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## Numerology

Bible numerology is the study of the significance of the numbers in the bible. Two things can be said about the subject:

- It is one of the most obscure areas of Bible study.
- It is a very fascinating exercise for any who pursue it.

Numbers are an integral part of the Word of God. One out of every 5 verses contains a number. One of the books is called "Numbers." Its Author is the Creator of a mathematically exact universe in which numbers are meaningful. Read:

- Psalm 147:4-5 *<sup>4</sup>He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. <sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.*
- Isaiah 40:25-26 *<sup>25</sup>To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.*
- Matthew 10:30 *<sup>30</sup>But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

He is a God of order, not randomness. Read:

- Psalm 18:30a *<sup>30</sup>**As for God, his way is perfect:** the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.*
- Psalm 40:5 *<sup>5</sup>Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.*

- I Corinthians 14:33 <sup>33</sup>***For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.***
- I Corinthians 14:40 <sup>40</sup>*Let all things be done decently and in order.*

Furthermore, certain numbers are clearly said to have more than just a numerical significance. Read Revelation 13:18 <sup>18</sup>*Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*

As with all areas of Bible study, numeric is open to extremes – perhaps more so than most. One on hand there is the extreme of ignoring any significance of numbers in the Bible. While the extreme of the other hand is assigning unwarranted significance to numbers in a cabalistic fashion (i.e. finding hidden meaning in words and the order of words in Scripture). The Bible must be its own interpreter:

Read: II Peter 1:20 <sup>20</sup>*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. [No prophecy of Scripture arises from **the prophet's own interpretation** of the vision presented to his mind; for it was from God that the prophecy was brought, and men spoke as they were borne on by the Holy Spirit.]*

The following points should be kept in mind when studying the significance of numbers in the Bible:

- Significance must be determined by usage – i.e. from the fruit of Bible study. It is a dangerous error to assign numbers a meaning in order to make them “unlock” the Bible.
- A number does not necessarily have a symbolic or spiritual significance every time it is used in the Bible.
- Often, the first mention of a number can give insight to any significance meaning it may have.

- Once we have, from a sound (scriptural) basis, determined the significance of any given number, we may cautiously proceed to consider some of the mathematical properties associated with the number – if just out of fascination.

## I One – Unity, Primacy

The number ONE is indivisible standing alone and in need of no other number. It is exclusive, and the source and beginning of the other numbers. **So too with God.**

### A. Unity (One) [examples].

#### 1. Read:

- a. Deuteronomy 6:4 (from verse 1 for context): <sup>1</sup>Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: <sup>2</sup>That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. **<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:** <sup>5</sup>And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- b. John 10:30 (from verse 24): <sup>24</sup>Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. <sup>26</sup>But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: <sup>28</sup>And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall

never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>**I and my Father are one.**

- c. Galatians 3:20 <sup>20</sup>Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, **but God is one.**
- d. I Timothy 2:5 <sup>5</sup>**For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
- e. I John 5:7 <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: **and these three are one.**

These verses speak of the **unity of GOD.**

**Note:** The “oneness of God” is not a denial of the Trinity. It is the exclusion of ANY other God or Lord. Hence the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment from Exodus 20:3 ***<sup>3</sup>Thou shalt have no other gods before me.***

- 2. Read:
  - a. Genesis 2:24 <sup>24</sup>Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh.**
  - b. Malachi 2:10 <sup>10</sup>Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?
  - c. Matthew 19:5-6 <sup>5</sup>And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? <sup>6</sup>Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

- d. Ephesians 5:31 (from verse 28) <sup>28</sup>So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. <sup>29</sup>For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: <sup>30</sup>For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. <sup>31</sup>For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

These speak of the unity in marriage - husband and wife – one flesh.

3. Read:

- a. Ephesians 2:13-15 <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; <sup>15</sup>Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- b. Galatians 3:28 <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.** <sup>29</sup>And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
- c. John 10:16 <sup>16</sup>And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

These speak of the unity of all Jews and Gentiles through Christ.

