

# THE 144 000

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## Introduction

In our last session, we began to consider the apostle John's vision of 'the woman' and the 'man child' in Revelation Chapter 12. We made the point that *the woman is the church*, as the bride of Christ. We know that the Father formed the church to be the bride and a *comparable helper* for Christ from His physical body while He was on the cross.

The marriage of Christ and the church happened on Mount Calvary.

Further to this we know that Jesus Christ has given His name and the name of the bride city to the church, so that she is equipped to be the mother of sons of God.

## The Jerusalem from above – the mother of sons of God

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul described the church as 'the heavenly Jerusalem' or '*the Jerusalem from above*', because she is coming down out of heaven from God, as a bride adorned for her husband.

Paul described the Jerusalem from above as 'the mother of us all'. She is the 'mother' of sons of God.

In Revelation Chapter 12 we see the woman, the church, *in travail* to bring forth sons of God.

As we considered in this series, the first revelation of the motherhood of the church as the bride city coming down out of heaven from God, was seen on the day of Pentecost.

From this perspective, we can say that the woman described in Revelation Chapter 12 is a summary picture of the church bringing forth sons of God from the day of Pentecost until our present day.

## John's vision for the latter period of the seventh world kingdom

However, we finished our last session by making the point that the vision that John saw, as recorded in Revelation Chapter 12, is primarily applicable for the latter period of *the seventh world kingdom*. We know this is so for a number of reasons.

## Satan – the dragon with seven heads and ten horns

The first is that we see '*the dragon seeking to devour the man child*', or the child who is brought forth by

the church. That dragon is seen to have seven heads and ten horns. We know that the dragon is Satan because he is later described in the same chapter as 'the serpent of old', and also 'the Devil' and 'Satan'. He is the ruler of the world.

We know that we are looking particularly at the seventh world kingdom, because it is described as having *seven heads and ten horns*. The seven heads are the *administrative headquarters* through which Babylon exercises rulership over the nations of the world.

The seventh world kingdom is the United Nations.

The ten horns are rulers of nations, or groups of nations. They will be particularly relevant for the latter period of the seventh world kingdom. That is the first reason that we know the vision is primarily relevant for that particular time.

## The woman is protected and nourished for three and a half years

The second reason why we know that the vision in Revelation 12 is applicable for the latter period of the seventh world kingdom is because, soon after the birth of the man child, 'the woman will be *protected and nourished* for three and a half years, in the wilderness'.

We know that this three and a half years, which is when the church will celebrate the *wedding feast*, coincides with the reign of Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom. So that also puts the vision during the latter period of the seventh world kingdom.

## The rod of iron – authority to judge the nations

The third reason why we know that this vision is relevant for the latter period of the seventh world kingdom is because the man child will 'receive the *rod of iron*'.

The rod of iron is the specific *authority* that the Father has given Christ to *judge* the nations of the world. The rod of iron is the *rod of God*. And the rod of God is an extensive theme in the Scriptures.

The rod of iron is the *rod of God* when it is used specifically to execute the *judgement of God* upon the nations of the world.

Moses, as a type of *man child*, received the rod of God to lead the nation of Israel out of Egypt and to the promised land. But that same 'rod' was also used as a 'rod of iron' to shatter the authority of Pharaoh and the first world kingdom, which was the kingdom of Egypt.

The psalmist declared, concerning the rod of iron, 'Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' Psa 2:8-9. This is the Father speaking to the Son.

The rod of iron is the authority to judge.

### **A child of believing parents is born of God while still in the womb**

In our last session, we made the key point that every child who is conceived by believing parents who belong to the community of the church, as the bride of Christ, is a *man child*, because they receive the *blessing of Abraham* while they are still in their mother's womb.

This means that immediately after they receive *identity* through the process of procreation, they are then *adopted* by God the Father; they are *regenerated* by the Son; and He also gives them the Holy Spirit, so that they are *born of God* while they are still in the womb.

This is the simple meaning of 'a man child'. It is a son of man who has been born as a son of God.

### **The man child is the 144 000 – the firstfruits of the great multitude**

Even though every child who is born of God while still in the womb of their mother, can be described as 'a man child', not every man child *receives the rod of iron*. The fact that the man child described in Revelation Chapter 12 will receive the rod of iron indicates that this is a *unique* group of sons of God.

They receive a very specific authority from God, to *judge* Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom. They exercise this authority with Christ and His two witnesses.

A key point in this session is that the man child defined in Revelation Chapter 12 is the 144 000. The 144 000 are the *firstfruits* of the 'great multitude that no man can number, from every nation, tribe, people and tongue'.

'The 144 000' is another subject that has been the cause of much debate and speculation. But we will see that the book of Revelation clearly defined and described this group.

### **There are two groups of children who belong to the woman**

By way of introduction, we will show that the Scripture identifies two groups of 'seed', or 'children', who belong to the woman, the church. These two groups are identified in Revelation Chapter 12, and are described in quite some detail in Revelation Chapter 7.

We will follow the outline of the ministry of the 144 000 into Revelation Chapter 14 and 15 to see how they execute or proclaim judgement upon Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom.

We will begin in Revelation Chapter 12 and observe that there are two groups of 'seed', or 'children', who are identified here.

'She bore a male child.' This is the woman, the church, in heavenly places, who is in travail to bring forth children.

'She bore a male child [or a man child] who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught up to God and His throne.' Rev 12:5. This is the first *seed*, the first group of *children*. This man child is a *corporate group of sons of God*, who are then clearly identified in Revelation Chapter 7.

'After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.' Rev 7:1.

### **The sixth seal opened sees both Jew and Gentile reunited in one kingdom of God**

'After these things' refers to the time after *the opening of the sixth seal*. The opening of the seals is the time when the Lord will *reunite* both Jew and Gentile in the one kingdom of God.

We know that the ten northern tribes of Israel were scattered by the kingdom of Assyria. They have been scattered among all of the nations of the earth. They are only regathered into the kingdom of God, in the fullness of the nations, or the fullness of the Gentiles. And this fulfils the prophecy that Jacob made concerning Ephraim: that he would be *the fullness of the nations*.

As we have also considered in other sessions, the opening of the seals is also the time when the Lord

will remove the *blindness* from the nation of Israel, and *one third* of the Jewish people will also be saved and come into the kingdom of God. The opening of the *sixth seal* is the time when Jesus Christ will *sovereignly intervene* in the affairs of men, for the sake of the believers in Jerusalem.

He will judge the armies of Gog and Magog, who will be encamped on the mountains of Israel

‘After these things [meaning after this intervention by the Lord] I saw four angels.’

‘Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God [the seal of the living God is the name of the Father]. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”’ Rev 7 2-3.

#### **The judgement of God revealed on the earth**

We know that during the opening of the seals, the judgement of God will be revealed in the earth, and one quarter of the earth’s population will die under the judgement of God, because of the warfare, the economic scarcity, and then also pestilence, among other things.

But the judgement of God will not begin on the natural creation until *the blowing of the trumpets*.

These servants of God are *sealed* before the judgement of God begins on the natural creation, with the blowing of trumpets. The blowing of trumpets is the specific judgement of God, upon the administration of Babylon.

#### **144 000 of the twelve tribes sealed**

‘And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.’ Rev 7:4.

We go on to read that there will be twelve thousand who are sealed from each tribe. Significantly, the tribe of Judah is listed first, because this will be after the unification and full integration of both Jew and Gentile in the one kingdom of God. That is the first group of seed, the 144 000.

We will continue to read in Revelation Chapter 12, because the 144 000 are not the only children that are identified.

We read in verse 17, ‘And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring [the rest of her children], who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ’. Rev 12:17.

