The 144,000.

* Who are the 144,000?
* What is their purpose?
	+ Revelation 7:1-8 We are introduced to The 144,000.
		- They are sealed prior to the resurrection.
		- They are servants of God
		- The 12 tribes of Israel

Revelation 7:1 “**After this**”

* + This introduction is an answer to the question asked in the last verse of chapter 6, verse 17. “For the Great Day of their fury has come, and who can stand?”
		- If there is a remnant of people who endure and survive,
			* **Rev 7:14**  "Sir," I answered, "you know." Then he told me, "**These are the people who have come out of the Great Persecution**. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb.
		- How do the they endure and survive?
			* Rev. 7:15 “they serve him on His Temple” **>** Rev. 3:12 Temple
				+ The Messianic Community that is kept from the time of trial …

Rev. 7:9 holding palm branches **>** Rev. 3:8 open door (Passover language)

* Survival, (Rev 7:14) escape, (Rev 3:10) perseverance, (Rev 3:10, 14:12)
	+ Where will these people go?
	+ Where will they be kept from the time of testing?
* How does this connect to the 144,000?
	+ Jer 16:14 (23:7) " 'Therefore,' says Adonai, 'the day will come when people **will no longer swear,** "As Adonai lives, who brought the people of Isra'el out of the land of Egypt,"
		- Judah/the woman flees into the wilderness/hills. Rev 12:14/Mat 24:16

Ezekiel 14:12-23 - **13** "Human being, **when a land sins against me** by dealing treacherously with me, **so that I stretch out my hand over it** and break off its food supply, sending it famine **14** even if these three men were in it—Noach, Dani'el and Iyov—they would by their righteousness save only themselves … **18**  even if these three men were in it, as I live," says Adonai Elohim, "they would save neither sons nor daughters; only they themselves would be saved.

God’s deliverance,

* God asks the question:
* “If I send famine, who will survive?”
* “If I send wild beast, who will survive?”
* “If I send the sword, who will survive?”
* “If I send a plague, who will survive?”
* **Noah**, **Daniel**, and **Job**, but they could only save themselves.

These are people whom God had delivered.

* Noah, delivered from God’s judgement of the earth, the flood.
	+ During the tribulation we will be delivered from the world be judged by God.
* Daniel, delivered from the judgement of a king.
	+ Daniel is an example of during the tribulation being delivered from the judgement of Man, Kings.
* Job, delivered from the judgement of the Adversary.
	+ Job, delivered from the Adversary during the tribulation.

These 3 are an example of God’s deliverance from God’s judgement, Man judgement, and Santan’s judgement.

Only Noah, Daniel, and Job by their righteousness could save themselves…

* :21 all four at one time… Rev. 6:7-8 the first four seals
* :22 there will still be left a **remnant** in it to be brought out. (Saints that come through the tribulation will see a deliverance unmatched by any previous deliverances, ever.)
* Isa 37:32 for a remnant will go out from Yerushalayim, those escaping will go out from Mount Tziyon. The zeal of Adonai-Tzva'ot will accomplish this.'

**Rev 14:1** Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Tziyon; and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

* Rev 13:16 Also **it** forces everyone—great and small, rich and poor, free and slave—to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead.
* Rev 3:12  I will make him who wins the victory a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he will never leave it. Also I will **write** on him the name of my God and the name of my God's city, the new Yerushalayim coming down out of heaven from my God, and **my own new name**.

**Rev 7:9**  After this, I looked; and there before me was a huge crowd, too large for anyone to count, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and **holding palm branches** in their hands;

Rev 7:14  "Sir," I answered, "you know." Then he told me, "These are the people who have come out of the Great Persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the **blood of the Lamb**.

**Isa 1:18** “Come now," says Adonai, "let's talk this over together. Even if your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; even if they are red as crimson, they will be like wool.

2Co 11:2  For I am jealous for you with God's kind of jealousy; since I promised to present you as a **pure virgin** in marriage to your one husband, the Messiah;

**Lev 21:13**  " 'He is to marry a virgin;

Lev 21:14  he may not marry a widow, divorcee, profaned woman or prostitute; but he must marry a virgin from among his own people