4. Read:
- a. Ephesians 4:3-6 <sup>3</sup>Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
  
  - b. John 17:21-22 <sup>21</sup>That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
  
  - c. Acts 4:32 <sup>32</sup>And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

These speak of the unity of all Christians (like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

5. Read:
- a. Genesis 11:1 <sup>1</sup>And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
  
  - b. Genesis 11:6 <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
  
  - c. Joshua 9:2 <sup>2</sup>That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

- d. Ezra 3:1 <sup>1</sup>And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.
  
- e. Nehemiah 8:1 <sup>1</sup>And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

These speak of the unity of the people of God.

- 6. Read:
  - a. Zechariah 14:9 <sup>9</sup>And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.
  - b. Jeremiah 32:39 <sup>39</sup>And I will give them **one heart**, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:
  - c. Ezekiel 11:19 <sup>19</sup>And I will give them **one heart**, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

These speak of the unity of heart.

## B. Primacy (First)

- 1. The Lord is the FIRST and the LAST. Read:
  - a. Isaiah 43:10-11 <sup>10</sup>Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. <sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.

- b. Isaiah 44:6 <sup>6</sup>Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.
  - c. Isaiah 48:12-13 <sup>12</sup>Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. <sup>13</sup>Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.
  - d. Revelation 1:11 <sup>11</sup>Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
  - e. Revelation 1:17 <sup>17</sup>And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
  - f. Revelation 2:8 <sup>8</sup> And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
2. Man is to SEEK God first. Read Matthew 6:33 <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
3. The first and great . Read:
- a. Matthew 22:37-38 <sup>37</sup>Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
<sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment.

- b. Mark 12:29-30 <sup>29</sup>And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:  
<sup>30</sup>And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

### C. Some Interesting Firsts

#### 1. The First Book of the Bible

- a. Genesis – “Beginnings”
- b. The 1<sup>st</sup> verse – Genesis 1:1 <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- c. Genesis is the “seed plot for the Word of God” (most major doctrines of the Bible have their roots in Genesis).
- d. Firsts in Genesis:
- 1:5 first day
  - 2:7 first man
  - 2:22 first woman
  - 2:23 first marriage
  - 3:7 first sin
  - 3:15 first promise of the savior
  - 3:21 first sacrifice
  - 4:1 first birth
  - 4:8 the first murder
  - 4:17 first city
  - 4:19 first bigamy
  - 4:23 first musicians
  - First tools, manslaughter, worship, flood, drunkard, rebellion, pilgrim, war, incest, mention of love, etc.

## 2. The First Question

- a. In the Old Testament: **God is seeking MAN.** Genesis 3:9 <sup>9</sup>*And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*
- b. In the New Statement: **Man is seeking GOD.** Matthew 2:2 <sup>2</sup>*Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

## 3. The First Hallelujahs (“Praise the Lord”)

- a. In the Old Testament – Psalm 104:35 <sup>35</sup>*Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.*
- b. In the New Testament – Revelation 19:1-3 <sup>1</sup>*And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: <sup>2</sup>For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. <sup>3</sup>And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.*

**Both references are speaking of “judgement.”**

4. The First Recorded Words of Christ – Luke 2:49 <sup>49</sup>*And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*

Compare these words with:

- a. His last recorded words on the cross – Read John 19:30 <sup>30</sup>*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*
  - b. His last recorded words on earth – Read Acts 1:8 <sup>8</sup>***But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***
5. The First Act of Christ's Public Ministry
- a. Read Matthew 3:13-17 <sup>13</sup>*Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. <sup>14</sup>But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? <sup>15</sup>And Jesus answering said unto him, **Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him. <sup>16</sup>And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: <sup>17</sup>And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***
  - b. Read John 1:29-34 <sup>29</sup>*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. <sup>31</sup>And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. <sup>32</sup>And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. <sup>33</sup>And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and*

*remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. <sup>34</sup>And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*

- D. Additional notes from Number In Scripture, E. W. Bullinger, 1967, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapid, MI. (ISBN 0-8254-2238-8)

Beginning on page 50:

