

COMBINATION, COMBINED

When Lot was taken captive, Abram pursued the armies who had taken him. He did this even though he only had 318 people, and he was chasing four armies who had just won a mighty victory over the **combined** armed forces of five kings. (However, it seems that Aner, Eschol, and Mamre the Amorites also went with him. It's not clear if they brought their own armed forces as well.)

- **Genesis 14:14:** "And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan."

Abram defeated the **combined** forces of Chedorlaomer and his allies even though he had a vastly smaller army, and even though his army consisted of trained servants and not soldiers.

- **Genesis 14:15:** "And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus."

When Abram defeated the **combined** forces of Chedorlaomer and his allies, he rescued all the people who had been taken. He also recovered all the goods that had been stolen.

- **Genesis 14:16:** "And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people."

The combined weight of all the silver chargers that the princes of Israel brought to dedicate the altar of the tabernacle was 2400 shekels. (A shekel was about a third of an ounce, so this was about 50 pounds.)

- **Numbers 7:85:** "Each charger of silver weighing an hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:"

The combined weight of the twelve gold spoons that the princes of Israel brought to dedicate the altar was a 120 shekels. (A shekel was about a third of an ounce, so this was about 2.5 pounds.)

- **Numbers 7:86:** "The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons was an hundred and twenty shekels."

The **combined** armies of the five kings of the Amorites encamped by the city of Gibeon and waged war against it.

- **Joshua 10:5:** "Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it."

The **combined** armies of all the people who joined Jabin to fight against Israel was incredibly large. The book of Joshua compared it to the sand that's upon the seashore.

- **Joshua 11:1-4:** "And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh. And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many."

The size of the **combined** armies of the Midianites, the Amalekites, and the children of the east (who came against Israel) was enormous. They were compared to grasshoppers.

- **Judges 7:12:** "And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude."

The **combined** length of all four wings of the cherubims that were in the Holy of Holies in the temple was 20 cubits.

- **2 Chronicles 3:11:** "And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub."
- **2 Chronicles 3:13:** "The wings of these cherubims spread

themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward."

When Josiah celebrated the Passover, Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel gave a **combined** 2600 small cattle and 300 oxen to the priests for Passover offerings.

- **2 Chronicles 35:8**: "And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle and three hundred oxen."

When Josiah celebrated the Passover, Conaniah and Shemaiah and Nethaneel and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad gave a **combined** 5000 small cattle and 500 oxen to the Levites for Passover offerings.

- **2 Chronicles 35:9**: "Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen."

God is stronger than the **combined** might of all nations.

- **Psalms 118:10**: "All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them."
- **Psalms 118:11**: "They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them."
- **Psalms 118:12**: "They compassed me about like bees: they

are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them."

Wisdom **combined** with an inheritance is a good thing.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:11:** "Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun."

The **combination** of wisdom and money is powerful.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:12:** "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

When compared to God, all the nations **combined** together are as nothing.

- **Isaiah 40:17:** "All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity."

God isn't afraid of the **combined** might of all the end-times Gentile nations. When they come against Him, He will judge them.

- **Joel 3:11-12:** "Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about."

In the tribulation, the city of Jerusalem will be conquered. The

Jews will be unable to overcome the **combined** armies of the entire world. (After the antichrist conquers Jerusalem he will then be defeated by the Lord Jesus Christ, who will return and defeat both him and his armies.)

- **Zechariah 14:2:** "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."

A person's soul is worth more than the whole world **combined**.

- **Matthew 16:26:** "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The beast that rose out of the sea in the tribulation era seems to be a **combination** of the four great beasts that are mentioned in Daniel 7.

- **Revelation 13:2:** "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

When Jesus returns to this world, it will respond by waging war against Him. Jesus will be faced with the **combined** might of the antichrist and all the kings and armies of the entire world, who will seek to destroy Him. (They will lose.)

- **Revelation 19:19-21:** "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make

war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."