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# 14

## LESSON

### Lesson 14

## THE 144,000 & GREAT MULTITUDE: THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

### Read Revelation 7

- **Identify The 144,000 Vs. The Great Multitude**
- **Search How & When The Great Multitude Escapes From The Great Tribulation**

Lesson 13 and Revelation 6 introduced six seals the Lamb of God opened to reveal their end-time content to the prophet John. Within the first four seals are found four colored horses, which signify four of the strongest political and military power alliances in our modern times.

The White and Red Horses—the United Kingdom/American Alliance followed by the Russian Federation—portray the military strength of the first two riders. The Black Horse—Eastern Asia points to a China and a confederation of powers, which hold sway due to their treasured commodities (cereals and grains) during a period of world famine. Most notable is the fourth Pale Horse—the Western Europe Union with the rider named "Death," who is none other than that Evil Prince, also referred to as Antichrist, who will rule supreme for 1,260 days during the appointed time of the end. Likewise, hundreds of years earlier the prophet Daniel was introduced to four animal creatures—the Lion, Bear, Leopard and Terrible Beast—from which the Man of Sin emerges from the fourth Beast to reign for 1,260 days. The four animal creatures of Daniel 7 relate directly to the four horses of Revelation chapter 6, although different symbolism was employed in each case.



The fifth seal points to the martyrs of the final conflict who are emblematically waiting for God's revenge, but who must be patient a short time longer before the wrath of Almighty God is released against the disobedience masses. The sixth seal then opens to reveal the scene of the Great Day of the LORD when the sun, moon and stars will be moved out of their places and the galaxy will split open revealing both Father and Son in swift flight to destroy those who are destroying the earth.

The question was asked in the last verse of Revelation 6, verse 17 (KJV), "For the Great Day of His wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?" The answer to that question follows in Revelation 7, which is a *parenthesis—meaning "inserted as an explanation; an interlude"* between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> seal. This small 144,000 *numbered group* is identified as the survivors of the Great Day. These chosen and sealed individuals stand in sharp contrast to the *great multitude* of every nation, tribe, people and language introduced later in the chapter; a group so massive that no number can be assigned, who escape the Great Tribulation to stand in God's presence.

Beginning with the first verse at Revelation 7:1, John sees four angels restraining the four winds, holding back the destructive power of God against the nations. The winds are not to yet harm the continents, the oceans, or the trees—a recognized food source (Leviticus 19:23). Spiritually speaking, it is about time for God to take down fruitless trees, and to save the trees that bear fruit. Jesus said, "By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them," Matthew 7:16-20.

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At this point in John's vision, the world's forces are agitated and posed to strike in a historic global confrontation, but God holds the nations back until the last of the righteous are secured. Revelation 7:2-3 introduces a Messenger who ascends from the east as the bright morning sun, having the protecting seal of God. He cries with a loud voice to hold back the angels of strife until He seals the 144,000 chosen ones with the Father's name in their foreheads (Revelation 14:1; Revelation 22:4).

**1. Who is the Angel—Messenger from the east (Ezekiel 9:1-6; Daniel 12:1, 7)? \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Isaiah 60:1-2 explains the identity of the rising Messenger and the time of the sealing. How? \_\_\_\_\_**

*In the days of earth's cosmic disturbances, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall and there will be deep darkness. Michael, the Man clothed in linen, will descend with the light of His Shekinah glory to dispel the darkness and light the world.*

### The 144,000 Elect Chosen From The Twelve Tribes Of Israel

The Messenger will seal the 144,000 chosen for protection against the wrath to come at the final Exodus, as did the blood on the doorposts before the first Exodus. The Light of the World will be revealed, and God's wrath will begin to be released through His seven angels; at the same time earth's militaries head toward their final offensive. Jesus said, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: For then shall be *great tribulation*, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be," Matthew 24:20-21. Daniel adds, "At that time Michael, the Great Prince who protects your people [Israel], will arise [from His throne]. There will be a *time of distress* such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people [Israel]—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake" (12:1-2) in resurrection. John describes it this way, "The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead [for resurrection], and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth," Revelation 11:18. But first... the sealing!

Sealing has two basic functions associated with it. In the Roman world, items were sealed to indicate ownership and to guarantee protection and deliverance. The sealing of the 144,000 in their foreheads indicate they belong to God (ownership) and will experience His security (protection). Their sealing will exempt them from God's wrath and the world's anger, which Revelation 7 announces is delayed temporarily until this smaller group of 144,000 is sealed, just as the lamb's blood on the doorposts in Egypt saved the Israelites from the destroying angel during the first Passover (Exodus 12:12-13).

**2. According to Revelation 7:4-8, who are the 144,000? \_\_\_\_\_**

*This group is identified as from the lineage of Israel; so precisely branded that even their twelve tribal names have been listed. This is God's miracle. Jesus proclaimed, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible," Matthew 19:26. The twelve tribes of Israel listed are unusual, because both Dan and Ephraim are missing. There's no reason given by John, but the most likely explanation likely implies the unfaithfulness of these two tribes noted in the Scriptures (Genesis 49:16-17; Hosea 7:1-16).*



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### 3. What did Paul say would happen once the full amount of Gentiles is brought into the fold (Romans 11:25-27; Revelation 6:11)? \_\_\_\_\_

*"So all Israel [of all twelve tribes] will be saved."*

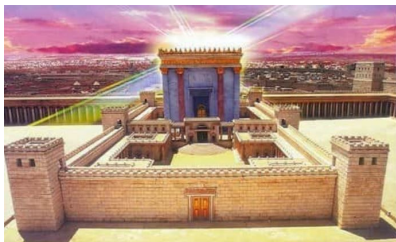
God has not rejected His people—today's Jews (Romans 11:1-2), as many have suggested. Even though in the past they have persecuted and killed the prophets God sent to them (Romans 11:3-4), God has reserved a remnant (11:4-5). Because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious (11:11). However, Jews have been given the promise that the "Deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob... and will take away their sins," Romans 11:26-27.

Revelation 7 is derived, in part, from events recorded in Ezekiel 9. In this passage, punishment of the idolaters in Jerusalem is the focus. Six men of judgment are called out, along with the Seventh—the Man clothed in linen. This Man in linen—in priestly robes (Leviticus 6:10; 16:32) is identified in Daniel 10 as Michael, and in the book of Revelation as the Seventh Angel. The righteous are identified and marked for protection: "Then the LORD called to the Man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at His side and said to Him, "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and *put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.*" He said to the others, "Follow Him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion. Slaughter the old men, the young men and women, the mothers and children, but *do not touch anyone who has the mark.* Begin at My sanctuary." So, they began with the old men who were in front of the temple," Ezekiel 9:2-6.

### 4. Why would God's judgment begin at the Temple Mount (Mathew 24:15-21; 1 Peter 4:17; Revelation 11:7-10)? \_\_\_\_\_

*This is the exact location where Israel's leaders will allow Antichrist to set up his defiling abomination, after the murderous killing of God's last two anointed voices of warning. Almighty God's wrath will no longer be held back; there has been enough warning through God's Word and His last-day prophets.*

Then He said to them [God's seven], "Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go!" So, they went out and began killing throughout the city [of Jerusalem]. While they were killing and I was left alone, I [Ezekiel] fell facedown, crying out, "Alas, Sovereign LORD! Are you going to destroy the entire remnant of



Israel in this outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?" He answered me, "The sin of the people of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of injustice. They say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see.' So, I will not look on them with pity or spare them, but I will bring down on their own heads what they have done." Then the Man in linen with the writing kit at His side brought back word, saying, "I have done as You [the Father] commanded," Ezekiel 9:7-11.

Paul wrote, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope," Romans 15:4. For example, we can link the sealing in Revelation 7 of the 144,000—12,000 from each tribe to historical events of Numbers 31. The question has been asked, "who shall be able to stand" in the Great Tribulation, and the Great Day of God's wrath against the nations? Armageddon represents the last great battle before the Promised Land of Heaven can be entered by His chosen people. Israel's past gives clues as to how this group is numbered and chosen.

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**5. How many men were chosen from each of the twelve tribes to go into battle against the Midianites, before their advancement into the Promised Land (Numbers 31:1-5)? \_\_\_\_\_**

One thousand (1,000) from each of the twelve tribes were chosen for this battle against the vast armies arrayed against them. In Revelation 7, we discover the final number of chosen ones is twelve times the original group of 1,000—12,000 from each of the twelve tribes. You'll find the number 12 used in 187 places in the Bible, and there is significance to this number. The number twelve is very important to God and represents, in most cases, the number of perfection and authority. The number 12 shows up in the Book of Revelation 22 times, and particularly in the New Jerusalem.

**6. How many of the fighting men who went into battle returned to enjoy the spoil from the war (Numbers 31:48-49)? \_\_\_\_\_**

*Not one was missing. God miraculously sealed each one by divine protection, and all survived the final battle before crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land.*

During the Great Tribulation and Armageddon battle, not one of the sealed 144,000 will be killed; all miraculously survive this battle over the Gentile nations arrayed against the nation of Israel (Revelation 14:1). The survivors are called the remnant of Israel in Micah 2:12-13, who are carried through the trial by their King: "I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the LORD at their head."

