

**“About My Father’s *Other* Business:  
The John the Baptist Generation (One Line, One Life, One Generation)”**  
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☞ Does God have a \_\_\_\_\_ (different) standard for the \_\_\_\_\_ (final) John the Baptist generation on earth than he has had for all the \_\_\_\_\_ (previous) generations?

- ▼ Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ (“translation”) standard different from a \_\_\_\_\_ (“resurrection”) standard?
- ▼ Does God require a \_\_\_\_\_ (higher) standard for those who will be living when Jesus returns than for those who have died before he returns, but who will be resurrected when he comes again?

☞ The Apocalypse’s John the Baptist generation: The \_\_\_\_\_ (144,000)

- ▼ Revelation 14:1-5 — their extremely counter-cultural portrait
- ▼ God’s 144,000—his final John the Baptist generation on earth—*Are they held to a different (higher) standard than the rest of God’s friends and saints and forgiven sinners of the previous generations?*

! Are they the first to be \_\_\_\_\_ (blameless) (Rev 14:5)?

- ▼ Genesis 6:9—\_\_\_\_\_ (Noah)
- ▼ Genesis 17:1—\_\_\_\_\_ (Abraham)
- ▼ Job 1:1—\_\_\_\_ (Job)
- ▼ Ephesians 5:27—\_\_\_\_\_ (Church)

! Are they the first to not \_\_\_\_ (lie) (Rev 14:5)?

- ▼ John 1:47—\_\_\_\_\_ (Nathanael)

! Are they the first to follow the \_\_\_\_\_ (Lamb) (Rev 14:4)?

- ▼ Genesis 5:24—\_\_\_\_\_ (Enoch)

! Are they the first to be \_\_\_\_\_ (pure) morally/spiritually (Rev 14:4)?

- ▼ Genesis 39:10—\_\_\_\_\_ (Joseph)
- ▼ Daniel 3:12—\_\_\_\_\_ (The 3 Hebrews)

! Are they the first to sing a \_\_\_\_\_ (new) song (Rev 14:3)?

- ▼ Exodus 15:1—\_\_\_\_\_ (Moses)

! Are they the first to be \_\_\_\_\_ (sealed) (Rev 14:1)?

- ▼ Ezekiel 9:4—\_\_\_\_\_ (God-fearing Jews)
- ▼ Ephesians 1:13—\_\_\_\_\_ (God-fearing Christians)

! Are they the first to \_\_\_\_\_ (obey) the commandments of God (Rev 14:12)

- ▼ Daniel 6:13—\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel)

! Are they the first to hold fast to the \_\_\_\_\_ (faith) of Jesus (Rev 14:12)?

- ▼ II Timothy 4:7—\_\_\_\_\_ (Paul)

- ▼ Does it not seem clear that the 144,000—God’s final John the Baptist generation—\_\_\_\_\_ (*share*) the righteous heritage and high calling of God’s people throughout sacred history?

- ▼ The standard is \_\_\_\_\_ (unchanged).

☞ However—there are two significant \_\_\_\_\_ (uniquenesses) about the 144,000/the John the Baptist generation that will be unparalleled in human history.

- ▼ Uniqueness #1: They will be unique in \_\_\_\_\_ (number)

- ▼ Revelation 14:7— “. . . The hour of his judgement has come.”

! There will now be a \_\_\_\_\_ (whole generation) of Enochs and John the Baptists and Marys and Esthers and Pauls and Daniels across the face of the earth.

! God will have a generation of \_\_\_\_\_ (Jobs) who will be so loyal to him that they will cry out: “Though he \_\_\_\_\_ (slays) me, yet will I \_\_\_\_\_ (trust) in him.”

! Revelation 12:11

! God will have literally tens of thousands of men, women, young adults and senior citizens and children . . . all over the face of this fallen and crumbling earth . . . who will have *his* \_\_\_\_\_ (*name*) in their foreheads and *his* \_\_\_\_\_ (*character*) in their hearts!

- ▼ Uniqueness #2: They will be unique in \_\_\_\_\_ (history)

! They will be a \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Atonement) people.

! **Leviticus 16:30**

! **II Corinthians 6:19-7:1**

! **A divine call for a \_\_\_\_\_ (cleansed) and \_\_\_\_ (holy) people.**  
! **The 144,000 will be a \_\_\_\_\_ (final) generation that \_\_\_\_\_ (finally) takes that call utterly seriously.**

! ***Radical counter-cultural holiness* vs the “sweet poison of the false infinite” (C. S. Lewis)**

! **“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; she who is filthy, let her be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; she who is holy, let her be holy still.” (Revelation 22:11)**

☞ **How then shall we live?**

- ▼ **John 3:30—“He must \_\_\_\_\_ (increase), but I must \_\_\_\_\_ (decrease).”**
- ▼ **“May I take ten looks at Christ, O God, for every look I take at me.”**
- ▼ **“Looking in faith to the Redeemer, John had risen to the height of self-abnegation [self-renunciation]. . . . The soul of the prophet, emptied of self, was filled with the light of the divine.” (*Desire of Ages* 179, 180)**
- ▼ **Revelation 14:4—“And they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.”**

**O the bitter pain and sorrow,  
That a time could ever be,  
When I proudly said to Jesus,  
“All of self and none of Thee.”**

**Yet he found me; I beheld Him  
Bleeding on th’ accursed tree;  
And my wistful heart said faintly,  
“Some of self and some of Thee.”**

**Day by day His tender mercy,  
Healing, helping, full and free,  
Brought me lower, while I whispered,  
“Less of self and more of Thee.”**

**Higher than the highest heavens,  
Deeper than the deepest sea,  
Lord, Thy love at last has conquered,  
“None of self and all of Thee.”**

**—Theodore Monod**

different, final, previous, “translation”, “resurrection”, higher, 144,000, blameless, Noah, Abraham, Job, Church, Nathanael, Lamb, Enoch, pure, Joseph, The 3 Hebrews, new, Moses, sealed, God-fearing Jews, God-fearing Christians, obey, Daniel, faith, Paul, share, unchanged, uniquenesses, number, whole generation, Jobs, slays, trust, name, character, history, Day, Atonement, cleansed, holy, final, finally, increase, decrease