

A study of four and its multiples to determine the meaning of 144,000 and 144 found in the book of Revelation.

(Rev 21:17 NIV) He measured its wall and it was **144** cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.

Four

Gen.2:10

9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into **four** headwaters.

11 The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)

13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of **Cush**.

14 The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

These four rivers water or give life to that which the Lord desires. Gold is symbolic of righteousness. Resin gives a scent like that of our Lord. Onyx being black and white may be the knowledge of good and evil.

The river Gihon (stream) run through Cush (black or dark). Truth sent to those that are dark?

The third river Tigris (rapid) flows east to Assyria (the gentiles)?

The Euphrates (the good river) is the largest.

These four rivers may represent, if connected to the four compass points, our lord's provision for those he would call from the world.

Gen 14:11

11 The **four** kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away.

12 They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

13 One who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram.

14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Above four is connected with leadership and loss. They might represent Gentiles of the world under the headship of Satan taking away from those of the Lord. These force those of the Lord to learn how to fight to retain their inheritance in the Lord.

EZE 10:14 Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

Four aspects of Christ who redeems those of the world marked with four. These four look to the four ordinal compass points. They are concerned with cleansing as well as promoting the four aspects of Christ to a dying world.

Gen. 15:13

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.

11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

13 Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated **four** hundred years.

Where there is a carcass there they will gather. Christ on the cross, sealed the deal when he bought back the bride. They will gather around the bride when she buys back the nations. The cost to be bought out of bondage of the world?

Gen. 23:11

11 "No, my lord," he said. "Listen to me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of my people. Bury your dead."

12 Again Abraham bowed down before the people of the land

13 and he said to Ephron in their hearing, "Listen to me, if you will. I will pay the price of the field. Accept it from me so I can bury my dead there."

14 Ephron answered Abraham,

15 "Listen to me, my lord; the land is worth **four hundred** shekels of **silver**, but what is that between me and you? Bury your dead."

16 Abraham agreed to Ephron's terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: **four hundred** shekels of silver, according to the weight current among the merchants.

17 So Ephron's field in Machpelah near Mamre--both the field and the cave in it, and all the trees within the borders of the field--was deeded

18 to Abraham as his property in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of the city.

19 Afterward Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre (which is at Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

Silver and four hundred. Salvation and the worldly men. Payment for salvation from the bondage of the world?

Gen. 32:6

4 He instructed them: "This is what you are to say to my master Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now.

5 I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, menservants and maidservants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.'"

6 When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and **four hundred men** are with him."

7 In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into **two** groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well.

Four hundred always seems to be associated with men who do not know the Lord. Two above implies grace is to be given. Jacob does fear the four hundred.

Exo. 28:17

17 Then mount **four rows** of precious stones on it. In the first row there shall be a ruby, a topaz and a beryl;

18 in the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and an emerald;

19 in the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

20 in the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings.

20 There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

The twelve tribes did camp at the four points of the compass. Perhaps the four rows (those of the unregenerate world) will have righteousness imputed to some of them as the number twelve is also incorporated here. There would be three rows as viewed from the top, three indicates purification or the sanctification process that leads to righteousness.

1CH 12:36 of Asher, those who could go out to war, able to keep battle formation, forty thousand;

Four gospels four aspects of Christ who provides the living water that restores those fallen people called out of the world.

Four heads of the cherubim in Revelation; These are used to consecrate.

Forty

GE 7:4 "For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth **forty days and forty nights**, and I will **destroy** from the face of the earth all living things that I have made."

A time period related to destruction of uncleanness. Seven denotes a time of preparation to complete a matter. After the seven days of the tribulation period our Lord will totally destroy the abomination that causes desolation. The double portion rains will also be given the bride.

GE 50:3 **Forty days** were required for him, for such are the days required for those who are **embalmed**; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

Time period to preserve for posterity.

EX 16:35 And the children of Israel ate manna **forty years**, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

A time when provision for sustenance was made until they reached a place of warfare. A time period for maturing until they were made ready for warfare. Until things of the world were replaced with things of God. The desert is a place for testing and trials for those the Lord would call to himself. A place where weaknesses are revealed to the believer.

EX 24:18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain **forty days and forty nights**.

A time period for Moses to receive the Ten Commandments for the people that had been delivered from the bondage of Pharaoh or from the world. These commandments were to be the basic form by which the people should live.

EX 26:19 "You shall make **forty sockets of silver** under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

Here we have forty, which usually indicates a time period, associated with silver (salvation). This time period for salvation is then linked to the number twenty which means intercessory prayer for mercy leading to salvation. Two indicates the grace that is to be given to accomplish this. If both walls are included then there would be a total of eighty sockets of silver. Eighty in scripture is synonymous with our Savior. The entire tabernacle would rest on this one act of His.

NU 13:25 And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.

A time period sufficient for the Lord's men to examine the land that they would fight for.

NU 14:33 'And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.

Time period for punishment of those that are disobedient. Time to bear their guilt.

NU 32:13 "So the Lord's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the Lord was gone.

Confirmation of the two preceding scriptures.

DE 8:2 "And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these **forty years** in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, **to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

He knows what is in our hearts. We do not. This is a time period to look in the mirror and realize our great need.

Time to humble, test, and force each of us to examine our heart.

DE 9:18 "And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, **forty days and forty nights**; I neither ate bread nor drank water, **because of all your sin** which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.

