

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of St. John the Divine

THE SAVED OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

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And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

—Revelation 7:14; 13-17. *

The Law of Rebirth, one of the basic laws taught in the Western Wisdom Teachings, is under the administration of great Beings called the Recording Angels, or Lords of Destiny. They see that every individual gets a chance to

obtain as much experience as he or she can stand. If it is necessary for a person to remain one thousand years in the invisible worlds between births, he remains. If not, he comes back sooner. Some people come back within a few hundred years because they have evolved to the point where *they learn quickly*. These Lords of Destiny are the "four angels" mentioned by St. John in telling of his vision.

The "servants of our God" to whom John refers as being "sealed...in their foreheads" and numbering "an hundred and forty and four thousand" are those who live according to God's laws so that they fashion the "white robe," the "golden wedding garment," or the soul body (composed of the two higher ethers of the vital body), which will be essential for living in the next great Epoch, the New Galilee. Nine is the number of humanity, and the digits of 144,000 added, give this number. Hence it is indicated that the greater portion of humanity will evolve—through great tribulation"—sufficiently to make the transition into the Sixth Epoch.

"In the New Galilee humanity will have a much...more ethereal body than now. The Earth will be transparent also, and as a result these bodies will be more easily responsive to the spiritual impacts of *intuition*. Such a body will not get tired, hence *there is no night*.. New Galilee.. will be a land of peace (Jer-u-salem), for Universal Brotherhood will bind all beings of all the Earth together in *love*. There can be no death, for the tree of life, the faculty for generating vital force, is made possible by means of an ethereal organ in the head, which will be evolved in those who are even now being taken out as forebearers for the humanity of that coming Epoch."