

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 23—“Who Stands on the Sea of Glass?”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. What do you imagine Heaven will be like? What do you think about the joys of eternity?
2. What would you be willing to do to please God, be faithful, and gain heaven? Would you climb Mount Everest? Would you give up your favorite food? Would you give water to a thirsty person? Etc.

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. Who does John see standing on the Sea of glass? And what did they get the victory over? (Revelation 15:2)
2. What are the songs that they sing? (Rev. 15:3,4)
3. Who does God seal as faithful just before the final destruction of this sinful world? (Revelation 7:1-4)
 - a. Where are they sealed? (v.3)
4. How is this faithful group of God’s people represented? (Revelation 7:5-8)
 - a. Do you think this could be a literal number of people? (*hint: this list of tribes is not exactly the same as the list given elsewhere in the Bible—Numbers 1—neither is it given in the same order as the old tribes. Plus, all of the literal tribes were of different sizes. Here there are sealed all exactly the same amounts of people for each tribe. Remember also that all the literal tribes of Israel today are dispersed and most of them are not believers in Jesus Christ or even faithful to God.*)
 - b. Are there only 144,000 people finally saved in the end? (Rev. 7:9,10)
 - c. Who is God’s Israel today? (Galatians 3:29)
5. What is the seal in the heads of these people? (Revelation 14:1) (*God’s “name” represents His character—ref. Exodus 34:6*) What does God want to seal among his people? (Isaiah 8:16)
6. What kind of a song do they sing? (Rev. 14:3) (*Song’s so often record the experience people have had...this is especially true in the Bible...like with the Songs of Moses and Miriam, and the Psalms of David, etc.*)
7. What is so special about these people? (Revelation 14:4, 5)

- a. They were not defiled with _____. Corrupt women are the ones who defile people. What does a woman represent in Bible prophecy? _____ (Ephesians 5:25,31,32)
 - b. Who did these people especially follow? _____ Did they go wherever Jesus led them? _____
 - c. What did Jesus pray for us all to live according to? (John 17:17) _____
 - d. Should we follow the corrupt teachings of some church, or should we obey the commands and the word of God?
8. The message in these people's mouths was not deceitful! There was no "deceit" in their mouths (v.5).
- a. What message do these people teach and live by? (Rev. 14:6,7)
 - b. What is the second part of that message? (Rev. 14:8) *(we're going to study this one more in a few days). The name Babylon comes from the world "Babel" which means confusion (ref. see Genesis 11:6,7,9)*
 - c. What is the third part of the message? (Rev. 14:9-11)
 - i. We learned a few lessons ago that this "Beast" is the same as the little Horn of Daniel 7. Who was that Beast that persecuted for 1260 years? _____ (ref. Rev. 13:4-8).
 - ii. Where does the Mark of the Beast get placed? (Rev. 14:9) _____
Isn't that where the seal of God should go? _____ (forehead/hand->thoughts/actions)
 - iii. What is this a direct attack against? (Deuteronomy 6:6,8) _____ (Note: *The Beast attacks the Law of God. Those who continually refuse to follow God's commands, knowing the truth, in the very last days will eventually receive the Mark of the Beast when Governments begin to enforce it.*)
9. How can the people of God be victorious saints in the end? (Revelation 14:12)

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Would you like to follow Jesus—the Lamb—wherever He leads you, instead of being defiled by some corrupted woman? _____ *(to have the "faith of Jesus")*
 2. Do you want to follow and obey all of God's Ten Commandments—including the 7th day Sabbath? _____
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