

#2685 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 944, **The 144,000, (v), The 288,000 national militia of Israel**

Key Understanding: *The 288,000.* In order to understand why the Lord chose the number of *144,000* as the number of sealed servants of God in Revelation 7:1-8 and Revelation 14:1-5, it is necessary to understand the Lord’s use of the number *288,000*, which is twice as much as *144,000*.

The figure of *288,000* is found in 1 Chronicles 27:1-15, a passage that relates the story of Israel’s “standing army,” or national militia, of *288,000* – 12 courses, one for each month, of *24,000* each – in the time of King David. *Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible* introduces the passage as seen below:



1 Chronicles

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(2) Standing army of 288,000 divided into 12 monthly courses of 24,000 each

NOW the children of Iš’ra-el after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses,^c which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand.

2^d Over the first course for the first month was Jā-shō’be-ām the son of Zāb’dī-el: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Pē’rēz was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month was Dō’da-i an Ā-hō’hīte, and of his course was Mīk’loth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Bē-nā’-iah the son of Jē-hoi’a-dā, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

1 Chronicles 27:1-15 (KJV) Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand.

[NIV, This is the list of the Israelites—heads of families, commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and their officers, who served the king in all that concerned the army divisions that were on duty month by month throughout the year. Each division consisted of 24,000 men.]

2 Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

6 This is that Benaiah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ammizabad his son.

7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

- 9 The sixth captain for **the sixth month** was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.
- 10 The seventh captain for **the seventh month** was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.
- 11 The eighth captain for **the eighth month** was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.
- 12 The ninth captain for **the ninth month** was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.
- 13 The tenth captain for **the tenth month** was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.
- 14 The eleventh captain for **the eleventh month** was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.
- 15 The twelfth captain for **the twelfth month** was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were **twenty and four thousand**.

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