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Key Understanding: *The two groups of saints in Revelation chapter 7.* We are to grasp the idea of the number of 144,000 being attributed to each of the two groups of saints in Revelation chapter 7, with the sum of the two adding up to the number of 288,000. The underlying understanding is that the combination of the two groups of saints, (i) the 144,000 and (ii) the "great multitude," represents the totality of the saints of God.

The 144,000

In the case of the 144,000, the number of *144,000* is obviously *seen*, and seems to be more literal, though in truth it is *symbolic*. This *symbolic* 144,000, though their number comes from the 288,000 men of war of David and Israel, are *all* like the Levites, and are <u>not</u> numbered for war. The 144,000 also represent those who enter through 'the narrow gate,' and the *"few there be that find it"* (Matthew 7:14).

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 <u>AN HUNDRED</u> <u>AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND OF</u> <u>ALL THE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF</u>

<u>ISRAEL</u> [which do <u>not</u> include the tribe of Dan]. 5 Of the tribe of <u>JUDA</u> [Judah] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>REUBEN</u> [Reuben] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>GAD</u> [Gad] were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of <u>ASER</u> [Asher] were sealed

twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>NEPHTHALIM</u> [Naphtali] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>MANASSES</u> [Manasseh] were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of <u>SIMEON</u> [Simeon] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>LEVI</u> [Levi] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>ISSACHAR</u> [Issachar] were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of <u>ZABULON</u> [Zebulun] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>JOSEPH</u> [Joseph] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <u>BENJAMIN</u> [Benjamin] were sealed twelve thousand.

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The Great Multitude

In the case of the "great multitude," the number of 144,000 is not seen, but is implied. In contrast to the 144,000 of Revelation 7:3, who represent those who enter through the "few there be that find it" narrow gate (Matthew 7:13-14), the unseen but implied "144,000" represent "a great multitude," which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues. These "144,000," like David's 288,000 men of war, <u>are</u> numbered for war.

Revelation 7:9-17 (KJV) After this I beheld, and, lo, <u>A GREAT MULTITUDE</u>, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne,

and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, AND PALMS IN THEIR HANDS;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, <u>THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME</u> OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATION, and have

washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 <u>Therefore are they before the throne of God</u>, <u>AND SERVE HIM DAY AND NIGHT IN HIS</u>



<u>TEMPLE</u>: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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