

"THE 144,000"
REVELATION 7:4

I. THIS MOST FASCINATING ENTRY IN THE REALM OF BIBLE NUMEROLOGY IS SELDOM TAKEN LITERALLY

II. A LITERAL EXPOSITION OF THESE WORDS LEADS US TO A SANE POSITION ON THIS YET FUTURE EVENT

A. This Number Is Said To Be Limited To The Twelve *Tribes Of The Children Of Israel*

- 1. These Are Specifically The Descendants Of One Of The Sons Of Isaac [Jacob]**
- 2. Jacob [Israel] Produced 12 Sons Who Lent Their Names To Each Of The Twelve Tribes**
- 3. Each Tribe And It's Allotment Of 12,000 Are Almost Monotonously Listed In (7:5-8)**

B. Many Have Tried To Point Out Irregularities Within The Respective Tribal Designations

- 1. They Question Why Judah Is Listed First**
- 2. They Question Why There Is One Tribe Missing [Dan]**

a. But Of The 20 O.T. Lists Of The Tribes Of Israel, There Are 19 Different Orders

b. But Of The 20 O.T. Lists Of The Tribes Of Israel, 5 List Judah First

C. Questions That Must Be Answered With Regard To The 144,000

- 1. Does It Represent The Total Number Of Jews Saved?**
- 2. Why The Uniformity Of The Number 12,000 For Each Tribe?**

III. TWO REMAINING SIGNIFICANT ISSUES PERTAINING TO (7:4)

A. The Truthfulness Of Scripture (Isaiah 41:21-24; Isaiah 46:9-10)

**B. The Faithfulness Of The God Who Can Predict The Future
(Isaiah 44 & 45; Romans 9)**