

On the sea of glass the 144,000 translated saints stood in a perfect hollow square with Jesus in the midst

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Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded, as he descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints then raised his eyes and hands to heaven & cried out, Awake! Awake! Awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise. Then there was a mighty earthquake. **The graves opened, and the dead came up clothed with immortality.** The 144,000 shouted, Hallelujah! as they **recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death**, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. We all entered the cloud together, and were **7 days ascending to the sea of glass**, when Jesus brought along the crowns and with his own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. {1846 DS}

**Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square. Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared [heavy] with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns.** And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the City. Jesus raised his mighty glorious arm, laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its golden hinges, and said to us, You have washed your robes in my blood, stood stiffly for my truth, enter in. {1846 DS}

Those who a little before would have destroyed God's faithful children from the earth, had to witness the glory of God which rested upon them. They had seen them glorified. And amid all the terrible scenes they had heard the voices of the saints in joyful strains, saying, Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us. The earth mightily shook as the voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call, and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, Victory! victory! over death and the grave. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **Then the living saints, and the resurrected ones, raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory. Those sickly bodies that had gone down into the grave came up in immortal health and vigor. The living saints were changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and caught up with the resurrected ones, and together they meet their Lord in the air.** O what a glorious meeting. Friends whom death had separated, were united, never more to part. {1858 1SG 207.1}

On either side of the cloudy chariot were wings, and beneath it were living wheels; and as the cloudy chariot rolled upward, the wheels cried, Holy, and the wings, as they moved, cried, Holy, and the retinue of holy angels around the cloud cried, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty. And the saints in the cloud cried, Glory, Alleluia. **And the chariot rolled upward to the holy city. Before entering the holy city, the saints were arranged in a perfect square, with JESUS in the MIDST. He was head and shoulders high above the saints, and head and shoulders above the angels. His majestic form, and lovely countenance, could be seen by ALL in the square.** {1858 1SG 208.1} Also {1882 EW 287.2}

Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,—so resplendent is it with the glory of God,—are gathered the company that have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.” [Revelation 15:2.] **With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, “having the harps of God,” they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men;** and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, “the voice of harpers harping with their harps.” [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17] **And they sing “a new song” before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb,—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience,—an experience such as no other company have ever had. “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.” These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as “the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” “These are they which came out of great tribulation;” [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14-17.] they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” “In their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault” before God. “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.” [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14-17.] They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But “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 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17.] {1888 GC88 648.3}**

Revelation 7:14 **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.**

Revelation 7:15 **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.**

Revelation 7:16 **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat**

Revelation 7:17 **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 14:1 ¶ **And I looked, and, lo, A LAMB STOOD ON THE MOUNT SION, AND WITH HIM AN HUNDRED FORTY [AND] FOUR THOUSAND, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

Revelation 14:2 **And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:**

Revelation 14:3 **And they sung as it were a new song before the THRONE, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**

Revelation 14:4 **These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. THESE WERE REDEEMED FROM AMONG MEN, [BEING] THE FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD AND TO THE LAMB.**

Revelation 14:5 **And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.**

Revelation 15:2 **And I saw as it were a SEA OF GLASS mingled with fire: and THEM THAT HAD GOTTEN THE VICTORY over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the SEA OF GLASS, having the HARPS OF GOD.**

Revelation 15:3 **And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous [are] THY works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] THY ways, THOU King of saints.**

In the issue of the great contest, two distinct, opposite classes are developed. One class "worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark," and thus bring upon themselves the awful judgments threatened by the third angel. The other class, in marked contrast to the world, "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [Revelation 14:9, 12.] Though the powers of earth summon their forces to compel "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive the mark of the beast, yet the people of God do not receive it. The prophet of Patmos beholds "**them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God,**" [Revelation 15:2.] and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. {1884 4SP 282.2}

I hope and pray that you may walk in all lowliness of mind, that you may be a blessing to one another. "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." The bridal lamps must be kept trimmed and burning. Our Lord delays because of His long-suffering to usward, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." **But when we, with all the redeemed, shall stand upon the sea of glass, with harps of gold and crowns of glory, and before us the immensity of eternity, then we shall see how short was the waiting period of probation.** "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching." {1882 5T 485.1}

When we look into the times when Jesus was **in the midst** we find, in addition to the sea of glass reference, occurrences with hostility and angel protection, His death and subsequent return to His disciples. No doubt there were also times when Jesus spoke to His disciples where they surrounded Him.

**Before entering the city, the saints are arranged in a HOLLOW square, with Jesus in the midst.** In height he surpasses both the saints and the angels. His majestic form and lovely countenance can be seen by all in the square. Upon the heads of the overcomers the Saviour, with his own right hand, places the crowns of glory. For every saint there is a crown, bearing his new name, and the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord." In every hand is placed the victor's palm and the shining harp. The commanding angels strike the note, and every voice is raised in grateful praise, every hand sweeps the harp-strings with skillful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains. {1884 4SP 464.3}

Their unbelief and malice increased. Satan controlled their minds, and they cried out against him with wrath and hatred. Their assembly broke up, and they laid hands upon Jesus, and thrust him out of the synagogue, out of their city, and would have rid the world of his presence, had they had power so to do. All seemed eager to act a part in destroying him. **They hurried him to the brow of a steep precipice**, intending to cast him headlong. Their hands, they thought, were upon him. Some were crying one thing, some another. Some were casting stones and dirt at him; but suddenly he disappeared out of their midst, they knew not how, or when. **Angels of God attended Jesus in the midst of that infuriated mob, and preserved his life.** The heavenly messengers were by his side in the synagogue, while he was speaking; and they accompanied him when pressed and urged on by the unbelieving, infuriated Jews. These angels blinded the eyes of that maddened throng, and they conducted Jesus to a place of safety. {1877 1Red 57.1}

