Study Outline: Sealing of the 144,000

Prayer thought: *Counsels to Sabbath School Workers*, p. 25

Read: **Rev. 7:1-4** (see chart on next page)

1. What do the four winds represent? **5T p. 152** - the mark of the beast

2. Where do the 144,000 come from?
Rev. 7:4, **9T p. 164** -- modern Israel = SDA church
Proof: **Rev. 14:1, 4**. **COL 406** - virgins possess a pure faith (doctrines)

3. Is the number 144,000 literal or symbolic?
Rev. 7:4 -- John heard the number
EW p. 14 -- Sis. White saw the 144,000 living saints, in number
EW p. 40 -- 144,000 seen in a perfect square (36,000 per side).
verses 5-8: 12 x 12,000 = 144,000 is mathematically exact.
The number must be literal or else we are left guessing as to what John heard and Ellen White saw.

4. What is the seal for the 144,000?
TM 445 -- the prophets John and Ezekiel both saw the sealing of the 144,000.
The details are recorded in Ezekiel Chapt. 9
Read **Ezekiel 9:1-11**
SOP comments: **3T 266-67**, **5T 211** -- the seal is for those who *sigh and cry* for all of the abominations that are done in the church.

5. Are the 144,000 the same as the Great Multitude?
No, only 144,000 sealed alive (to be translated) from the SDA church, whereas, there is to be a Great Multitude that no man can number (**Rev. 7:9**) harvested from the world during the Loud Cry.

6. **Isa. 66:15-20** shows a two fold harvest, one from the SDA church and those that escape the purification, the 144,000 first fruits who will gather the second fruits of the final harvest of souls, the Great Multitude from the fallen churches during the Loud Cry.

Conclusions:
• The sealing of the 144,000 is a special seal which takes place ***before*** the mark of the beast system is set up (National Sunday Law).
• The SDA church must be cleansed before the 144,000 can emerge and be filled with the latter rain power of the Holy Spirit and be qualified to give the Loud Cry.
• The 144,000 will be gathered from the SDA church. A Great Multitude that no man could number will be gathered from the world during the Loud Cry.

HOLDING THE FOUR WINDS

HURT NOT.... TILL WE HAVE SEALED THE SERVANTS OF OUR GOD...

THE GREAT MULTITUDE
REV. 7: 9

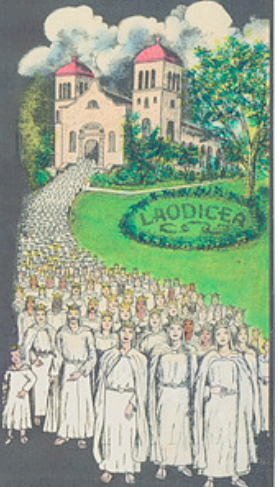LAODICEA

THE FIRST FRUITS
REV. 7: 1-4

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THE ANGER OF THE NATIONS	THE WRATH OF GOD	REV. 11:18
		THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD