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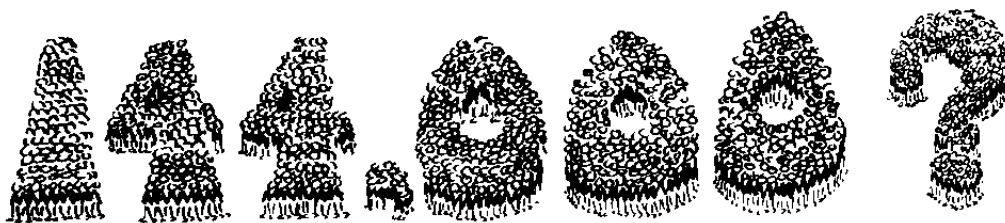
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WHO ARE THE



YOU ARE ! THAT'S WHO ARE !

Now our mailing list isn't 144,000 strong but if you are part of that group of Christians who are determined to get the victory over the beast and his image (Rev. 15:2) then you are

numbered among the 144,000 (which, as you will see inside is a symbolic number meaning half of completion and is no doubt much larger than a literal 144,000

WHO ARE THE 144,000 ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

is quite simple but there are some basic concepts that have to be grasped in order to have a good understanding of the lesson. Please follow closely and make full use of your Bible and the chart provided in the Monarch. We believe the Bible interprets itself and can answer most all of our theological questions for us. Well, lets get down to the issue. Who are the 144,000?

Rev. 5:8-10
Rev. 14:1-5

THERE ARE 2 GROUPS OF 144,000

Rev. 7:1-4
Rev. 15:2

There are actually two groups of 144,000 mentioned in Revelation, with two references to each group. By looking

Our message this month may appear a little complicated at first. Actually it

at our chart on the back of this page that lines up the doubles of the book of Revelation (if you're not familiar with the fact that the book of Revelation is actually two books we would suggest that you look closely at the chart and really check it out or for a more complete study send for Dave's book "Key to Revelation"). You can see by placement of the groups that the 24 elders of Rev. 5:8-10 are the same as the 144,000 of Rev. 14:1-5. You see, the seals and angel messengers are describing the same events (the history of the spread of the gospel since the coming of Jesus).

THE 24 elders **THE 144,000**
 of **Rev. 5:8-10** = of **Rev. 14:1-5**
THIS IS THE FIRST GROUP

This first group is found right at the beginning of the recording of these events. The description of the group given in the two references is almost identical. We will see later that the 24 elders are the leaders of the 144,000. We find this group is redeemed from the earth and is playing harps and singing a new song. We learn that they come from every tongue and nation of people. This group is the first fruits (Rev. 14:4) of those redeemed by the Lamb. The 24 elders of Rev. 5 and the 144,000 of Rev. 14 are not two separate groups but one, the first fruits of the Lamb.

Looking at the chart again you will see two more references given to the second group of 144,000. These references are found toward the end of the seals and angel messengers. The first reference to this second group is found in Rev. 7:1-4.

THE 144,000 **THE VICTORY GROUP**
 of **Rev. 7:1-4** = of **Rev. 15:2**
THIS IS THE SECOND GROUP

These are the 12,000 sealed from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. This group is kept from harm during the plagues that come upon the earth at the end of the age. We see from the reference in 15:2 that this group has gotten the victory over the beast and his image. This second group is also portrayed playing harps and singing songs of Moses and the Lamb (Rev. 15:3). The 144,000 of Rev. 7 and the victory group of Rev. 15 are not two separate groups but one, those who overcome at the end of this age.



The first 144,000 and the second 144,000 are separated by a span of nearly 2,000 years. The first group is made up of those who have gone on to heaven and the second is made up of those who are determined to overcome the last enemy - death (1 Cor. 15:20-54).

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 Boy, I hope there are some good pictures over there!

You can now see there are a grand total of 288,000 worshipers standing before God. This number is not literal but is symbolic of completeness or perfection.

