

#2686 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 945, **The 144,000, (vi), The 288,000 are essentially connected with David being a Man of War, which disqualified him from building the Temple**

Step 1: Israel's standing army of 288,000. 1 Chronicles 27 is about the 288,000 “standing army” of David:

1 Chronicles 27:1 (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.

Step 2: The wrath of God. Later in the chapter of 1 Chronicles 27 is the mentioning of the wrath of God as a consequence of David numbering the men of war. David was a man of war, disqualifying him from building the Temple.

1 Chronicles 27:23-24 (KJV) But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

Step 3: David could not build the Temple because he was a man of war. In the very next chapter, in 1 Chronicles 28:1-3, David calls the commanders of the men of war together and explains to them that the Lord said to him that he (David) could not build a house for the Lord because he was a man of war and had shed blood.

1 Chronicles 28:1-3 (KJV) And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the



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ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because THOU HAST BEEN A MAN OF WAR, and hast shed blood.

Key Understanding: *The standing army of 288,000 and the Temple.* As shown in the steps above, there is a thread of understanding that connects Israel's standing army of 288,000 with the Temple, through David not being able to build the Temple because he was a man of war.

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