

Twenty-four

NU 7:88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings were **twenty-four bulls**, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This was the **dedication offering** for the altar after it was anointed.

These were dedicated to the Lord. Their lives were forfeit serving the purpose of/at the altar, that is making of offering up propitiation for others. Oxen or bulls are symbolic of leadership throughout scripture. In this age they are most concerned with the application of the blood of Christ to sinners in order to allow the process of redemption, the development of Holiness, to take place. Paul mentions his desire that the offering of the gentiles might be acceptable and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. This places him as a great “ox” of God. The other offerings all utilize the number sixty and utilize three classes of animals. The rams are leadership, the male goats carry and work, the lambs are the least of this tripartite body. Sixty stands for those that are apart of the evil one. All of these would tempt and ensnare to show the mirror to those being cleansed so that repentance would take place. Their other purpose is to simply deceive those not of our Lord’s calling. This entire tripartite body of Satan will be offered up at Armageddon.

RO 15:16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the **offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.**

2SA 21:20 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, **twenty-four** in number; and he also was born to the giant.

2SA 21:21 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

A giant of a man that was used to exact justice with Goliath of the Philistines. A portion of a type of the perverted law being destroyed by the purchase by Christ so that grace could abound for the purpose of cleansing.

He was a good example of a sinful leader in the enemy camp. Our Lord does use individuals like this to discipline His sinful rebellious people to promote coming clean.

The number twenty-four seems to predominate at the end of this age.

1KI 15:33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned **twenty-four** years.

A period of time for a leader to rule in this case an evil or sinful King.

NE 9:1 Now on the **twenty-fourth** day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with **fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust** on their heads.

Whether it is relevant or not quite a number of events occurred on the twenty-fourth day of the month. In the above case it marks a time of deep repentance and humiliation. Sin

or uncleanness is being dealt with and it does fit with the type. The Tribulation week will be the greatest time of the cleansing of the bride.

DA 10:4 Now on the **twenty-fourth** day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

In the above situation it marks a time when Daniel received a visitation from an angel. This occurred due to His fasting and prayer as he was quite upset regarding an earlier vision.

He was told about the time of the end in response to his prayer and was strengthened. The time of the end will be a time when our Lord's people will be greatly cleansed in the mighty end days' fire. The unregenerate will be allowed to be filled with iniquity for the purpose of wrath and the greatest and most mature group of church leaders will be raised up and used. This mature group will be asked to make the greatest sacrifice.

HAG 2:10 On the **twenty-fourth** day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

On the above event the Lord delivered a word through Haggai the prophet concerning the difference between Holiness and uncleanness. It is very important to our Lord that His leaders understand that difference and not compromise but yet still love in a way that allows change to occur. Change cannot be forced but by patience, suffering, and prayer it will come about.

HAG 2:11 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying,

HAG 2:12 "If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?" ' " Then the priests answered and said, "No."

HAG 2:13 And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

HAG 2:14 Then Haggai answered and said, " 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the Lord, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

HAG 2:15 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the Lord

HAG 2:16 since those days, when one came to a heap of **twenty** ephahs, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out **fifty** baths from the press, there were but twenty.

HAG 2:17 'I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to Me,' says the Lord.

HAG 2:18 'Consider now from this day forward, from the **twenty-fourth day** of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid-consider it:

A consideration to be Holy as the Lord is pointing out the sin of Israel. During the Tribulation week a foundation of 12 levels is laid for a wall to stand on.

ZEC 1:7 On the **twenty-fourth** day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet:

ZEC 1:8 I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white.

ZEC 1:9 Then I said, "My lord, what are these?" So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they are."

Myrtle trees are a type of the Messianic Jew at the end of the age and they will not only be protected but out of them will come judgment on the world system.

So then this will be the judgment on that which is unclean. But the Lord expresses a desire to be kind to Israel and Jerusalem after this time of Judgment. All of Israel is not Israel. There are two, one whose sin will be judged resulting in the death of that portion, another portion whose sin will be judged but the blood of Christ will be used to cover it and grace will be given.