1. Unity – Only One.
2. Primacy - greater importance, priority, precedence, preeminence, superiority, supremacy, ascendancy, dominance, dominion, leadership
3. Indivisible, not made up of others, independent, and the source of all others. All stand in need of Him. He needs no assistance from any other.
4. “One” excludes all difference. There is no second with which to harmonize or conflict.
5. “One Lord” – absolutely denies another lord (but does not deny the Trinity) and denies/excludes ALL idolatry.
6. The 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment – “Thou shalt have no other gods” asserts a sufficiency which needs no other and an independence which admits no other.
7. It marks the “beginning.” We must begin with God.
8. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” Man’s ways and thoughts are the opposite of God. Man thinks first of himself thinking of himself as number one. Independence in God is His glory. Independence in man is sin, rebellion, and shame.
9. Redemption and salvation begins and ends with God.
10. “I am the Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end.”

## II Two – Division, Separation

In contrast to the number “ONE” (exclusive, indivisible, independent), the number “TWO” signifies difference and divisibility. It can also stand for strength.

### A. Division

1. First mention of “Two” – Genesis 1:14-18 *<sup>14</sup>And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: <sup>15</sup>And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.*
  - a. God makes two great lights (sun and moon).
  - b. To divide the light from the darkness.
  
2. Read Genesis 1:6-8 *<sup>6</sup>And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. <sup>7</sup>And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

On the SECOND day of creation, God made the firmament [heavens] to divide the waters. [Genesis says that the firmament “separated the water under the expanse from the water above it” Originally, God created the earth with water “under” the sky (terrestrial and subterranean water) and water “above” the sky—possibly a [“water canopy”](#) which enwrapped the earth in a protective layer. Or, the waters above the firmament could simply be a reference to clouds.]

3. Read Genesis 10:25 (after the flood) *25And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.*

In the days of Peleg (division), one of Eber's TWO sons was the earth divided.

4. Read Ezekiel 37:21-24 *21And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: 23Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. 24And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.*

**This prophetic passage looks forward to the restoration of the TWO divided nations/kingdoms in the millennium.**

5. The Word of God is divided into:

a. TWO Testaments

- (i) Hebrews 9:15 *15And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

- (ii) II Corinthians 3:6 *<sup>6</sup>Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*
  
- (iii) II Corinthians 3:14 *<sup>14</sup>But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.*

b. TWO Covenants

Read Hebrews 8:6-13 *<sup>6</sup>But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. <sup>8</sup>For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: <sup>9</sup>Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. <sup>10</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: <sup>11</sup>And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. <sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. <sup>13</sup>In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.*

- (i) The 1<sup>st</sup> (the Law) being “faulty”
- (ii) The 2<sup>nd</sup> (Grace) being “better”

6. There are two classes of people in God’s sight:

- a. The saved and the lost. Read Luke 19:10 <sup>10</sup> *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*
- b. The just and the wicked. Read Matthew 13:49 <sup>49</sup> *So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,*
- c. The sheep and the goats. Read Matthew 25:32 <sup>33</sup> *And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*
- d. The children of God and the children of the Devil. Read I John 3:10 <sup>10</sup> *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

## B. Separation and Strife

- 1. Read Amos 3:3 <sup>3</sup>*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*  
[Examples of separation / strife given below]
  - a. Cain and Able
  - b. Abraham and Lot