1st group of 144,000
 +
2nd group of 144,000
288,000
THIS IS A SYMBOLIC NUMBER

You see the return of Christ is not being postponed until the last person is saved and the number of the redeemed is complete. What all creation is groaning and waiting for is for the people of God to become mature and complete (Rom. 8:19). For evidence that this number is symbolic let's turn to the Old Testament, to Chronicles, and look at King David's orders concerning worshipers standing before God.

If you understand what David did with his tabernacle you will see that he did symbolically what Jesus "The Son of David" later did in reality. David took the Ark of the Covenant, which symbolized the presence of God and belonged in the Tabernacle of Moses, and placed it in Jerusalem in a tent that was open so that all peoples could see it. He made it possible for anyone to enter into the presence of God. According to Acts 15:16 and Amos 9:11 **NOW** is the day in which the tabernacle of David is being restored.

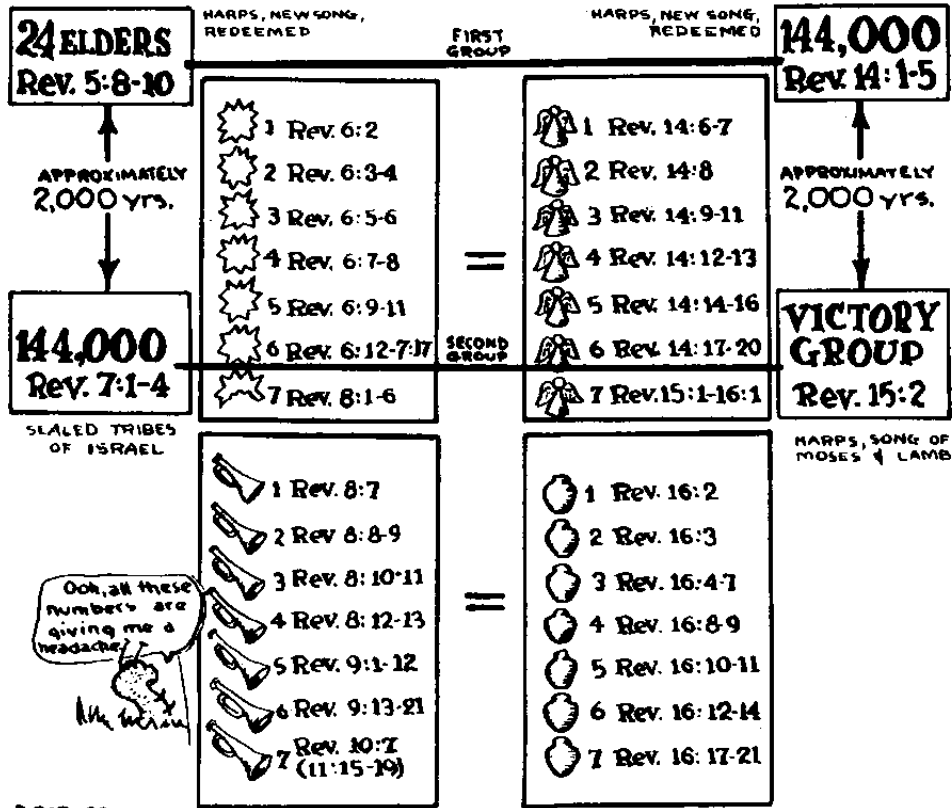
David prepared a list of those who were to stand before the Ark (presence of God) and worship by prophesying, playing harps and other instruments and singing new songs. His list can be found in 1 Chron. 25:1-31. It is very interesting to see the total number of those chosen was 288, divided into 24 groups of 12 each. In this list we find the names of the 24 elders and that each one's sons and brethren equaled 12.

KING DAVID APPOINTED 288 WORSHIPERS (24 groups of 12) TO MINISTER BEFORE HIS TABERNACLE

I hope you can now see the symbolism. 288 is a symbolic number meaning completeness (perfection). We should note here that in the study of symbolism the numerical figures themselves are important but the multiplier (10-100-1000 etc.) usually is not. Therefore 288

THE 144,000

THE DOUBLES OF REVELATION WITH PLACEMENT OF THE 144,000



Ooh, all these numbers are giving me a headache!
Mh...uh...

