



The Everlasting Nation

Ministry Update

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With the spring feasts behind us and the fall feasts ahead, the very next feast that our Savior will fulfill on the day is the Feast of Trumpets, the Rapture of the Church.

A few weeks back, I was asked if I thought the rapture of the Church is the reason why large numbers of Gentiles come to faith after the rapture, during the first half of the tribulation in Revelation 7.

Revelation 7:9 indeed tells us there will be so many Gentiles worldwide that repent and believe that we can't even count how many there will be. But why do they repent and believe? Some have suggested it's the rapture of the Church. I have a better explanation; this one stands the test of time. This explanation is a constant, continually repeated by our God.

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel (Rev. 7:4).

Before too many Gentiles to count believe in Revelation 7:9, 144,000 Jews believe in Revelation 7:4; 12,000 from 12 tribes. Revelation 14 describes these 144,000 as the first fruits to God! Why first fruits? The Jews always believe first; they were first to believe in the Older Testament, they were first to believe on the day of Pentecost when the Church began, and they will be first to believe in the tribulation. The reason: Romans 1:16 explains that the Gospel is to the Jew first! Gentiles have always believed because of the Jewish people, it stands the test of time! It is God's constant method of saving Gentiles!

In the Older Testament, the Jewish people were to be a light to the nations (Isa. 42:6). In the Newer Testament, before He ascended to heaven, Jesus told His Jewish apostles, *go therefore and make disciples of all nations* (Matt. 28:19). And now it is these 144,000 who bring the Lamb to the Gentile nations during the tribulation. I have a better explanation for why there will be worldwide repentance and faith after the rapture!

How about 144,000 Jewish virgin men with the name of Jesus and His father on their foreheads who alone can sing what no one else can, who follow the Lamb wherever He leads, who alone tell the truth and are blameless (Revelation 14:1-5)! Never in redemptive history have we seen such an evangelistic explosion. In the book of Acts, a few Jewish men were accused of turning the world upside down, which was a figure of speech. In Revelation 7, 144,000 Jewish young men do turn the world upside down! It stands the test of time because in every dispensation, God's method of saving Gentiles is always through the Jews!

I, a Gentile, remind us of this truth because of another truth. Paul writes, *Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. If the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things* (Rom. 15:27).

I want you to know that when you share with me, a Gentile, you minister to them, the Jewish people, not only materially but even more importantly, salvifically, and I thank God from the bottom of my heart for our partnership!

Because of Him,

Michael Campo Jr.

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