of God's judgment has come.
- The eternal gospel calls people to worship God who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.

The Bad News: An Imminent Judgment!

- The earth is fully ripe for judgment.
- Jesus Christ is coming to decisively judge the earth.
- The crown jewel (Babylon) of your world system has fallen.
- Your allegiance to and worship of the beast will bring the full strength of the wrath of God upon you.
- You will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of God's holy angels and the Lamb.
- Your torment will last forever, day and night, no rest.

The unholy trinity of the dragon, the antichrist and the false prophet are wreaking havoc and deception on the earth. However, in the throes of this great tribulation, God will send his angels across the entire planet to proclaim his eternal gospel to everyone who lives on earth--"to every nation and tribe and language and people."

With this unprecedented, world-wide, supernatural gospel witness, God gives sinful men and sinful women one last opportunity to repent and come to God with the reverence he deserves.

Not only will there be angels bringing this last minute message of salvation and hope, but God has sealed 144,000 Jewish men to be his "boots on the ground"--his eternal gospel task force.

They sing a new song ...

- Heaven's praise overflows to earth, where the new song is taken up. John notes that no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. The unregenerate cannot, of course, sing the song of redemption; it is only for the redeemed, those purchased by Christ's blood.

Why the song is restricted to the one hundred and forty-four thousand is not stated, but Henry Morris has offered a possible explanation:

--Although in one sense all saved people have been redeemed from the earth, these could know the meaning of such a theme in a more profound way than others. They had been saved after the rapture, at that time in history when man's greatest persecutions and God's greatest judgments were on the earth. [MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2000). *Revelation 12-22* (pp. 75-76). Chicago: Moody Press.]

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL TASK FORCE

THEY ARE THE ETERNAL GOSPEL TASK FORCE OF GOD ALMIGHTY!

- 144,000 men who are sealed as servants of the living God.
- They have the mark of God on their foreheads.
- They sing of endurance and victory.
- They have been purchased by the Lamb.
- They maintain absolute loyalty to the Lamb.
- They never lie.
- They are unblameable.

THEY ARE THE UNBLAMEABLE WITNESSES OF THE ETERNAL GOSPEL!

- The godly, faultless, irreproachable army of God who will spread his eternal gospel across the globe in the last days.
- God's "ground troops" in the battle against the darkness.
- Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel (Revelation 7:2-4 ESV).