- c. **Ishmael and Isaac** [In Genesis 16, the birth of Ishmael was planned by the Patriarch Abraham's first wife, who at that time was known as Sarai. She and her husband Abram (Abraham) sought a way to have children in order to fulfill the Abrahamic covenant that was established in Genesis 15. Since Sarai was 75 years old and had yet to bear Abraham a child, her idea was to offer her Egyptian handmaiden Hagar to Abraham, so that they could have a child by her. Abraham consented to a marital arrangement taking Hagar as his second wife when he was in his late 85th year of age. Customs of that time dictated that, although Hagar was the birth mother, any child conceived would belong to Sarai and Abram.]
- d. **Esau and Jacob** [In Genesis, Esau returned to his brother Jacob being famished from the fields. He begged his twin brother to give him some "red pottage". Jacob offered to give Esau a bowl of stew in exchange for his birthright (the right to be recognized as firstborn) and Esau agreed. The birthright has to do with inheritance of goods and position both. The tale is typically biblical. Esau acts impulsively. As he did not value his birthright over a bowl of lentil stew, by his actions, Esau demonstrates that he does not deserve to be the one who continues Abraham's responsibilities and rewards under God's covenant, since he does not have the steady, thoughtful qualities which are required. Jacob shows his williness as well as his greater intelligence and forethought. What he does is not quite honorable, though not illegal. The birthright benefit that he gains is at least partially valid, although he is insecure enough about it to conspire later with his mother to deceive his father so as to gain the blessing for the first-born as well. Later, Esau marries two wives, both Hittite women, that is, locals, in violation of Abraham's (and God's) injunction not to take wives from among the Canaanite population. Again, one gets the sense of a **headstrong person who acts impulsively, without sufficient thought** (Gen.26:34-35). His marriage is described as a vexation to both Rebekah and Isaac. Even his father, who has strong affection for him, is hurt by his act. This action alone forever rules out Esau as the bearer of patriarchal continuity. Esau could have overcome the sale of his birthright; Isaac was still prepared to give him the blessing due the firstborn. But **acquiring foreign wives** meant the detachment of his children from the Abrahamic line. Despite the deception on the part of Jacob and his mother to gain Isaac's patriarchal blessing, Jacob's vocation as Isaac's legitimate heir in the continued founding of the Jewish people is reaffirmed. Daniel J. Elazar suggests that the Bible indicates that a bright, calculating person who, at times, is less than honest, is preferable as a founder over a bluff, impulsive one who cannot make discriminating choices.]
2. "No man can serve TWO masters." Matthew 6:24 <sup>24</sup> *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* [Jesus speaking about the importance of pleasing God, not others or yourself.]
- a. Read James 4:4 <sup>4</sup>*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

- b. Read Galatians 5:17 *<sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and **these are contrary the one to the other**: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*
  
3. Read I Corinthians 15:47-48 *<sup>47</sup>The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.*
  
4. Read I John 4:6 *<sup>6</sup>We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. **There are TWO opposing spirits in the world.***

### C. Strength (in TWO)

1. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 *<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. <sup>10</sup>For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. **TWO are better than one.***
  
2. In evangelistic ministry, two is better. Read Luke 10:1 *<sup>1</sup>After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.*
  
3. In resolving problems or convincing people, two is better. Read Matthew 18:16 *<sup>16</sup>But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*

### III Three – Divinity

The number THREE whose significance may be adduced from both Biblical and natural consequences. IT IS THE DIVINE NUMBER.

#### A. Biblical

1. There are THREE Persons in the Godhead. Read:
  - a. I John 5:7 <sup>7</sup> *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*
  - b. Matthew 28:19 <sup>19</sup> *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*
2. God dwells in the THIRD heaven. Read II Corinthians 12:2 <sup>2</sup> *I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.*
3. Heaven resounds “Holy, holy, holy”
  - a. Isaiah 6:3 <sup>3</sup> *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*
  - b. Revelation 4:8 <sup>8</sup> *And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*

4. Jesus Christ is called the “Which is (present), Which was (past), and Which is to come” (future). Read Revelation 1:4 *<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;*
  
5. The Lord Jesus Christ tempted three times. Read Matthew 4:1-11 *<sup>1</sup>Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. <sup>2</sup>And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. <sup>3</sup>And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. <sup>4</sup>But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. <sup>5</sup>Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; <sup>9</sup>And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup>Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. <sup>11</sup>Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*
  
6. Christ raised three from the dead:
  - a. The son of a mother. Read Luke 7:12-15 *<sup>12</sup>Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the*

city was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. <sup>14</sup>And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. <sup>15</sup>And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