This remnant will be spread across the globe and among the nations: "The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for anyone or depend on man. The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes, and no one can rescue. Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies, and all your foes will be destroyed," Micah 5:7-9. "He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; He will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be destroyed," Isaiah 11:12-13.

**7. What City is in the cross-hairs of the nations, that will be destroyed as the remnant is first scattered, then gathered, during the Great Tribulation (Ezekiel 14:12-23; Luke 21:20-24)? \_\_\_\_\_**

Ezekiel wrote that if God were to send the four sore judgments upon Jerusalem and the people of Israel, only three righteous men alone—Noah, Daniel and Job—would survive. However, later in the chapter the prophet spoke of the 144,000 survivors in the Day of the LORD, including their sons and daughters, "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments—sword and famine and wild beasts and plague—to kill its men and their animals! Yet there will be some survivors—sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. They will come to you, and when you see their conduct and their actions, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought on Jerusalem—every disaster I have brought on it. You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause, declares the Sovereign LORD," (14:21-23).

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**8. How does Isaiah describe the tender feelings God has towards Jerusalem despite her indulgence in sin and ongoing rebellion against the Creator (40:1-2)?** \_\_\_\_\_

The Word says that when we see the conduct and actions of these 144,000 survivors in the Kingdom of God, we will find comfort in Jerusalem's tragedy that brought about this special group, whose arduous Exodus and ordeal will take them to the gates of the New Jerusalem.

**9. How are the 144,000 of the twelve tribes eternally honored in the defensive structure of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:12; 15-17)?** \_\_\_\_\_

### The Great Multitude Of All Nations

**10. Revelation 7:9-12 identifies a "great multitude." What is the size of this group? \_\_\_\_\_**  
**How many nations and languages are represented, compared to the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel?** \_\_\_\_\_

*This extremely large group, too massive to count, will be clothed in white robes of salvation as they stand before God at the great ingathering. The redeemed cry out in praise that their salvation has come from the Lamb and from God who sits on the throne.*

It should be noted that this great multitude of overcomers do not receive the seal of protection; they will pay a heavy price for their faith. However, because of a special resurrection to call them home at the voice of God, they are found in Heaven's Temple just preceding the release of God's seven angels of judgment, who will soon exit with the trumpet and vial plagues.

**11. Explore these passages to further clarify the identity of the great multitude:**

**Revelation 12:10-11** \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 15:1-4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 3:10** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 12:1-2** \_\_\_\_\_

As the texts above reveal, this group is not the saved of all the ages but are resurrected last-day victors who triumph over the Beast (Antichrist), over his image (idol), his mark and name. They show great "patience" and will not "shrink back," while enduring trial and persecution (James 5:7-11; Hebrews 10:35-38); and, they are willing to die as martyrs, if circumstances demand it. The end-times mandate patient endurance on the part of these tribulation champions of faith, because captivity and death are certain (Revelation 13:9-10). Those who obey God's Commandments and remain faithful to Yeshua are called upon for "patient endurance" throughout the book of Revelation (14:12).



**12. What does the great multitude hold in their hands (Revelation 7:9b)?** \_\_\_\_\_

*The overcomers hold palm branches in their hands in praise to God.*

**13. When were palm branches used in celebration (Leviticus 23:33-35, 39-40)?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Sukkot (the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles) arrives five days after the Day of Atonement each year, and palm branches are waved before God during this Festival.*

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In Jerusalem long ago the children of Israel celebrated Messiah's Jerusalem arrival with palm branches shouting "hosanna" meaning, "save" (Matthew 21:8-9; John 12:13)—a quote directly from Psalms 118, and a song sung on the Feast of Tabernacles emphasizing ultimate deliverance. However, at the end of time a great multitude of all nations, along with the angels, 24 elders and four living creatures, will be gather in Heaven on this great prophetic Feast of Tabernacles, and will celebrate salvation praises of victory in the presence of both the Father and Son. All in Heaven will praise God with a sevenfold doxology, "praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength to our God for ever and ever," Revelation 7:12.

Sukkot is the last of the fall Festivals, which takes place over seven days in Israel and eight days outside the land. These days of annual celebration, specifically the eighth day, are symbolic of eternity. The time cycle of sin is 6,000 years, followed by the 1,000-year Sabbath rest, which is then followed by the "Olam Haba"—the "eighth day" of eternity, which ushers in the new heaven and new earth.

