

144,000

David Rendon

I know there is much contention and debate to the question; "Is the 144,000 literal or symbolic"? I can appreciate the zeal one has for the literal nature of the word of God, but I must ask, do you really want that to be a literal number? (With a membership of 21 Million the odds are slim that there is even one in Texas). The book of Revelation was written in both symbolic and literal language; so how can we tell when to read it as one or the other? The prophetic rules of interpretation indicate if a symbol is introduced then the context is symbolic. Revelation 7:1-8 and 14:1-5 are two places where we find the 144,000, each are highly symbolic in context and each symbol has a concrete interpretation.

Revelation is full of ideas and references to Old Testament scriptures and to understand the 144,000 we must understand why people are numbered in the bible at all. The bible numbers people in 2 Samuel 18:1 and in the book of Numbers. David numbers his people with the intention for war and in Numbers 1:20 we read "...according to the number...all that were able to go forth to war." Therefore in the numbering of the 144,000, God is making up His army so they can receive the seal of God.

Now let's examine whether or not God is just waiting for that magical number to be arrived at. What if it isn't so cut and dried as to whether it is literal or symbolic? What if God is trying to teach us something? The Old Testament reference for Revelation chapter seven is Numbers chapter one because these are the only places the individual tribes are numbered to reach a sum total. The total being 144,000 in Revelation 7 and the total being 603,550 in Numbers 1:44-46. If we connect these passages we see that God would be teaching us that only a fraction will ready to go to war when the time comes (144,000 or 603,550, Again not to be taken literally). Fifty percent of the virgins were ready, and only one leper out of ten turned to say thank you, but I also know God is working on all of us and does not want anyone to perish.

So who would want to go to war anyway? Are we to be content doing nothing and waiting for the "sign of Jesus' coming"? Many of us shrink at the thought of war and rightly so if we are not properly trained. Let's now think about the greatest heathen captain to walk the earth, spoken of as such in Daniel Chapters 2,7,8 & 11; Alexander the Great. This man never was defeated in battle, winning every battle with unrivaled speed. Think of his soldiers as they woke up each morning of battle, do you see them trembling in their armor, hiding behind their comrades for shelter, or do you see them with courage going into battle knowing that today will only end in victory. Shouldn't we go forth with much more courage than these, knowing we have Jesus as our Captain? May God grant us more faith to be a part of the 144,000. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). God can and will finish this work in you if you will cooperate with Him.

Sabbath Together

February 10, 2018

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Classroom 1 - Traditional Quarterly
 Classroom 14 - Prayer Study - Jan Yates
 Choir Room - Prophecy Study - David Rendon
 Youth Lounge - (10:00am) Young Adult 18-35
 - Bryan Bautista and Hans Burda

Children's Classes:

Cradle Roll - Birth to 3: Classroom 3
 Kindergarten - Age 4 through 1st Grade: Classroom 4
 Primary - Grades 2-5: Classroom 2
 Juniors - Grades 5-7: Classroom 7
 Earliteen - Grades 7-9: Classroom 9

Sabbath Worship 11:00 AM

Call To Worship	<i>We Have This Hope</i>	Hymn 214
Welcome		Robert Plant, II
Praise Song	<i>Redeemed</i>	Hymn 338
Children's Story		Ana Moreno
	<i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit Church Landscaping</i>	
	All children ages 5-14 are now invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested	
Praise In Giving	World Ministries	Ed Thorne
	~~~~ Tithes and all offerings also received at this time ~~~~	
Offering Response		Hymn 694
	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Song of Prayer	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Hymn 483
Circle of Prayer		Robert Plant, II
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message In Song		Robert Plant, II
Message	144,000	David Rendon
Closing Song	<i>When We All Get To Heaven</i>	Hymn 633
Benediction		David Rendon
	Postlude	
	~~~~ Please remain seated until your row is dismissed ~~~~	

Praise Leader: Robert Plant, II
Pianist/Organist: Jamellah Siika

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Speaker Next Week: Daniel Davis
"God Loves, Satan Bites"

Offering Next Week: Church Budget

Attendance Last Week: 148

Deacon Today: David Riley

Today's Greeter: Tammy Allen

Welcome

to the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church.