#### **The man child is a group of obedient sons of God participating in Christ’s offering and sufferings**

This defines all of the church’s offspring, all of the children. They are those ‘who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ’. This supports the point that we have been making because, of course, the 144 000, or the man child, are also among the *offspring of the church*.

The man child is not a mysterious form of new incarnation that belongs to the new heavens and the new earth.

The man child is a *group of sons of God* who are *obedient* to God the Father, and are embracing their *unique participation* in the fellowship of Christ’s offering and sufferings.

This is what it means to ‘keep the commandments of God’ and ‘to have the testimony of Jesus Christ’.

#### **Satan is cast out of heaven and the church overcomes Satan**

The context of verse 17 is that once the church has overcome Satan in the heavenly places, Michael and his angels will then cast Satan and his angels out of heaven. It is the church who overcomes Satan.

We find a very good summary statement in Revelation Chapter 12 concerning how we *overcome*.

We overcome him ‘by the blood of the Lamb’. That is *our participation in Christ’s offering and sufferings*.

We also overcome him ‘by the word of our testimony’, as we are receiving the word of faith that is proclaimed to us by the presbytery in the right hand of Christ. That word of faith is in our heart and in our mouth.

Also, we are overcoming Satan by ‘loving not our lives to the death’, or we could say very simply, *living the reality of our baptism and laying down our lives for one another*.

The church is overcoming Satan, but it is Michael and his angels who will cast Satan out of heaven. Once he has been cast out of heaven, Satan will seek to persecute the church and her children.

### **The gospel of sonship is proclaimed to the nations**

The rest of the church's *offspring* are the fruit of the church's *evangelistic ministry* during the opening of the seals. This is the time when the gospel of the kingdom, which is the *gospel of sonship*, is proclaimed as a *testimony* in all nations.

The fruit of this evangelistic ministry or the proclamation of the gospel of sonship in every place, will be 'a great multitude that no man can number, from every nation, tribe, people and tongue'. This is the rest of the church's offspring. This group is clearly identified in Revelation Chapter 7.

### **The man child - a great multitude which no man can number stand before the throne; a group of firstfruits**

'After these things' is after the sealing of the 144 000, which is the first group of 'seed'.

'After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.'

The man child, as that group of firstfruits, will be caught up to God and His throne.

Now, we see the rest of the church's offspring also 'standing before the throne of God and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes [priestly garments], and with palm branches in their hands'. Rev 7:9.

We know that they are ready to join the celebration of the true *Feast of Tabernacles*.

'And crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ' Rev 7:10.

This is the testimony of offspring, or sons of God, who are keeping the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Speaking on behalf of the presbytery with its twenty-four courses, one of the elders speaks to John.

'Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from"? And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their

robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb".' Rev 7:13-14.

We know that the *great tribulation* is the *opening of the seals*. And this great multitude is the 'fruit' of the evangelistic ministry of the church during that time.

'Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne [the Father] will dwell among them.' Rev 7:15.

This literally means, 'He will spread His tabernacle over them'.

### **The 144 000 are protected from Satan**

We have already read in Revelation 12 that, when Satan is cast out of heaven, he will seek to make war with the woman and her children. However, the Scripture is clear that once the church has overcome Satan in the heavenly places, the woman will be completely protected from him when he is cast down to the earth.

In the same way, Satan will have no capacity to devour the man child, because the man child will be caught up to God and His throne.

The 144 000 are also completely protected. In a similar way, the great multitude that come into the kingdom of God as the fruit of the church's evangelistic ministry will also be miraculously protected by God, when He spreads His tabernacle over them.

### **Priests in the true temple**

This great multitude will *serve* God the Father, as His priests in the true temple.

As we learn from the parables of Jesus, which describe the wedding hall filled with guests, this great multitude will also be included in the celebration of the wedding feast.

The elder continued to describe this miraculous provision and protection that will be extended by God when He spreads His tabernacle over them, to include the great multitude.

'They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' Rev 7:16-17.

We can see that these two groups of seed that are identified in Revelation Chapter 12, are described in quite some detail in Revelation Chapter 7.