- b. The daughter of Jairus. Read Mark 5:22 <sup>22</sup>And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, <sup>23</sup>And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. <sup>24</sup>And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. <sup>25</sup>And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, <sup>26</sup>And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, <sup>27</sup>When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. <sup>29</sup>And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? <sup>32</sup>And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. <sup>33</sup>But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. <sup>34</sup>And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. <sup>35</sup>While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? <sup>36</sup>As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the

ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. <sup>37</sup>And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. <sup>39</sup>And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. <sup>40</sup>And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. <sup>41</sup>And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. <sup>42</sup>And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

- c. Lazarus. Read John 11:43 <sup>43</sup>And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Note: there are THREE instances of people being raised from the dead in the Old Testament:

- I Kings 17:17-22 <sup>17</sup>And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? <sup>19</sup>And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? <sup>21</sup>And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul

*come into him again. <sup>22</sup>And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.*

- *II Kings 4:18-35 <sup>18</sup>And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. <sup>19</sup>And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. <sup>20</sup>And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. ... <sup>32</sup>And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. <sup>33</sup>He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord. <sup>34</sup>And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. <sup>35</sup>Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.*
  
  - *II Kings 13:21 <sup>21</sup>And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.*
7. *Jesus prayed three times in the garden. Read Matthew <sup>26</sup>:44-45 <sup>44</sup>And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*

8. Christ was denied Three times by Peter. Matthew 26:34 <sup>34</sup>*Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.*

Jesus also restored Peter with THREE (3) questions. Read John 21:15-17 <sup>15</sup>*So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. <sup>16</sup>He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. <sup>17</sup>He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

9. Christ was crucified at the Third hour. Mark 15:25 <sup>25</sup>*And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.*

There were THREE hours of darkness. Read Mark 15:33 <sup>33</sup>*And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.*

10. Christ rose from the dead on the THIRD day. Read Luke 24:7 <sup>7</sup>*Saying, **The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.***

11. Christ has Three offices:

- a. Prophet – Read Acts 3:22 <sup>22</sup>*For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. <sup>23</sup>And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.*

- b. Priest – Hebrews 4:14 *<sup>14</sup>Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*
- c. Potentate – Revelation 19:16 *<sup>16</sup>And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND Lord OF LORDS.*

Past, Present, and Future:

Read Hebrews 9:24 *<sup>24</sup>For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

Read Hebrews 9:28 *<sup>28</sup>So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

12. The Lord Jesus Christ is called THREE kinds of Shepard

- a. **The Good Shepard.** Read John 10:14 *<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*
- b. **The Great Shepard.** Read Hebrews 13:20 *<sup>20</sup>Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*
- c. **The Chief Shepard.** I Peter 5:4 *<sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

13. Salvation through Christ has three tenses:

- a. Past – I AM saved from sin's PENALTY (justification)
- b. Present – I am BEING saved from sin's POWER (sanctification)
- c. Prospective [future] – I WILL BE saved from sin's PRESENCE (glorification)

14. There are three abiding graces: Read I Corinthians 13:13 <sup>13</sup>And now abideth **faith, hope, charity**, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
15. The third day of creation saw the emergence of land from the water... a picture of resurrection and the beginning of life (living things). Read Genesis 1:9-13 <sup>9</sup>And God said, *Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.* <sup>10</sup>And God called the dry land *Earth*; and the gathering together of the waters called he *Seas*: and God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, *Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.* <sup>12</sup>And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And the evening and the morning were the third day.
16. Man was created in the image of God with the three parts: BODY, SOUL, and SPIRIT.
- Read I Thessalonians 5:23 <sup>23</sup>And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Read Genesis 1:27 <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
  - Read Hebrews 4:12b (and more) <sup>11</sup>Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow**, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Neither is there any creature

*that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

#### **B. Natural (divine order in creation)**

1. Three primary colors (yellow, magenta, cyan)
2. Three kingdoms (animal, vegetable, mineral)
3. Three forms of matter (solid, liquid, gas, [plasma])
4. Three periods of time (past, present, future)
5. Three dimensions (length, width, depth)
6. Three areas of human capacity (thought, word, deed)

