

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that only 144,000 souls can enter Heaven. Of course, this means that the rest of them cannot enter into that celestial kingdom. So, they teach that the remaining souls will reign not in Heaven, but rather on earth. Matthew 5:5 is their text claiming that God's children will rule over the world in the end times. The Jehovah's Witnesses think that they can live happily in a Paradise on earth without partaking the wonderful blessings of Heaven. Is it really true that none of us today can ever have a chance to reach the celestial kingdom above? The Bible, including the New World Translation, says it otherwise.

1) It is true that the saved will reign on the earth (Matt. 5:5 NWT), but it does not change the fact that the saved will also reign in Heaven (Matt. 5:3, 7, 12 NWT). Revelation 21:1-3 (NWT) explains that the saved will reign in a new heaven and a new earth with God.

2) 1 Peter 1:4-5 (NWT) prove that the ones kept in salvation have their reservation in heaven. There is absolutely no verse that proves only the 144,000 can go to heaven.

3) Ephesians 2:5-6 (NWT) proves that the saved have their seats in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Again, there is absolutely no verse that proves only the 144,000 can go to heaven.

4) Revelation 7:4-8 (NWT) proves that the 144,000 are the twelve tribes of Israel, not Jehovah's Witnesses.

- J.W. Argument: The Jehovah's Witnesses are the spiritual twelve tribes of Israel.
- Christian Answer: That cannot be true, because Revelation 14:3-4 reveals that the 144,000 are virgin males.

5) John 3:3,5 (NWT) explains that "anyone" who is born again can enter into the kingdom of God. Who are the ones born again? They are "everyone" who believe in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:1 NWT). It is not just the 144,000 that go to heaven.