We will now follow the ministry of the 144 000 into Revelation Chapter 14 and 15.

### **The 144 00 will minister in Jerusalem**

While the church and the great multitude which no man can number are being nourished and protected in the wilderness for the three and a half years, the 144 000 will *minister* in the city of Jerusalem. They will support the ministry of Moses and Elijah – who are *the two witnesses* of Christ – to proclaim *judgement* upon Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom.

After the apostle John was shown the emergence of the eighth world kingdom as recorded in Revelation Chapter 13, he noted, ‘Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.’ Rev 14:1.

*The Lamb* standing on Mount Zion is Jesus Christ and His administration.

It is particularly significant that the Lamb is *standing*.

We have been considering that Jesus Christ is presently *seated* in the throne of God and at His right hand. He is *seated* among the seven lampstand churches.

He is *walking* among those lampstand churches by extending His right hand. He is walking among the lampstand churches *through the messengers*, or the stars, whom He holds in His right hand.

### **The Father will take His seat and Jesus Christ will stand up to deliver the kingdom to the Father**

The Father is not yet seated. The book of Daniel tells us that there will come a time when the Father, as the Ancient of Days, *takes His seat*.

When He takes His seat, He will begin to *judge* the world. When the Father takes His seat, that initiates all of the events that belong to *the time of the end*.

Once the Father has taken His seat, Jesus Christ will stand up as the Lamb. He will stand up with His administration to receive and possess the kingdom for the sake of delivering that kingdom to the Father.

We read that the Lamb stands on Mount Zion. When Jesus Christ stands up, He will begin to rule from Mount Zion, for the purpose of establishing the Father’s kingdom and exercising the Father’s authority to judge the nations of the world. There is much prophetic Scripture that is relevant to that point.

We have identified that the *rod of iron* is the *authority* that Christ receives from the Father, to judge and shatter the ungodly nations of the world.

He was receiving this authority from the Father, on His offering journey from the garden of Gethsemane to the cross, where He was disarming every ruler, every principality, every power.

During the latter reign of the seventh world kingdom, Jesus Christ will exercise this judgement through the twenty-four courses of the presbytery in the time of the end. Jesus said to the overcomers in the presbytery in Thyatira, ‘And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end [the time of the end], to him I will give power over the nations.’ Rev 2:26.

Jesus then quoted directly from the Psalm that we read earlier. ‘“He shall rule them with a *rod of iron*; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels”, as I also have received authority from My Father.’ Rev 2:27.

### **The authority to judge the world is given to Jesus Christ and the presbytery**

The authority to judge *the seventh world kingdom* is given to Jesus Christ, and the presbytery with its twenty-four courses, in the time of the end. The promise to each of the presbyteries that belong to the seven lampstand churches is relevant to all of the presbyteries.

The authority to judge *the eighth world kingdom* also belongs to Jesus Christ and the presbytery with its twenty-four courses. However, this judgement will be specifically proclaimed by the two witnesses of Christ, who will be *supported* by the ministry of the 144 000. This is why the 144 000 are seen *standing with the Lamb* on Mount Zion.

Revelation Chapter 12 states that the 144 000 will be caught up to God and His throne; and the throne of God is in the midst of the heavenly Jerusalem *on Mount Zion*.

### **The 144 000 will stand with Christ on Mount Zion**

If we are told that the 144 000 are caught up to God in His throne, we would expect to see them on Mount Zion. And that is exactly where we see them as described in Revelation Chapter 14.

Having seen that the 144 000 will stand with Christ on Mount Zion, the apostle John proceeded to describe all of the various attributes, or characteristics, that belong to the 144 000.

‘Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him [with Christ] one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.’ Rev 14:1.

### **The 144 000 have the name of the Father written on their foreheads**

The first and foremost characteristic of the 144 000 is that they have *the name of the Father* written on their foreheads.

