

**The 12 Apostles with the Kingdom Church  
and  
The One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand**

1. Isaiah 43:1,10 declares that Israel is God's servants and Witnesses in the Kingdom, Prophetic program. The Commission of the 12 Apostles in Acts 1:8 involves being a "Witness" unto the utter most part of the world. According to Acts 1:22 a witness is one who has seen Jesus Christ after His resurrection..

The 144,000 are called God's "Servants" (Rev. 7:3); and apparently (according to Rev. 7:9-17) have at least preached Jesus Christ unto the uttermost parts of the world.

2. In their first commission the 12 Apostles and 70 others were given power over the Devils. (Luke 10:19)

So are the 144,000 during the years of their ministry in Revelation 7-14.

3. The 12 Apostles were later commissioned to go to the utter most parts of the earth and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to every creature (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Matt. 24:14). One year later God interrupted their work (Acts 9-15; Gal. 2:9).

What the 12 Apostles began in early Acts commences again in Revelation 7 with the ministry of the 144,000.

4. The 12 Apostles were told that they would not cover the cities of Israel till the Lord Jesus comes (Matt. 10:1,7,22,23).

In Revelation 6:12-17 the Lord Jesus has come (not on the earth as he will, but has come) to judge the world. Its at that time the 144,000 are sealed, in order to finish the work the 12 Apostles and others began.

5. The 12 Apostles and their early converts constitute the Kingdom Church (assembly) and it was told them that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against them or their message (Matt 16:18).

In Revelation 1:18 The Lord Jesus Christ shows up with the "keys of hell and death." It is as if He is opening Hades (hell - the place of departed spirits) and opening as well the grave (death - the place the bodies are stored) - Resurrection.

6. In the resurrection Israel is told they will not marry nor will they be given in marriage but will be as the Angels of heaven (who are all males by-the-way).

Revelation 14:4 informs us that the 144,000 are all virgin males. It also says they are faultless. All is true of resurrected beings.

7. The Kingdom commission and the Kingdom Church began with the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost which begins “The Feast of First Fruits.” James later writes these same saints and tells them that they are a type of firstfruits unto God (James 1:1,18).

In Revelation 14:4 it says of the 144,000 that they are the firstfruits unto God.

8. In preparation of the commission of the 12 Apostles during the absence of the Lord Jesus Christ from the earth, they were told in Mark 16:18 that nothing “shall hurt you.”

The purpose of the sealing of the 144,000 in Revelation 7:3 is so that nothing can hurt them. In Revelation 9:3,4 others are killed but they cannot be hurt.

9. To carry out the witness (Acts 1:8) unto the uttermost parts of the earth, the 12 Apostles needed the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of “tongues” to communicate (Acts 2:4).

The result of the ministry of the 144,000 is that people from all nations, kindreds, people and “tongues” are saved (Revelation 7:9).

10. John wrote the book of Revelation and is one of the 12 Apostles (Matt. 10:5).

This same John is told in Revelation 10:11 that he must prophesy again. As well, Moses and Elijah, according to Revelation 11:3-12 shall return to prophesy again. So it is feasible that the 12 Apostles and the early Kingdom Church shall return and finish the ministry they were trained and commissioned to carry out before the interruption of the age of grace. If so, they may return as the 144,000.