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# “God’s Day of Reckoning: Payday Someday”





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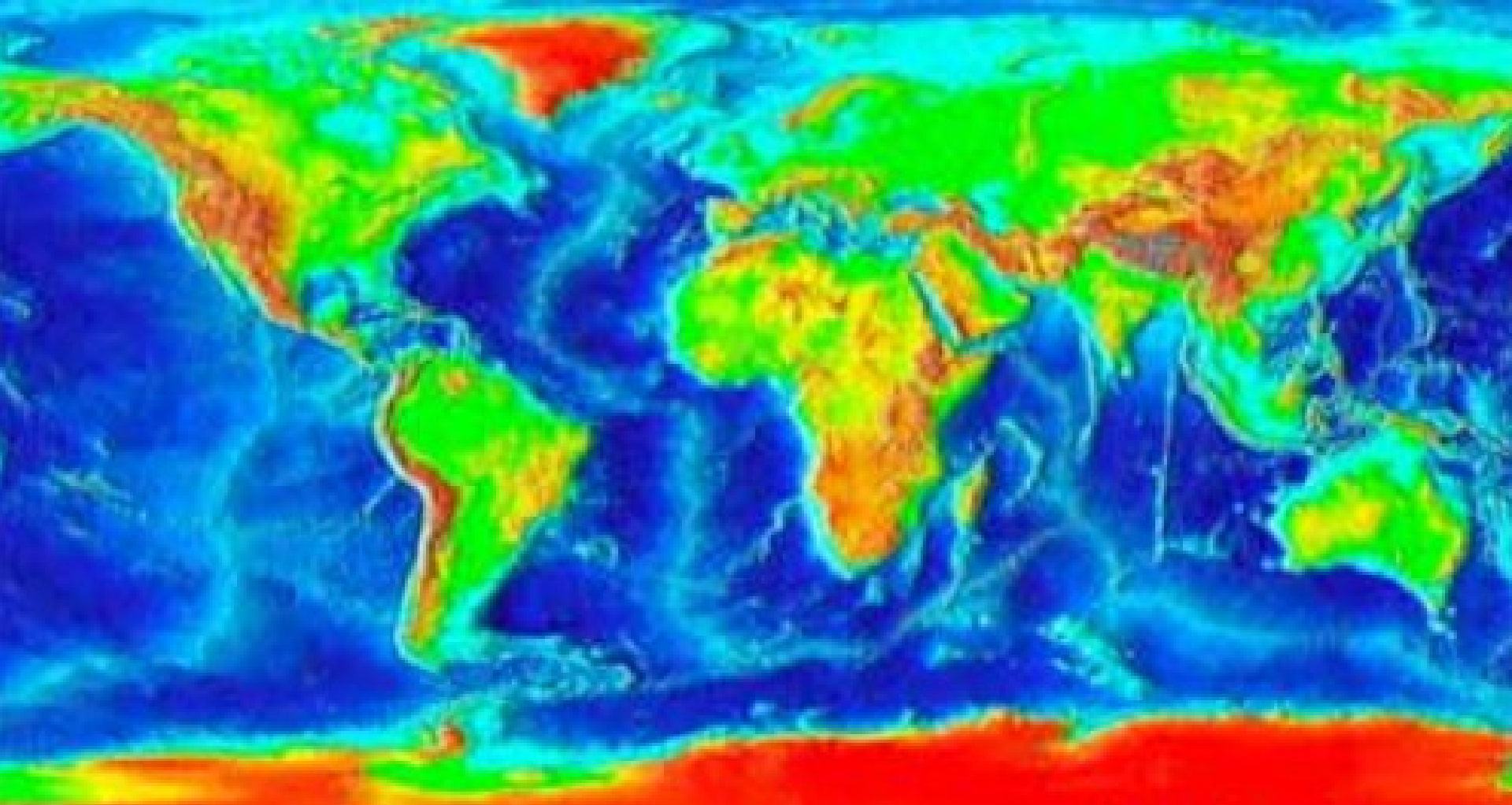
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- 1. He reveals His will**
- 2. He shows His sovereignty**
- 3. He shields His people**
- 4. He empowers His people**





**4 angels      4 corners      4 winds**

God is in control of the physical world and He will delay destruction until His purpose is accomplished

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- 1. It is a seal of possession**
- 2. It is a seal of Protection**
- 3. It is a seal of preservation**

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### **III. A Distinct People**

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**4 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:**

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**6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed;**

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**8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.**

A man with white hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and a yellow and blue striped tie, is sitting on concrete steps. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Behind him is a window with a green metal grille. The background shows some foliage and a light-colored wall.

**Who Are the 144,000?  
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**9** 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, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,  
**10** and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
**11** All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

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**12 saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

**13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”**

**14 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.**

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**15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 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.”**

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A group of approximately 15-20 people are shown in silhouette against a bright, fiery orange and red background. The figures are standing in a line, and their forms are dark against the glowing backdrop. The overall mood is dramatic and intense.

144,000 Witnesses

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