In contrast, the 144,000 of all Israel will sing the song of Psalms 118 on earth during the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7-11), while their enemies close in on them. God will scatter and chasten these chosen ones as they endure the Great Tribulation, but will not allow their martyrdom (Psalms 118:18). God seals them for protection against their enemies and the prevailing destruction of sea, land and trees.

The prophet Isaiah (4:1-6) tells of this future end-time prophetic Feast of Tabernacle celebration, and the 144,000 "in that Day" of the LORD. In this passage Messiah is fittingly named the palm "BRANCH of the LORD" along with the 144,000, the "survivors in Israel—those who are left [behind] in Zion," who are alive and "remain" to brave the 40 days—the Time of Jacob's Trouble. At this time "The LORD will wash away the filth of the women in Zion; He will cleanse the bloodstains [of the prophets and believers—Revelation 18:20, 24] from Jerusalem [the great city] by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire ["consumed by fire," Revelation 18:8]. Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and those assembled there... a canopy [tabernacle]. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain."

The following words of comfort often heard at funerals will hold significance for those living through the time of Jacob's trouble: "The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever," Psalm 23.

**14. Revelation 7:13-14 tells how one of the elders asked the prophet John "who are they [the great multitude of all nations], and where did they come from? John responded, "Sir, you know." What did the elder say?** \_\_\_\_\_

The great multitude "have come out of the great tribulation"; or, as the original text reads, "have escaped from within the great tribulation." They have been raised to life (Revelation 3:10-11; 15:1-2) to stand before God, as the seven angels are sent out with God's final wrath. They endured with patience and overcome to the end (Matthew 24:13), so that they have earned the right to escape all those things that are coming upon the earth (Romans 5:9). "At that time Michael... will arise" in protection of His





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people (Daniel 12:1-3), and He "will descend and with the voice of the Archangel and loud trumpet, these dead in Christ are raised first." The 144,000 "who are alive and left behind" will a short time later at the end of Jacob's trouble "be caught up" with the great multitude whom "God will bring with Him... in the clouds," so that together they "meet the LORD in the air. And so, we will be with the LORD forever," 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. The great multitude have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The Savior has "washed us from our sins by His own blood," Revelation 1:5, KJV. David cried out, "Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin," Psalm 51:2. Humanly speaking, to wash with blood would not clean, but spiritually speaking, this is the only way to enter the Temple of God above. They are the invited guests to the wedding in Heaven between Messiah and the New Jerusalem during Sukkot.

Paul asked the followers at Corinth, "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) into thinking that one can wallow in sin and enter in the Kingdom. Paul continues, "But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the LORD Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God," (v. 11). "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 1 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV).

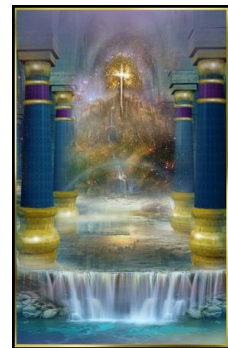
The Word proclaims, "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken," Isaiah 1:18-20.

**15. In Revelation 7:15-17 the great multitude is promised a special position of service, which they will hold in God's throne room. What is it?** \_\_\_\_\_

This faithful group will serve God day and night in His Temple, and God will spread His tent [canopy] of protection over them forever. Although they were kept from food and shelter and endured hunger, thirst and scorching heat, because they would not accept the mark of the beast God promises His eternal shepherding care. Springs of living water will be theirs, and God will wipe all tears of sorrow away.

In Biblical times, during the week of the Feast of Tabernacles, there was a ritual performed daily connected with the sacrificial ceremony. This was called *nisukh ha-mayim*—the liberation of water. The procession and celebration itself is called *simhat beit has-sho'eivah*—"the rejoicing at the place of the water-drawing."

Although we cannot be certain, it's possible Yeshua may have been born during Sukkot, which would account for all the rooms being filled in Bethlehem during the Feast of Tabernacles. It is written, "The Word became flesh and dwelt [literally "*tabernacled*" (KJV)] among us," John 1:14. Years later, Yeshua was baptized and immediately went into the wilderness for forty (40) days, lacking food and water, and was then tempted of the Devil. The watery immersion at or near Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) gave birth to Messiah's earthly ministry, which would eventually lead to Calvary three and one-half years later at Passover. Likewise, the 144,000 must also endure the forty (40) day tribulation during the Sukkot festival season. Moses and Elijah also have recorded events in their lives connected to 40 days of deprivation.



Jesus often used the Feasts to reveal His Messianic role and to teach spiritual lessons during His recorded ministry. Our LORD eloquently referred to the imagery of water on Sukkot: "the last and greatest day of

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the Feast [of tabernacles], Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, If a man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whosoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him," John 7:37-38.

