

THE STRIPES OF A TIGER & THE 144,000

I must say that when I first read Averine Pennington's post "Taming the Tiger & 'new arrival' in the Camp", I was intrigued. In that post, she described a dream where she was confined indoors for 2 months at a quarantine camp and had just been permitted to go outside. Suddenly a female tiger bounded towards her in a seemingly aggressive way. Averine stood her ground without flinching and the female tiger ended up just nuzzling her hand before leaving her alone.

Well, after praying about her dream, I think I might just have some insight on the identity of that female tiger. I think she represents the 144,000 end-time remnant (also known as the "First-fruits").

One major clue is the tiger stripes. Those tiger stripes made me think of the "stripes of Jesus". They represent His suffering on the cross and how the affliction of one saved many.

The same is true of the 144,000. They too share in the "stripes of Jesus" for they have endured much pain and suffering along with great persecution much like the saints of old. Consider Paul who endured beatings, stripes, imprisonment, tribulation, hunger, persecution, shipwrecks, etc. You name it, he endured it. Same with David. He was banished from his own home, conspired against by his own sons, relentlessly hunted down by his father-in-law, and his 2 wives and all his possessions were violently stolen from him.

I found it interesting that the female tiger reappeared sometime later with 2 cubs in tow. That's another important clue concerning the end-time remnant. I believe that the 144,000 will serve as surrogate "parents" or caretakers to the lost, the misplaced, and the rejected.

Because the 144,000 have endured much hardship and affliction, they will have great empathy for those who lose everything. Because they have learned how to survive and thrive in the fire of affliction, they will know how to offer comfort to those who will go through it.

Remember the story of how Jacob acquired his flock? Did he ask Laban for some of his perfect cattle and sheep? No. He wanted the ringstraked (another name for striped), the speckled, and the spotted - the very ones that others might consider undesirable.

And isn't it interesting that David became a leader of a band of misfits for it says those in distress, those in debt and those who were discontented gathered to him.

In early 2018, the Lord gave me the Word, **“FIERCE YET GENTLE”**. I think that Word perfectly describes the personality of the 144,000. Gentle as doves to the ones that they are sent to care for, yet fierce as a lion towards any enemies who dare threaten those entrusted to their care.

Whenever I think of “FIERCE YET GENTLE”, I remember the Lillian Gish character in the movie “The Night of the Hunter”, which I first described in my testimony, “Greyhound Bus, Greyhound Dog”. With the little orphans that she adopted, she exemplified kindness, compassion, tenderness and gentleness. But anyone foolish enough to come after those kids, saw her fierce side emerge.

Finally, I want to share 3 visions that I received from the Lord in 2018, which further explain the role of the 144,000.

Vision #1, received on 4/1/2018 at 6:29 PM

I was leading a group of 4 or 5 new believers at night through city streets. We were staying close to the sides of buildings to avoid being seen. I saw a flicker of light up ahead, so I went ahead of the others to see what was around the corner.

I saw someone, who had been tortured, hanging on a crucifix. The flicker of light was from a nearby fire. I knew I could not let the others see how shaken up I was by the sight, so I took a moment to compose myself. Then I went back to the others and told them to follow me, but not to look to the left or right but straight ahead. **End of vision.**

Vision #2, received on 4/1/2018 at 6:38 PM

I was with the same group of people as before. This time we were trapped in a building. The only way to safety was to go through a wall of fire. I told the group that we had to walk through the fire to get to safety. Several of them shrunk back in fear. I told them that I would walk through the fire first and then come back to them so they could see that I wasn't harmed. **End of vision.**

Vision #3, received on 4/2/2018

I was with the same group of people as before. This time we approached a huge group of believers that were surrounded by a ring of fire. I knew in the spirit that this place of refuge was our destination.

As we approached, the ‘hounds of hell’ were right on our heels. I told the group to run as fast as they could through the wall of fire as I stayed behind to distract the hounds. The group obeyed and quickly made it to safety.

Suddenly one of the ‘hounds’ jumped on me and knocked me to the ground. I opened my mouth to call out to Jesus, but then it began choking me. That is when two men ran outside the wall of fire and began binding the demons in the name of Jesus. Then they dragged me inside the ring of fire to safety. **End of vision.**

SCRIPTURES

ZECHARIAH 2:8 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle in it: 5For I, says the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

ISAIAH 43:1 But now thus says the LORD that created you, O Jacob, and he that formed you, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine. 2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame scorch you.

DANIEL 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. 20And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, and their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 23And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said unto his counselors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the form of the fourth is like a son of the gods. 26Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the most high God, come forth, and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth out of the midst of the fire. 27And the satraps, administrators, and governors, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw THESE MEN, UPON WHOSE BODIES THE FIRE HAD NO POWER, NOR WAS A HAIR OF THEIR HEAD SINGED, NEITHER WERE THEIR COATS AFFECTED, NOR HAD THE SMELL OF FIRE COME UPON THEM. 28Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

MATTHEW 16:18 And I say also unto you, That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it. 19And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be what has been bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be what has been loosed in heaven.