- FIRST GROUP
- 1 = THE GOSPEL WENT FORTH
 - 2 = 70AD - JERUSALEM DESTROYED
 - 3 = 380AD - CHURCH KILLED
 - 4 = DARK AGES
 - 5 = RENAISSANCE AND RESTORATION
- SECOND GROUP
- 6 = "NEXT EVENT" GREAT DAY OF WRATH
 - 7 = INTRODUCTION OF NEXT SEVEN EVENTS
- Matt. 24:29-36
LESS THAN 1 GENERATION
- 1 = FIRE ON "THE EARTH"
 - 2 = "SEA" BECOMES AS BLOOD
 - 3 = PLAGUE ON "RIVERS & FOUNTAINS"
 - 4 = PLAGUE ON "THE SUN"
 - 5 = "BOTTOMLESS PIT" - "SEAT OF THE BEAST"
 - 6 = "GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES"
 - 7 = "IT IS FINISHED" - "IT IS DONE"

and 288,000 mean the exact same thing.

PLEASE READ

ROMANS 11:26-12:2

and

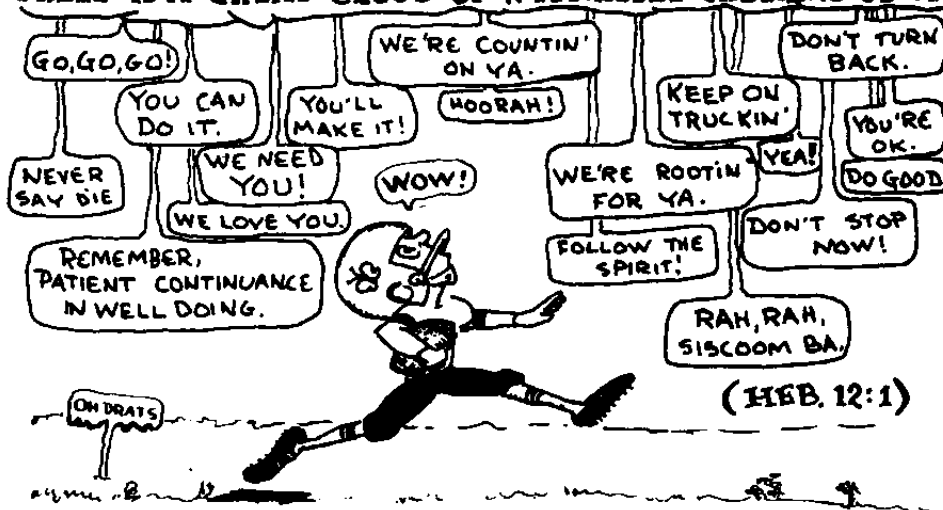
HEBREWS 11&12



So, you see in Revelation we have two groups of 144,000. One is a first fruits group now in heaven. The second is presently being formed and without this second group THE FIRST CANNOT be made PERFECT (Heb. 11:40).

THE 144,000

THERE IS A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES CHEERING US ON.



The first fruits are looking to us and cheering us on to perfection. They need us just as we have needed their insight and perseverance to get where we now are. After all, without the Jews, the early Christians, the Catholics, Lutherans and all the others we would have very little knowledge of who God is. They have all gone as far as they could see in God and now they're cheering us on to go all the way.

You will see this thought clearly brought to light in Romans 11:26-12:2 and Hebrews 11 and 12. Read them both. They'll inspire you to press on, to set everything aside that is holding you back and to win your full salvation of spirit, soul and body.

PLEASE... SOMEBODY GET MANIFESTED.

All of creation is groaning within itself to see the formation of this final group of 144,000.

HEBREWS 12:1 & 2

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of GOD.

ROMANS 12:1 & 2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that is the good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.