The Feast of Tabernacles, again... possibly marking the birth of Christ when He was delivered from Mary's water-filled womb, also points to the spiritual birth of the nation of Israel. The prophet Isaiah wrote about the judgment of the LORD against the disobedient souls in Israel, as well as the birth of Messiah followed by the emergence of a righteous nation (the 144,000) when he wrote, "Here that uproar from the city [Jerusalem], hear that noise from the Temple! It is the sound of the LORD repaying His enemies all they deserve. Before she [Israel] goes into labor ["birth pains"—Matthew 24:8], she gives birth [to a child]; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a Son [Yeshua]. Who has ever heard such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation [of all twelve tribes] be brought forth in a moment [of time]? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children [144,000]. Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery [deliverance]? says the LORD. Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery? says your God. Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her all you who mourn over her [fiery chastisement]," Isaiah 66:6-10.

The 144,000 will emerge in a spiritual birth as a nation at or near the Feast of Tabernacles, baptized with the baptism of God's Spirit, scattered into the wilderness for forty (40) days of trial—the Time of Jacob's Trouble—to be tempted. However, the elect will not succumb to Satan's deceptions (Matthew 24:23-25), although tempted just as Christ was during His forty-day trial. Out of the excruciating pains of the Great Tribulation, as a woman experiencing childbirth, the children will be pushed through the channel of distress to be delivered healthy, pure and white into the hands of the Living God.

### **Twelve (12) The Number Of Government & Authority**

As mentioned, there were 12 tribes in Israel, and this symbolizes the completeness of the nation Israel. Jacob had 12 sons, which were the heads or fathers of each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Here are other significances of the number 12 in the Word of God, and Israel's history.

- Jesus chose 12 disciples who later became the 12 apostles, which fit the context of the number 12 used elsewhere in the Bible as signifying governmental rule or authority.
- In Revelation, there are 24 elders sitting on 24 thrones (12 x 2) (Revelation 4:4).
- The New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven, has 12 gates made of pearl which are manned by 12 angels. Each of the gates has been named after one of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- In Revelation 7, twelve thousand from each of the 12 tribes of Israel will be sealed and saved at the end of the present age.
- The walls of the New Jerusalem are measured at 144 cubits high, which is 12 multiplied by 12 (Revelation 21:16).
- The New City is also 12,000 furlongs squared (Revelation 21:16).
- There are 12 precious stones in the foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:19-20).
- The wall of the City has 12 foundations with the 12 names of the apostles on each one (Revelation 21:14).
- The Tree of Life in the New Jerusalem will bear 12 types of fruit.
- Twelve thousand multiplied by 12 will be taken from the earth so that they may follow and serve the Lamb of God, wherever He goes (Revelation 14:1-5).
- The high priest's breastplate had 12 precious stones embedded in it.



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- Jesus very first words were spoken at the age of 12 (Luke 2:42).
- There was a woman who had suffered from a blood hemorrhage for 12 years (Luke 8:40).
- There are 12 Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. They are called minor, not because they are less important than the Major Prophets, but due to their size being considerably smaller.
- There are 12 historical books in the Bible: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.
- There were 12 loaves of permanent offerings on the golden table (Leviticus 24:5).
- There were 12 explorers or spies sent into the land of Canaan (Deuteronomy 1:23).
- Solomon had 12 administrators in his kingdom (1 Kings 4:7).
- There were 12 loaves of bread in the Temple (Leviticus 24:5).
- There were 12 men who laid 12 stones in building a monument to the LORD (Joshua 4:3).
- Elijah built an altar with 12 stones (1 Kings 18:31-32).
- Elisha was plowing with 12 yokes of oxen when Elijah called him (1 Kings 19:19).
- Nehemiah was appointed to be the governor in the land of Judah for 12 years (Nehemiah 5:14).
- The Book of Chronicles contained 12 great priests.
- When Yeshua was being arrested, He said He could call for more than "12 legions of angels" if He needed help (Matthew 26:53).
- The Bible is filled with multiples of the number of 12. For example, when the Temple was built, it's foundation was 60 cubits long (12 x 5) (2 Chronicles 3:3); the porch was 120 cubits high (12 x 10) (2 Chronicles 3:4); and, the Holy Place was overlaid with 600 talents of fine gold (12 x 50) (2 Chronicles 3:8). When the Ark was brought into it, 120 priests were "sounding with trumpets" (12 x 10) (2 Chronicles 5:12). When dedicating it, Solomon offered a sacrifice of 120,000 sheep (12 x 10,000) (2 Chronicles 7:5).
- There are 12 months in a year.
- There are 12 constellations of the zodiac.

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