It is good to have you with us today. We pray that our time together assists you in your growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, please speak with our Pastor, or one of our Elders or Deacons — who are also here to greet you. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

How To Reach Us

Board of Elders:

Robert Plant, II, Chair	806.441.1090
Archel Burda	909.362.1207
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Lubbock Junior Academy	806.795.4481
Adventist Book Center - Texas	1.800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office	1.505.244.1611

Hungry For God

Mike Tucker

Whether we realize it or not, we are all hungry for God. The problem is that most of us don't know how to satisfy that need. We tend to spend our lives searching for something to satiate our inner hunger.

One way of satisfying our need for God is by studying the Bible. It has been referred to as "meat in due season." However, surprisingly few people actually feast on this banquet of God.

In Yellowstone National Park you will see this sign:
"Do Not Feed the Bears."

Most tourists probably assume it is there to protect humans, thinking, "If you're close enough to feed a bear you could be in a position of real danger." Not true! The sign is posted to protect the bears.

Each fall, when the feeding tourists have long since departed, the park service must carry off the remains of dead bears who became so dependent on tourists that they were no longer able to gather food for themselves.

We can become like the Yellowstone bears if we depend on others to spiritually feed us. Each day we must take the initiative to gather spiritual nutrients for ourselves from God and his Word.



LUBBOCK

SEVENTH-DAY

ADVENTIST

CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

We, as children of the Living GOD, are here to

UPLIFT JESUS CHRIST,

His teachings and His commandments with all our hearts, souls and minds.

As redeemed servants of Christ, we are to serve and to prepare all for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as the Blessed Hope and encouragement for all mankind.

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Prayer Requests

► CHURCH FINANCES

(for God's continual Leading)

◆ **Our President, Leaders of our country, Leaders of our Church, our Pastor and our School Teacher**

◆ **All Disaster Victims - EARTHQUAKES, FIRES & FLOODS**

◆ **Pray for Christ's followers who are being persecuted and/or killed for their faith world wide.**

- ◆ John Brown (healing)
- ◆ Irma Brown's daughter Rachel
- ◆ Jennifer Byrd's friend "Kim"
- ◆ David Cartwright (healing)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (health)
- ◆ Joe Castillo (health/healing)
- ◆ Karen Contreras (health)
- ◆ Michele Crawford's nephew Ryan Conley (healing)
- ◆ Denise Downing (health/healing)
- ◆ Carolyn English (health)
- ◆ Sammy Espinosa (health/healing)
- ◆ Kathy Flyger's friend: "Venus Woodell" (healing)
- ◆ Leland Flyger(continued recovery)
- ◆ Walter Foust (continued healing)
- ◆ Jaydee Fremgen (health/healing)
- ◆ Vaughn James (healing)
- ◆ Betty Johnson (healing fm flu/cold)
- ◆ Cindy Johnston (healing)

- ◆ Keith Marpa (continued recovery)
- ◆ Flo McIntire (healing)
- ◆ Angel Moreno (Safety & Peace)
- ◆ Terri Moreno's daughter & baby
- ◆ Debra Murphree's cousin's husband, Randy; and her Aunt's granddaughter, Lexie (both with serious health problems)
- ◆ Alton Muse (healing)
- ◆ Marybell Orellana's sister "Mirna"
- ◆ Pauda family (comfort)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (healing fm surgery)
- ◆ Petty's niece, Melinda (healing)
- ◆ Petty's Grandson, Bryce
- ◆ Kathy Phillips (health/healing)
- ◆ Ramos family (Comfort)
- ◆ Rebekkah Plummer's sister(health)
- ◆ Sue Pyle (healing)
- ◆ Blake&Andie Riley (healthy baby)
- ◆ Cindy Riley's brother, sister & infant nephew "Gino" (healing)
- ◆ Esther Slaughter (health)
- ◆ Brenda Stephenson's sister(health)
- ◆ Aaron Tygart (Feb 7 surgery)
- ◆ Jerry Walker (healing)
- ◆ Addie Wood (healing)
- ◆ Venus Woodell (healing)
- ◆ Kathy Yates (healing)
- ◆ Mike Yates' brother (healing)
- ◆ Duane Young Family (healing)
- ◆ Zauner family (Comfort)
- ◆ Unspoken prayer requests for Healing, finances and families

Intercessory Prayer

And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for . . .

Name: _____
(Optional)

Please stand in the gap for me—that God's divine will be done regarding the following . . .

Fill in your request, tear off, place in the Offering plate, or give directly to the Pastor or to one of the Elders.

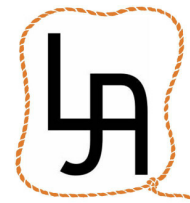
May God Bless You!

