

#2690 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 949, **The 144,000, (x), The number of 144,000 is chosen by the Lord because of the 288,000 men of war**

**Key Understanding:** *The 144,000 are related to the 288,000. The number 144,000 is one-half (1/2) of the number 288,000. The Lord's selection of the number of 144,000 to be the number representing the sealed servants of God in Revelation 7:1-8 has as its background David's standing army of 288,000 men of war. This is because the 144,000 servants of God who are sealed in their foreheads are not men of war, and thus are able to be the temple of the living God, in contrast to King David, who could not build the temple of the Lord because he was a man of war. The number of 144,000 is *symbolic*, however, while the number of 288,000 was more *literal*.*



Triumph of King David, by Raphael

*Revelation 7:1-8 (KJV) And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*

*2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

*4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed **AN HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND OF ALL THE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** [which do *not* include the tribe of Dan].*

*5 Of the tribe of **JUDA** [Judah] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **REUBEN** [Reuben] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **GAD** [Gad] were sealed twelve thousand.*

*6 Of the tribe of **ASER** [Asher] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **NEPHTHALIM** [Naphtali] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **MANASSES** [Manasseh] were sealed twelve thousand.*

*7 Of the tribe of **SIMEON** [Simeon] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **LEVI** [Levi] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **ISSACHAR** [Issachar] were sealed twelve thousand.*



8 *Of the tribe of ZABULON [Zebulun] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of JOSEPH [Joseph] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of BENJAMIN [Benjamin] were sealed twelve thousand.*

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