RE 4:4 Around the throne were **twenty-four thrones**, and on the thrones I saw **twenty-four elders** sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

This number is connected with thrones and with eldership ruling and reigning with their Lord. They have been made holy and authority has been granted them as well as righteousness. These are the ones, the two being twelve and twelve, that will rule and reign with him. Sitting is a position that magnifies what they have become. Notice they are before God in the scripture below. The setting is the tribulation week and the period just after it.

RE 11:16 And the **twenty-four elders** who **sat before** God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

Again the 24 above are felt to be direct cross types of the two groups called the two witnesses.

Note below the companions who sit before Joshua (Jesus) is the type of the twenty-four.

ZEC 3:8 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, **You and your companions who sit before you**, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the **BRANCH**.

The branch is Jesus Christ and he is the one that Joshua the high priest is a type of. Those who "sit before" Joshua are types of the twenty-four = 12 + 12, the inner circle, that will rule and reign with him.

Taking an overall look at the number twenty-four the meaning appears to be:

Those called and appointed by our father to leadership that will rule and reign with Christ and partake/share in His suffering that sanctification might be developed within the greater body of Christ. These will judge uncleanness and promote sanctification in those of the body. It seems that much of this work, particularly on the Jewish remnant, will occur at the end of this age when the twenty-four will become prominent in bringing in and cleansing the remaining portion of the bride. Another portion of the twenty-four did work at the beginning of the age to initiate the process. Of course these were the original apostles called to serve.

240 There are no references to this exact number listed in the bible, however there are three references that are close and they do seem to be connected with servants or men with qualities as noted above in the number twenty-four.

The first scripture below uses the number 245 in reference to a working group of mules. These are beasts of burden. They are bred for toughness and endurance. Reading from right to left and utilizing all numbers we get:

5 = uncleanness

40 = that over an indefinite period of time will be addressed by bringing repentance

200 = through the intercessory prayer of leaders offered up for mercy and grace

skipping the forty and two hundred but concentrating just on what 240 might mean:

5 = uncleanness

240 = addressed by the consecrating action of Christ's blood shed on the cross and by the washing of the Word through the work of those (leaders) that suffer with Him in the cleansing of the greater bride.

EZR 2:66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules **two hundred and forty-five,**

NE 7:67 besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had **two hundred and forty-five men and women singers.**

These people, who were involved with praise, composed a small portion of a much larger entourage that was going to Jerusalem to restore the temple. The type is that of the restoration of the living temple at the end of this age. This level within the hierarchical leadership would be that of the Levites just under the priesthood. They could be related to the four cherubim that have a total of twenty-four wings. This group, though not of the priestly class still being under their authority would be used in the process of consecrating others.

NE 11:13 and his brethren, heads of the fathers' houses, were **two hundred and forty-two**; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

Above the key words would be “heads of the fathers’ houses.” These represent leaders that will sacrifice, by staying in Jerusalem, so that the Lord’s house will be built.

The meaning then of the number 242 would be.

2 = grace to be given by

240 = those in headship positions that are willing to make a sacrifice that the Lord’s house might be built.

I believe there is enough evidence above, although it is minimal, to verify that 240 refers to leadership in one or more levels under Christ that are utilized for the restoration of the temple of God. They are expected to share in His sufferings so that the greater body might be consecrated.

2 400

EX 38:29 The offering of **bronze** was seventy talents and **two thousand four hundred shekels**.

Bronze is associated with judgment of sin or cleaning of something either by killing it or by washing it. The cost for cleansing during the tribulation week will, in part be, the deaths of the two witnesses = 24 elders.

EX 38:30 And with it he made the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils for the altar,

All articles being bronze are concerned with offering up propitiation to the lord through judgment on sin.

EX 38:31 the sockets for the court all around, the bases for the court gate, all the pegs for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for the court all around.