Prayer FAX Line 806.799.5136

Email: lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net

2/10/18

Lubbock Junior Academy . . .



Currently accepting students for 2018-2019 School year

Student Handbook & Applications are available in the church office.

Lubbock Junior Academy

School Motto

Building A Better World ~ One Child at a time

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Please feel free to contact:

Marybel Orellana, M.Ed., Principal and Teacher

Email: morellana@texico.org

Phone or Text - 817.709.3965

School - 806.795.4481

School Board Chair: Connie Buckman - 817.296.0874

School Board Co-Chair: Cindy Riley - 806.928.9713

Robert Plant, II - LJA Treasurer - 806.441.1090

or the Church Office 806.793.8614

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CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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January 2018	This Year (Jan) YTD 2018	Last Year (Jan) YTD 2017
\$19,732	\$19,732	\$23,563

CHURCH BUDGET

January 2018	Required	Received	Need
	\$17,253	\$9,508	\$7,745

~ ~ Thank You For Remembering our Church Expenses ~ ~
A total of \$17,253 is required monthly for every ministry to be funded.

Please place your contribution in an offering envelope and designate the ministry to which your offering is to be allocated.

All the ministry efforts of the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church have been made possible by your generous contributions and faithful stewardship. You are deeply appreciated and your financial support is making a significant difference.

For your convenience, there's also a link for online giving, <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

**It's not our job to fix people
Or judge people.
It's our job to love people.
The rest is in
God's hands.
Amen**

Upcoming Events

Bible University - Sabbath afternoon, through March 10, 3:00-4:00pm in the Conference Center. Topics will include: "In The Beginning" - "Sabbath" - "Second Coming" - "Prophecy" - "Learning/Studying the Bible"

Finance Committee - Monday, February 12, 6:00pm
Church Board - Monday, February 12, 7:00pm - in Classroom I

"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers - Sabbath, February 17, 7:30pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

Pathfinder Club - Sunday, February 18, 1:00-4:00pm, in the Conference Center. Pathfinder Club meets semi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

President's Day LJA Holiday - Monday, February 19

Home & School - Tuesday, February 20, 6:00pm
School Board - Tuesday, February 20, 7:00pm - Classroom I

Plant-Based Cooking Class - Wednesday, February 21 at the home of Connie Buckman - 3203 53rd Street. Plant based fellowship. Bring a dish and the recipe. RSVP to 817.296.0874.

Children's Church - Sabbath, February 24, Conference Center, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend. Parental permission is requested. February 25, 2018 -

Men's Breakfast - Sunday, March 4, 9:00am. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship.

Children's Church - Sabbath, March 10, Conference Center, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend. Parental permission is requested.

Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, March 10, 5:30pm. Men's Ministry will provide the evening meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Contact David Riley at 806.577.2990 to volunteer food.

Women's Prayer Breakfast - Sunday, March 11, 9:00am at the home of Anita McChesney.

Pathfinder Trip - March 11-13. To the Prude Ranch in Fort Davis, TX

Hub City Veg Potluck - Sunday, March 11, 4:30pm in the Youth Lounge.

Children's Church - Sabbath, March 24, Conference Center, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend. Parental permission is requested.

Welcome

*as we gather for worship today,
we rejoice in God's many blessings. We are so glad
you have chosen to worship with us this morning.
May God bless us as we reach out to Him in faith.*

Today's Events

9:30am - Sabbath School - Church in Bible Study

11:00am - Divine Worship Service - Worship Center

3:00-4:00pm - Bible University - Conference Center

3:00pm - Prayer Ministry - Board Room

5:00pm - Vespers - Classroom I

5:30pm - Ronald McDonald House - Men's Ministry will provide the evening meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Contact David Riley at 806.577.2990 to volunteer food.

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes today at 6:27pm

Begins next Friday at 6:33pm

Events This Week

Sunday - February 11

9:00am - Women's Prayer Breakfast at the home of Anita McChesney.

4:30pm - Hub City Veg Potluck - in the Youth Lounge

Monday - February 12

6:00pm - Finance Committee

7:00pm - Church Board - Classroom I

Tuesday - February 13

9:30am - Small-Group Bible Study - Classroom I

"Never Thirst Again." To be included, call Michele Crawford at 970.901.0987

Wednesday - February 14

6:30-8:00pm - Mid-Week Prophecy Class

Friday - February 16

6:33pm the Joy and Blessings of the Sabbath begins.