

## The twelve tribes of Revelation 7

The study of the Gematria of the Bible confirms the inspiration of the original text and the fact that it was God Who gave the nations their languages. Gematria is based on the fact that in Hebrew and Greek every letter has a numerical value. Therefore names often have a meaningful number.

This leads to a significant point about the twelve tribes named in Revelation 7, the subject of recent discussion in the *Testimony* ([Dec. 2007, p. 408](#), and earlier). The Gematria of the name Jesus is:

$$I(10) H(8) \Sigma(200) O(70) Y(400) \Sigma(200) = 888.$$

If we look at the twelve tribes as found in Revelation 7 we will find the following number for each tribe, as spelled in Greek in *Young's Concordance*:

$$\text{Judah: } I(10) O(70) Y(400) \Delta(4) A(1) \Sigma(200) = 685$$

$$\text{Reuben: } P(100) O(70) Y(400) B(2) H(8) N(50) = 630$$

$$\text{Gad: } \Gamma(3) A(1) \Delta(4) = 8$$

$$\text{Asher: } A(1) \Sigma(200) H(8) P(100) = 309$$

$$\text{Naphtali: } N(50) E(5) \Phi(500) \Theta(9) A(1) \Lambda(30) E(5) \\ I(10) M(40) = 650$$

$$\text{Manasseh: } M(40) A(1) N(50) A(1) \Sigma(200) \Sigma(200) \\ H(8) \Sigma(200) = 700$$

$$\text{Simeon: } \Sigma(200) Y(400) M(40) E(5) \Omega(800) N(50) \\ = 1,495$$

$$\text{Levi: } \Lambda(30) E(5) Y(400) I(10) = 445$$

$$\text{Issachar: } I(10) \Sigma(200) A(1) X(600) A(1) P(100) = 912$$

$$\text{Zebulun: } Z(7) A(1) B(2) O(70) Y(400) \Lambda(30) \Omega(800) \\ N(50) = 1,360$$

$$\text{Joseph: } I(10) \Omega(800) \Sigma(200) H(8) \Phi(500) = 1,518$$

$$\text{Benjamin: } B(2) E(5) N(50) I(10) A(1) M(40) I(10) \\ N(50) = 168$$

$$\text{Total: } 8,880.$$

It will be seen that the total of the twelve names is exactly ten times the number of Jesus! It is often observed that the list in Revelation 7 misses out Dan and Ephraim, but includes both Levi and Joseph, who were not usually counted among the twelve tribes. Whilst it is true that the former two were the leaders of idolatry and rebellion, obviously Joseph's tribe included Ephraim. However, if their names were included in the list above, the number would have nothing to do with the number of Jesus. The above results indicate that the list is symbolic of the multitudinous Christ.

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