Luke 4:29 **And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the BROW OF THE HILL whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.**

Luke 4:30 **But he passing through the MIDST OF THEM went his way,**

Their unbelief bred malice. Satan controlled their minds, and they cried out against the Saviour with wrath and hatred. The assembly broke up, and the wicked people laid hands upon Jesus, thrusting him from the synagogue, and out of their city, and would have killed him if they had been able to do so. All seemed eager for his destruction. They hurried him to the brow of a steep precipice, intending to cast him headlong from it. Shouts and maledictions filled the air. Some were casting stones and dirt at him; but suddenly he disappeared out of their midst, they knew not how, or when. **Angels of God attended Jesus in the midst of that infuriated mob, and preserved his life.** The heavenly messengers were by his side in the synagogue, while he was speaking; and they accompanied him when pressed and urged on by the unbelieving, infuriated Jews. **These angels blinded the eyes of that maddened throng, and conducted Jesus to a place of safety.** {2SP 114 1}

The thieves crucified with Jesus were placed "on either side one, and Jesus **in the midst.**" This was done by the direction of the priests and rulers. Christ's position between the thieves was to indicate that He was the greatest criminal of the three. Thus was fulfilled the scripture, "He was numbered with the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12. But the full meaning of their act the priests did not see. **As Jesus, crucified with the thieves, was placed "in the midst," so His cross was placed in the midst of a world lying in sin.** And the words of pardon spoken to the penitent thief kindled a light that will shine to the earth's remotest bounds. {1898 DA 751.4}

John 19:18 **Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus IN THE MIDST.**

Joseph and Nicodemus watched every development at the condemnation and crucifixion of Christ. Not an action escaped them. These men were diligent searchers of the Scriptures, and they were deeply indignant as they saw this Man, whom the judges had pronounced to be entirely without fault, placed in the center of two thieves, "**On either side one, and Jesus in the midst.**" This instruction had been given by the chief priests and rulers, that by His position all might judge that Christ was the most notorious of the three. {Ms103-1897}

John 20:19 ¶ **Then the same day at evening, being the first [day] of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and STOOD IN THE MIDST, and saith unto them, Peace [be] unto you.**

John 20:20 **And when he had so said, he showed unto them [his] hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.**

John 20:21 **Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

John 20:22 **And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**

Now we return to the perfect hollow square. From mathematical checks based upon the above information, the following has been established:

Assuming that each one of the 144,000 translated saints stands in a square of 1x1 units, then,

The hollow square has an outer unit dimension of 640x640 with an inner 480x480 unit dimension.

This permits each 640 unit outer side to be sub-divided as follows:

**80** [related to the returning side] then 5, **150**, 5, 5, **150**, 5, 5, **150**, 5, and **80** [related to the returning side]

This layout gives  $150 \times 80 = 12,000$  square units for each of the 12 tribes of Israel, with a nominal 10 unit separation gap between each tribe.

Thus the allotted area for each of the 12 tribes is  $160 \times 80$ , which is a 2:1 ratio.

Note that the 5, **150**, 5, 5, **150**, 5, 5, **150**, 5 unit dimensions summate to the 480 inner square.

Revelation 7:4 **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.**

Revelation 7:5 **Of the tribe of Juda [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad [were] sealed twelve thousand.**

Revelation 7:6 **Of the tribe of Aser [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses [were] sealed twelve thousand.**

Revelation 7:7 **Of the tribe of Simeon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar [were] sealed twelve thousand.**

Revelation 7:8 **Of the tribe of Zabulon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin [were] sealed twelve thousand.**

It has been further noted that:

$640 \times 640 / 480 \times 480 = 1.777777777$  reoccurring

$480 \times 480 / 640 \times 640 = 0.5625$

$384000 / (480 \times 480) = 1.6666666$  reoccurring

$(480 \times 480) / 384000 = 0.6$

where the 384000 is derived from  $640 \times 640$  less the  $4 \times (80 \times 80)$  unused squares of the outer square.

In gematria:

777 = Power of the Godhead / Perfection – Jesus Christ

666 = The Mark / Number of the Beast – The Antichrist

80 = Prayer (Son of Man)

480 = Son of God (On the Throne)

The reoccurrence of these numbers possibly relates to infinity [never ending].

Finally, for those wandering how Jesus could be seen by ALL in the square with a gather of 80 translated saints in depth, the following text offers an explanation. Obviously heavenly eyesight is far superior to earthly eyesight.

Soon we heard his lovely voice again, saying: Come my people; you have come out of great tribulation, and done my will, suffered for me; come in to supper, for I will gird myself, and serve you. We shouted Hallelujah, glory, and entered into the city, and **I saw a table of pure silver, it was many miles in length, yet our eyes could extend over it.** And **I saw the fruit of the tree of life, the manna, almonds, figs, pomegranates, grapes, and many other kinds of fruit.** We all reclined at the table. I asked Jesus to let me eat of the fruit. He said, not now. Those who eat of the fruit of this land, go back to earth no more. But in a little while if faithful, you shall both **eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the fountain,** and he said, you must go back to the earth again, and relate to others, what I have revealed to you. Then an angel bore me gently down to **this dark world.** Sometimes I think I cannot stay here any longer, all things of earth look so dreary. **I feel very lonely here, for I have seen a better land.** O, that I had wings like a dove, then would I fly away, and be at rest. Ellen G. Harmon