The name of the Father is *the seal of the living God*. It identifies that they are sons of God. They belong to Him. Furthermore, it signifies that they have attained a *full measure of the Father’s resurrection life*, while still in their mortality; in their mortal bodies.

The apostle Paul referred to this measure of resurrection life. ‘Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Jesus Christ has also laid hold of me.’ Php 3:12.

### **The harpists sing a new song**

John proceeded to describe the other characteristics of the 144 000. ‘And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song.’

The harpists are also *singing a song*. They are singing as they are playing, and playing as they are singing.

‘They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.’ Rev 14:2-3.

We will come back to the significance of the harps and the new song.

### **Serving God with undivided devotion – sanctified and separated**

He then gives further description of their characteristics. ‘These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.’

‘And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.’ Rev 14:14-15.

Each of these attributes, or characteristics, that belong to the 144 000 would be a study in its own right. But when it says that the 144 000 are ‘virgins’, it may mean that they will not be married, so that, like the apostle Paul, they are able to serve God and follow the Lamb with *undivided devotion* and without distraction.

However, in the broader sense, it certainly means that this group of firstfruits will not be *defiled by the administration of Babylon*, which is also described as a ‘woman’, in the book of Revelation.

They are not defiled by the administration of Babylon, which presently rules over all of the nations of the world. This group will not receive a call to ‘come out of Babylon’ and to be separate. They will *already* be completely *sanctified and separated*, not defiled in any way with the administration of Babylon.

### **To follow the Lamb wherever He goes is to participate in the fellowship of His journey from Gethsemane to the cross**

The 144 000 will have *forsaken everything* that belongs to the world, to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They are *true disciples* of Christ, who are committed to a full participation in each wounding event that Christ suffered from the garden of Gethsemane to the cross.

This is what it means to ‘follow the Lamb wherever He goes’. It is our *participation* in the fellowship of His journey from Gethsemane to the cross.

The 144 000 will not be participating in this journey only for the sake of their own salvation.

They will also follow Christ in relation to the *execution of judgement* upon the nations of the world.

The 144 000 are redeemed from among men to be *firstfruits* to God. They are redeemed from among

men – this supports the point that we have been making.

### **Redeemed from among men**

The ‘man child’ principle is that *sons of men*, who have received identity through the process of procreation, are *redeemed* from among men to be *adopted* by God the Father; *regenerated* by the Son; and then they receive the Holy Spirit and are *born* of God, while still in the womb.

This is true for *every child* who has received the *blessing of Abraham*, in their mother’s womb, because of the faith of their parents.

However, the 144 000 are also a unique group of firstfruits who will receive a *specific mandate* from God, in relation to the judgement of the eighth world kingdom.

### **Proclaiming the truth of God’s word**

The 144 000 will have *no deceit in their mouth*.

This means that they will be messengers who proclaim the truth of God’s word as the expression of their own testimony.

The fact that they have no deceit in their mouth is a significant statement. It means that the propensity which resides in the heart of every fallen human being – to be the source of our own name, our own works, to proclaim our own word – will have been *circumcised* from their heart, through their participation in the fellowship of Christ’s offering and sufferings, so that they *proclaim only the word of God* as the word of truth.

### **The 144 000 will have an evangelistic ministry leading to the final harvest of sons of God**

In this session, we are introducing the role of the 144 000 in relation to the *judgement* of the eighth world kingdom.

However, the book of Revelation also reveals that the 144 000 will have a particularly important *evangelistic ministry* during the transition from the seventh world kingdom to the eighth world kingdom. It is the evangelistic ministry of the 144 000 that will lead to one *final harvest* of sons of God. Rev 14: 14-16.

This final harvest will happen immediately before *the fullness of the wrath of God* is poured out upon the nations of the world, through the seven vials.

The 144 000 are *without fault* before the throne of God. This means that they are *overcomers* who have

been presented as being *blameless* to God for service in His temple.

### **The harps are instruments of war**

As we conclude, we will come back to the significance of the harps and the new song.

