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13. The mark set on these advances them to glory ;  
the mark of the Wild Beast stamps for damnation.  
  
2. “And I heard a voice out of the heaven as the voice of  
many waters, and as the voice of great thunder; and the voice  
which I heard was as of harp-singers harping with their harps.”  
  
The sound heard is evidently that of the 144,000.  
Their voices produce the sound like many waters ; their  
harps, the sound like loud thunder. Antichrist is to be  
smitten amidst the joy of harps. Isa. xxx. 32.  
  
3. ‘And they are singing, as it were, a new song before the  
throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders; and  
none could learn the song except the hundred and forty-four  
thousand who had been redeemed from the earth.”  
  
These sing ‘“‘ before the elders.” The new Levites  
have supplanted the old; we hear no more of the  
elders’ harps; yet the elders are not jealous. The  
elders sang in worship to the Lamb; these are joined  
with him.  
“None could learn the song.”  
\*Tis unlike that of Moses then. Moses was to write  
and teach his, as a witness against Israel. Deut. xxxi.  
19, 22. This song is a peculiar glory to those who use  
it. As there is a new name of reward to be known by  
none but the receiver ; so is there a song to be sung and  
to be known only by a special company.  
“The hundred and forty-four thousand had been  
redeemed from the earth.”  
All the saved are redeemed ; but these are the first-  
born, peculiarly ransomed. The Lamb of the Passover  
and the first-born of the Church are set close together.  
The Paschal Lamb of the New Covenant lives after his  
sacrifice. Under the Old Testament the forehead of the  
house was marked with blood : here the forehead of the  
person of the first-born is inscribed.