#### **IV Four – Creation, Earth**

**The significance of this number is less certain, but it is used in connection with the earth and God's creative acts. Four is the first non-prime number.**

##### **A. Biblical Instances**

1. First Mention – The Garden of Eden was divided into four heads (parts). Read Genesis 2:10-14 <sup>10</sup>And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup>And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. <sup>13</sup>And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. <sup>14</sup>And

the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

2. Genesis gives a four-fold division of mankind. Lands (countries), Tongues, Families, and Nations. Read:
  - a. Genesis 10:5 <sup>5</sup>By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.
  - b. Genesis 10:20 <sup>20</sup>These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.
  - c. Genesis 10:31 <sup>31</sup>These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.
  
3. There are four things which are little upon the Earth, but exceeding wise. Read Proverbs 30:24 <sup>24</sup> *There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise. <sup>25</sup>The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; <sup>26</sup>The conies [rock badger – small furry mammal] are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; <sup>27</sup>The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; <sup>28</sup>The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.*
  
4. The four winds of heaven and the four great beasts coming out of the sea. These represent FOUR great world empires during the “Times of the Gentiles.”  
  
Read Daniel 7:2-3 <sup>2</sup> *Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.<sup>3</sup> And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.*
  
5. There are four kinds of ground in the Lord’s parable of the sower. Read:

- a. Matthew 13:3-9 *3And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the **way side**, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some fell upon **stony places**, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And some fell **among thorns**; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into **good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*
- b. Matthew 13:18-23 *18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*
6. The fourth commandment. Read Exodus 20:8-10 *<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy*

*manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

## **B. Natural Instances**

1. FOUR directions – North, East, South, and West.
  - a. Read Isaiah 11:12 *<sup>12</sup>And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth*
  - b. Read Jeremiah 49:36 *<sup>36</sup>And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.*
2. FOUR seasons – Spring, Summer, Autumn, and, Winter

## **V Five – Death and Grace**

This number is often associated with death, but also with the grace of God (as it is revealed through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ).

### **A. Death**

1. First mention of (natural) death: Read Genesis 5:5 *<sup>5</sup>And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*
2. The dimensions of the brazen [bold and without shame] altar (upon which sacrifices were made) were five cubits by five cubits [about 18 inches –

distance from elbow to fingertips]. Read Exodus 27:1 *<sup>1</sup>And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.*

3. The FIVE kings of the Amorites were hanged on five trees. Read:
  - a. Joshua 10:5 *<sup>5</sup>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.*
  - b. Joshua 10:16-26 *<sup>16</sup>But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. <sup>17</sup>And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. <sup>18</sup>And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them: <sup>19</sup>And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand. <sup>20</sup>And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities. <sup>21</sup>And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. <sup>22</sup>Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. <sup>23</sup>And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. <sup>24</sup>And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near,*

*put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. <sup>26</sup>And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.*

4. The Philistines made FIVE golden emerods [tumor after stealing the Ark, boil, or ulcer] and five golden mice to stay a deadly plague. Read:

- a. I Samuel 6:4-5 *<sup>4</sup>Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. <sup>5</sup>Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.*
- b. I Samuel 6:16-18 *<sup>16</sup>And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. <sup>17</sup>And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the Lord; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; <sup>18</sup>And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the Lord: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.*

5. David chose FIVE smooth stones with which to face (and kill) Goliath. Read I Samuel 17:40 *<sup>40</sup>And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.*
  
6. A means of assassination: to smite another under the FIFTH rib. Read:
  - a. II Samuel 2:23 *<sup>23</sup>Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.*
  
  - b. II Samuel 3:27 *<sup>27</sup>And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother*
  
  - c. II Samuel 4:6 *<sup>6</sup>And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.*
  
  - d. II Samuel 20:10 *<sup>10</sup>But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.*
  
7. Note: The FIFTH seal, fifth trumpet, and fifth vial. Read:
  - a. Revelation 6:9 *<sup>9</sup>And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*

- b. Revelation 9:1-6 *<sup>1</sup>And **the fifth angel sounded**, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup>And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. <sup>3</sup>And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. <sup>4</sup>And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. <sup>6</sup>And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.*
- c. Revelation 16:10 *<sup>10</sup>And the **fifth angel** poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,*

## B. **Grace**

The grace of God is revealed in Jesus Christ, notably in His substitutionary death for sinners. The number of five sometimes relates to this grace.