The apostle John said that he heard the 144 000 playing on harps. ‘They sang [the harpists] as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.’ Rev 14:3.

This is evidently a unique song. It is a song that only the 144 000 can learn, because it belongs to their unique calling as disciples, and messengers of God, at the end of the age. T

he 144 000 will be playing harps because they are in *spiritual conflict* with the kingdoms of the world, and with the principalities and powers which have authority over the kingdoms of the world.

The spiritual harps are *instruments of war*.

### **The 144 00 remain in Jerusalem as servants of Moses and Elijah**

Significantly, when the twenty-four courses of elders and the church – including the great multitude which no man can number – are miraculously nourished and protected in the wilderness, during the three and a half years of the eighth world kingdom, the 144 000 will remain in Jerusalem as the *servants* to Moses and Elijah.

The book of Revelation clearly describes the ministry of Moses and Elijah, as the two witnesses of Christ, in the city of Jerusalem during this time. Further, we know that the 144 000 are also in the city of Jerusalem, supporting the ministry of Moses and Elijah, because we see them on ‘the sea of glass’ that is ‘mingled with fire’, in Revelation Chapter 15.

‘And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.’ Rev 15:2.

We know that we are talking about the same group here, with their *spiritual harps* and *singing a new song*.

'The sea of glass' is *the laver* that belongs in *the outer court* of the true tabernacle. In the tabernacle of Moses, the bronze altar and the bronze laver were positioned in the outer court. The sea of glass is the laver that belongs in the outer court of the true tabernacle.

After John received the little book from the hand of the archangel Michael, he was given the gold rod and instructed to measure the temple of God, the altar of incense in the most holy place, and all those who worship there. Rev 10. Rev 11:1.

He was then told to leave out the court – the outer court – which is outside the temple, because it will be given to the Gentiles to be trampled for three and a half years.

In the time of the end, the outer court of the true temple will be the city of Jerusalem. The 144 000 are seen in the most holy place of the true tabernacle, as described in Revelation Chapter 14. They were seen standing on Mount Zion with the Lamb.

However, as they follow the Lamb wherever He goes, they will go out from the holy place to the outer court – that is, to the city of Jerusalem – for the purpose of fulfilling their *final ministry* during the reign of Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom.

### **The word will invoke the judgement of the world by fire**

The laver will be mingled with *fire* because it will be operating in *judgement*. This means that the water of the word will no longer be *washing* and *sanctifying* those who receive it, as it is doing in our day. The word will be invoking the judgement of the world by fire.

Significantly, as those who have the seal of the living God on their foreheads, and follow the Lamb wherever He goes, the 144 000 cannot be harmed by Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom. Rather, they will *overcome* the eighth world kingdom, as those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over the number of his name.

It is good to know that we are looking at 'the winning team', here. And they will overcome Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom by playing on their spiritual harps and by singing this new song.

'They sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!" ' Rev 15:3.

As we have said, Moses and Elijah are the two witnesses of Christ, who will proclaim the judgement of God upon Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom, during the three and a half years of their reign. As servants to Moses and Elijah, the 144 000 will sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

The prophetic song of Moses is recorded in Deuteronomy Chapter 32. The song of Moses foretells the historic judgement of the nation of Israel; the recovery of the nation of Israel; and then the judgement of the nations of the world.

It concludes with the words, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people'. Deu 32:43.

This is the answer to the cry, or the prayer, of the martyrs who are revealed under the opening of the fifth seal, when they ask the question, 'How long, O Lord, will it be until You avenge our blood upon those who dwell on the earth?'

The answer to the question is here, during the reign of the eighth world kingdom.

In the book of Revelation, the song of Moses is summarised as, 'Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgements have been manifested.' Rev 15:3-4.

That is a great summary. 'For Your judgements have been manifested.' And the judgements of God will be fully manifested when the fullness of His wrath is poured out upon Antichrist and the eighth world kingdom, through the seven vials.