REVELATION. 1051   
   
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 T heard a voice out of heaven, 4 as 4et.15,   
 heard a voive from heaven, a voice of many waters, and as a   
 as the voice of mauy voice of great thunder: and + the ¢   
 toaters, and as the voice voice which I heard [was] as of “\*   
 of agreat thunder : and I © harpers harping with their harps : ect.v.s.   
 heard the voive of harpers Sand ‘they sing as it were a new feyee   
 harping with their harps + song before the throne, and before   
 3 and they sung as it were the four living ereatures, and the   
 a new song before the elders: and no one could learn the   
 throne, and before the four song but the handred and forty- «ver.   
 beasts, and the elders: and four thousand, which have been pur-   
 no man could learn that chased from the earth.   
 song but the hundred and they which were not defiled with   
 forty and four thousand, » for   
 which were redeemed from   
 the earth. 4 These are 4 These are   
 they which were not defiled   
 with women ; for they are they are virgins. n2cor.xi.2.   
 virgins. These are they women ;   
   
 114,000 identical with the same number regarding God’s temple and Mount Zion   
 in ch. vii, 4? The presumption cer- and the holy city are going forward.   
 tainly is that the same number occurring I would call the attention of the reader to   
 here, representing as there the clect and the fact, essential to right understand-   
 first-fruits of the church, here as there ing of the vision, that the harpers and the   
 also inscribed on their foreheads with the song are in heaven, the 144,000 on earth):   
 seal of God in the one case, and His and no one was able to learn the song (to   
 Name in the other, must be deseriptive of apprehend its melody and meaning, so as   
 the same body of persons. And this view, to accompany it and bear a part in the   
 if acquiesced in here, will reflect con- chorus) except the hundred and forty-four   
 siderable light on that former vision of the thousand, who were purchased (see ver. 4,   
 sealing in ch. vii, ‘Those, these, will and 1 Cor. vi. 20; ch. v. 9) from the earth   
 represent the first-fruits or choice ones (the song has regard to matters of trial and   
 among God’s people, as indeed we have triumph, of deep joy and heavenly purity of   
 treated them in this commentary, and not heart, which none other among men but   
 the totality of those who shall form the these pure and holy ones are capable of ap-   
 great multitude which no man can number, prehending, The sweetest and most skilful   
 ‘Phese, as those, are taken to represent the harmonies convey no pleasure to, nor are   
 people of God: their introduction serves they appreciated by an uneducated ear:   
 to place before us the church on the holy whereas the experienced musician finds in   
 hill of Zion, where God has placed His every chord the most exquisite enjoyment.   
 King, as an introduetion to the deseription The’ unskilled ear, even though naturally   
 of her ageuey in preaching the everlasting distinctive of musical sounds, could not   
 Gospel, and her faithfulness amidst per- learn nor reproduce them: but both these   
 secutions). And I heard a voice out of can be done by those who have ears to   
 heaven, as a voice of many waters (retf.), hear them. Even so this heavenly song   
 and as a voice great thunder (ch. vi. 1): speaks only to the virgin heart, and can be   
 and the voice which I heard [was] as of learnt only by those who accompany the   
 harpers harping with their harps. And Lamb whithersoever He goeth). 86   
 they sing [as it were] a new song (i.e. are they who were not (the past tense   
 they sing what sounded like a melody shews that their course is ended and looked   
 unheard before. ‘The subject to they sing back on as a thing past: and serves to con-   
 is of course not the 114,000, but the fute all interpretations which regard them   
 heavenly harpers. On the matter of as representing saints while in the midst of   
 their song, sce below) before the throne, their earthly conflict and trial) defiled   
 and before the four living-beings, and women (see below); for they are (always   
 the elders (the whole heavenly symbolism wore and have kept themeclves till the   
 remaining as before, while the visions time present) virgins (there are two ways