NU 7:85 Each silver platter weighed one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy shekels. All the **silver** of the vessels weighed **two thousand four hundred shekels**, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

Silver is symbolic of the redemptive process through salvation, washing, consecration. Bronze and silver work together to redeem. Bronze (the Law) points out sin, silver (the redemptive blood of Christ) covers it while it is washed away as we work out our Salvation with fear and trembling. We do see the number 2 400 associated with the redemptive process (silver) above that the Lord was going to initiate in the future. This is

an early type of what was to come (Christ's act on the cross) that would allow consecration of the believer leading toward full redemption.

Twenty four thousand

NU 25:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Take all the **leaders** of the people and hang the offenders before the Lord, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel."

Israel has joined herself to the Baal of Peor by the men consorting with the woman of Moab. All men are to be killed that have had relations with these woman. The leaders are to do the killing. They are to be instruments of sanctification for the body of Israel. The unclean portion is to be cut out and destroyed.

NU 25:8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel.

The scripture above portrays the priest's destruction of two individuals in sin to be an act that stops a plague sent by the Lord due to rebellion. The leaders stand between the wrath of God and the sin of the believer. Restitution must be made either by the death of the person committing the sin or by a substitutionary redemptive process.

NU 25:9 And those who died in the plague were **twenty-four thousand**.

An offering made by the leadership to stop the plague on the rest of the people. To preserve a functional consecrated portion of the body some had to be sacrificed. The number 24 is given to have, as a portion of its meaning, leadership that are to sacrifice for the growth of others.

NU 25:11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, **has turned back My wrath** from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so **that I did not consume the children of Israel** in My zeal.

The Lord is recognizing the zeal that is displayed by Phinehas, a priest, to turn back His wrath (exerted and executed by Satan) by destroying that which is unclean; the lives of some for the lives of the many. Propitiation again. Today we use the propitiation of the blood of the lamb before the Lord in intercessory prayer.

NU 25:13 'and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and **made atonement** for the children of Israel.' "

A reward is given for the displayed zeal of this priest to make atonement for the people. The priest stands between the Lord and His people.

1CH 23:4 Of these, **twenty-four thousand** were to look after the work of the house of the Lord, six thousand were officers and judges,

The number is related to the work of the house of the Lord; that is keeping it clean. The number six thousand denotes the Lord's interest in the judging of the iniquity and having it dealt with. Leadership and those that would discern between the Holy and the unclean are to make the decisions.

1CH 27:1 And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' houses, the captains of thousands and hundreds and their officers, served the king in every matter of the military divisions. These divisions came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division having **twenty-four thousand**.

1CH 27:15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division were **twenty-four thousand**.

$12 \times 24\,000 = 288\,000$ half of which is 144 000 or those Messianic Jews that are brought in at the end of this age.

This group, designated by being within the 288 000, is in the third tier down in the hierarchical order of the Lord. Call them the true Christians who are out on the streets witnessing to the saving grace our Lord today offers to those called onto salvation. He authorizes the ministry of saving grace to those that work in the trenches; that is the world.

Mention of 144 (Rev. 21:17) is related to the thickness of a wall. A very thick wall to keep the common from the Holy. The 144 000 (Rev 7:4, and 14:1) that walked with Christ in Revelation. These had the fathers name upon them. These had no deceit in their mouths and were completely loyal to their Lord.

The number 24 000 is connected with the military as is 144 000 and 288 000. They are under the headship of the 24 or the two twelve's. The twenty-four elders that surround the throne are warrior priests that will rule and reign with our Lord. They will have under them the Levitical, that is the pastor-teachers, evangelists, etc., and under them the group of 288 000 warriors that will defend the Holiness of our Lord by spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom. It is quite probable they that will be under the pastor-teachers, evangelists, etc., which are under the headship of the 24. This three tiered hierarchy of the bride with their Lord Christ will exact justice upon the Anti-christ and all that belong to Him at Armageddon.

It seems that the primary mission of the above is expressed by 24 and multiples of it. It is the dealing with sin, rebellion, uncleanness, by propitiation by the blood of Christ or by death. Both occur during the tribulation week.

So the meaning of twenty four thousand seems to be the God ordained process of making propitiation for sin available to those called through the ordained hierarchical structure of

his body. This number seems to point to the everyday Christian foot soldier on the street out in society offering what Christ did to those called out of the world.