1. FIVE offerings in Leviticus each picturing some aspect of Christ's atonement (NOTE: all burnt offerings offered on the 5 x 5 altar!):
  - a. The burnt offering (Chapter 1) Read Leviticus 1:17 *<sup>17</sup>And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, but shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the*

*fire: **it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.***

- b. The meal offering (Chapter 2) Read Leviticus 2:2 <sup>2</sup>And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, **of a sweet savour unto the Lord:**
- c. The peace offering (Chapter 3) Read Leviticus 3:1, 3:5, ...3:16-17 <sup>1</sup>And if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord... <sup>5</sup>And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, **of a sweet savour unto the Lord...** <sup>16</sup>And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the Lord's. <sup>17</sup>**It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.**
- d. The sin offering (Chapter 4) <sup>1</sup>And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: <sup>3</sup>If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the Lord for a sin offering....
- <sup>35</sup>And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire

*unto the Lord: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.*

- The trespassing offering (Chapter 5) *<sup>1</sup>And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity. <sup>2</sup>Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty. <sup>3</sup>Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty. <sup>4</sup>Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing:*

*<sup>14</sup>And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>15</sup>If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the Lord; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering: <sup>16</sup>And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him. <sup>17</sup>And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. <sup>18</sup>And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the*

*priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him. <sup>19</sup>It is a trespass offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the Lord.*

2. Five women in Matthew's genealogy of Christ. Note the detailed genealogy presented in Matthew 1 in which 5 women are included with the men:
  - a. Tamar (1:3)
  - b. Rahab (1:5)
  - c. Ruth (1:5)
  - d. Bathsheba (1:6)
  - e. Mary (1:16)
  
3. Jesus fed FIVE thousand men with five loaves of bread and two fishes. Read Mathew 14:17-21 *<sup>17</sup>And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. <sup>18</sup>He said, Bring them hither to me. <sup>19</sup>And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. <sup>20</sup>And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.*
  
4. There were FIVE porches on the pool of Bethesda ("house of kindness"). Read John 5:2 *<sup>2</sup>Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.*
  
5. FIVE wounds on the Lord's body:

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The five wounds comprised one through each hand or wrist, one through each foot, and one to the chest. Two of the wounds were through either his hands or his wrists, where nails were inserted to fix Jesus to the cross-beam of the cross on which he was crucified. According to American expert in forensic medicine, Frederick T. Zugibe, the most plausible region for the nail entry site in the case of Jesus is the upper part of the palm angled toward the wrist since this area can easily support the weight of the body, assures no bones are broken, marks the location where most people believed it to be, accounts for where most of the stigmatists have displayed their wounds and it is where artists through the centuries have designated it. This position would result in apparent lengthening of the fingers of the hand because of nail compression. Two were through the feet where the nail(s) passed through both to the vertical beam. The final wound was in the side of Jesus' chest, where, according to the New Testament, his body was pierced by the Holy Lance in order to be sure that he was dead. The Gospel of John states that blood and water poured out of this wound (John 19:34). Though the Gospels give no information on the subject, this was conventionally shown in art as being on Jesus's proper right side, though some depictions, notably a number by Rubens, show it on the proper left. The examination of the wounds by "Doubting Thomas" the Apostle, reported only in the Gospel of John at John 20:24-29, was the focus of much commentary and often depicted in art, where the subject has the formal name of the Incredulity of Thomas.

