the number to *chance*, there would be infinite probabilities against the redeemed out of each tribe being  
the same number. But if it depends on His decree,  
where is the difficulty?  
 They are Jews, or Israelites. This is proved, (1) By  
the express mention of each tribe. (2) They stand  
opposed to the multitude out of “*all the Gentiles*,”  
which follows immediately after. (3) Among the  
churches of Christ, Scripture recognizes no tribeship.  
“That they all may be *one*.” (4) The tribe of Judah  
has been just taken literally in the title of the Lord  
Jesus. He is “the lion of *the tribe of Judah*.” Is the  
Church prefigured both by a *stated and limited number  
of Jews*, and by an *innumerable multitude of Gentiles?*  
(5) The expression “the children of Israel,” has already  
been employed literally in the Epistles. ii. 14. (6)  
The Jew is in the latter day to be the test of the Gentile.  
Matt. xxv. 40, 45. (7) Those who are marked escape  
the locusts. But it is to *Israel* that God gives directions  
how to escape the visitation of the locusts. Joel ii.  
(8) “The kings of the earth” are literally taken in  
the sixth seal. So then these tribes of one of the  
nations, which are sometimes put in contrast with them.  
(9) John, who needed to be instructed concerning the  
Great Multitude, needed no teaching concerning the  
twelve tribes. Why? Because they were literally  
taken.  
 The last-named of the tribes is Benjamin, of which  
tribe was Paul, the last of the known apostles. The  
whole twelve are now acknowledged once more, preparatory to their being made one nation upon the mountains of Israel.  
 It is very worthy of observation, how very similar  
are the histories of the apostles, and of the tribes.  
 But now a word upon the general order of the tribes.  
The order of the Apocalypse is as follows:—