Time to intercede and suffer for the sin of those of the world. Time to stand in the gap so that mercy might be given.

DE 9:25 "Thus I prostrated myself before the Lord; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the Lord had said He would destroy you.

Same as preceding.

DE 25:3 "Forty blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

Related to limited punishment for sin or what is still of the world within.

JOS 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord-to whom the Lord swore that He would not show them the land which the Lord had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

Time sufficient to remove all the "chaff" that might interfere with the taking of the land. Time to destroy the "old man of the world within."

JOS 14:7 "I was **forty years** old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart.

Here the number forty is connected with Caleb. Could Caleb have something to do with the removal of the worldly influence from others? He does live 45 years more. This

could mean uncleanness of the world dealt with. The age of 85 could mean that the uncleanness within him was taken care of by the gift of redemption earned by our Savior.

JUD 5:31 "Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord! But let those who love Him be like the sun When it comes out in full strength." So the land had rest for forty years.

When worldly things (men) are destroyed from the Lord's people rest is given.

ISA 4:18 Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

A time period for judgment of worldly values to occur.

1KI 7:38 Then he made ten lavers of bronze; each laver contained forty baths, and each laver was four cubits. On each of the ten carts was a laver.

Above the ten lavers that are used for washing (cleaning sin) contained forty baths. Forty seems to deal with the time to remove sins of the world from worldly men (4).

JOB 42:16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations.

Job probably containing a type of the Jewish portion of The Two at the end of the age will deal with the punishment of the world and the refinement of those that belong to the Lord by the blood of Christ (100).

EZE 4:6 "And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days**. I have laid on you a day for each year.

Time period to bear iniquity of a worldly group of people. To deal with sin again.

LU 4:2 being tempted for **forty days** by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

For the rest of us this would bring out our sin to be recognized and repented of. Not so for Christ as he was the sinless Lamb of God.

Four thousand

ISA 4:2 Then the Philistines put themselves in battle array against Israel. And when they joined battle, **Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men of the army in the field.**

Warfare, those filled (Israel) with apostasy are killed. Refining of the rebellious by the world system. Judgment of sin during the last dispensation.

2CH 9:25 Solomon had **four thousand** stalls for horses and chariots, and **twelve** thousand horsemen whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

Solomon (a type of reigning Christ) made room for articles of war. Tools to refine (4000) those that are rebellious and impute righteousness (12000) as directed by the will of the Lord.

MT 15:38 Now those who ate were **four thousand** men, besides women and children.

Rebellious worldly men fed the Word and prepared for redemption.

MT 16:10 "Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?"

MR 8:19 "When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to Him, "Twelve."

MR 8:20 "Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said, "Seven."

At the time of the very end a great salvation is given for those of the nations (world). Let us not leave out the remnant of the Jews. Seven and seven add up to fourteen which is a number that denotes completion of The Two major groups of Christians called out of the world.

The feeding at the beginning of this age and the feeding at the end of this age.

AC 21:38 "Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the **four thousand** assassins out into the wilderness?"

Here the number refers to assassins being lead into the wilderness. Possibly a place for refining. David led his men also into the desert. Rebellion is included here which is a worldly trait. He does use those of the world to render justice.

1CH 23:5 **four thousand** were gatekeepers, and **four thousand** praised the Lord with musical instruments, "which I made," said David, "for giving praise."

These are Jewish temple leaders denoted with the number 4000. These are part of the priesthood of the law. That which renders judgment and justice to those that are rebellious.

JER 52:30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred and forty-five persons. All the persons were **four thousand six hundred**.

Judgment and justice exerted on those that would hold in bondage by law.

EZE 48:30 "These are the exits of the city. On the north side, measuring **four thousand five hundred** cubits

EZE 48:31 "(the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel), the three gates northward: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi;

EZE 48:32 "on the east side, four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan;

EZE 48:33 "on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun;

EZE 48:34 "on the west side, four thousand five hundred cubits with their three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali.

EZE 48:35 "All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: The Lord Is There."

EZE 48:16 "These shall be its measurements: the north side **four thousand five hundred** cubits, the south side four thousand five hundred, the east side four thousand five hundred, and the west side four thousand five hundred.

Those (500) that would offer up for propitiation for sin (so that sin is judged 4000)) the act of the offering on the cross by Christ.

RE 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

144 000 Reading from right to left we get: It is our Lord's will (1000) that certain select men of the world (4) over a time period will have worldly influences removed (judged) (40) through the efficacy of the blood of Christ (100).

RE 21:17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

This wall that is 144 cubits thick is simply made of redeemed worldly men cleansed by the blood of Christ.

JOS 4:13 About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the Lord for battle, to the plains of Jericho.

Warriors that were authorized to take the battle to those of the world for the purpose of destroying that which is evil or worldly.

JUD 5:8 They chose new gods; Then there was war in the gates; Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

The worldly influence has crept back in and those that were to remove worldly influence have been neutralized.

2SA 10:18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand horsemen of the Syrians, and struck Shobach the commander of their army, who died there.

Army comprised of worldly men being destroyed.

1KI 4:26 Solomon had **forty thousand** stalls of horses for his chariots, and **twelve thousand** horsemen.

A time period whereby individuals are shown their sin (weaknesses), often by those of the world, so that the righteousness of Christ might enter in.