

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 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.

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 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.

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 repentance. Sin or uncleanness is being dealt with and it does fit with the type.

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 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.

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.

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.

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

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, 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 with in 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

200 = intercessory prayer 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 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.

Two thousand four hundred

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

Bronze is associated with judgment or cleaning of something either by killing it or washing it.

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 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 washing. Bronze and silver work together to redeem.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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. 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

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 288 000 warriors that will defend the Holiness of our Lord. It is quite proably they that will under the headship of the 24 and the Lord Christ that will exact justice upon the Anti-christ and all that belong to Him.

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 or death.