## **VI Six – Man, Sinful Man, Satan's Man**

Six is the one number in the Word of God which is directly associated with man. Read Revelation 13:18 <sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

**A. Sinful Man in General**

1. Man was created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day. Read Genesis 1:27 – 31 <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. <sup>29</sup>And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**

2. SIX is associated with MANual labor on the Earth: Read Genesis 3:17-19  
*17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

- a. Man is to do his work in six days.  
 Read Exodus 20:9  
*9Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: [part of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment].*



- b. Hebrew servants had to be released after SIX years. Read Exodus 21:2 *2If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.*
- c. The fields could only be worked for SIX years. Read
- (i) Exodus 23:10-11 *10And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: 11But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.*

- (ii) Leviticus 25:3-4 *<sup>3</sup>Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; <sup>4</sup>But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.*
  
- d. The time of MAN'S sojourn on the Earth will be 6,000 years. Read:
  - (i) Man was created approximately 4,000 BC
  - (ii) The days since Christ are approximately 2,000
  - (iii) The 7<sup>th</sup> millennium is the earth's Sabbath rest. Read Isaiah 14:7  
*<sup>7</sup>The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.*
  
- 3. Consider Romans 3:23 *<sup>23</sup>For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* Arithmetically,  $6 = 7 - 1$ . If seven is the number of perfection (yet to be studied) then man's number has come up short.
  
- 4. First mention: read Genesis 7:6 *<sup>6</sup>And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.* Noah is SIX hundred years old when God wipes out [wicked] man.
  
- 5. A total of 36 souls went down to Egypt. Read Genesis 46:26 *<sup>26</sup>All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six* [6 is a factor of 36 and Egypt is a picture of the world: read Isaiah 31:1 *<sup>1</sup>Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!* Also read Genesis 13:10, Deuteronomy 5:6, etc.)

6. Read Numbers 35:6 [appointment of the Levitical cities] *<sup>6</sup>And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.* There were SIX cities for refuge for a MANslayer. [Now among the cities which you will give to the Levites you shall appoint six cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee.]

## B. Satan's Man

1. The number of the BEAST (antichrist) is 666. Read: Revelation 13:18 *<sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*
  - a. The Book of Revelation reveals a Satanic Triad (a counterfeit to the Holy Trinity):
    - (i) The Dragon (Satan). Read:
      1. Revelation 12:3 *<sup>3</sup>And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*
      2. Revelation 12:7 *<sup>7</sup>And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*
      3. Revelation 13:2-4 *<sup>2</sup>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.**<sup>3</sup>And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and*

*all the world wondered after the beast. **4And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?***

- (ii) The Beast (Antichrist). Read Revelation 13:1-8 ***1And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2And 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. 3And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.***

- (iii) The False Prophet. Read:

1. Revelation 13:11-16 ***11And I beheld another beast [the False Prophet] coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like***

*a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. <sup>12</sup>And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast **[the Antichrist]** before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast **[the Antichrist]**, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>And he **[the False Prophet]** doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, <sup>14</sup>And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. <sup>15</sup>And he **[the False Prophet]** had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. <sup>16</sup>And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

2. Revelation 19:20 <sup>20</sup>And the beast **[the Antichrist]** 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.

b. Note: According to Revelation 13:17 (<sup>17</sup>And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast **[the Antichrist]**, or the number of his name.), there are three (3) things associated with the Antichrist:

- (i) The MARK of the Beast
- (ii) The NAME of the Beast
- (iii) The NUMBER of the Beast

- c. There have been numerous attempts over the centuries to identify the Beast (Antichrist) by assigning numerical values to letters A=1, B=2, or J=10, k=20, T=100, U=200,... etc.

For example, the name Hitler comes out to 666. But, the name "Sargent" [this author] comes out to 777!

A similar system using the Latin alphabet totals the sum of the letters of the letters of the papal crown ("Vicarious Filii Dei" – Vicar of the Son of God) to 666.

Trying to understand the number of the Antichrist has produced endless speculation (certain bar codes, people, etc.). One thing is certain: it will be obvious when the Antichrist appears.

2. Read about Goliath, who defied the God of Israel [Samuel 17:45 *<sup>45</sup>Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.*].

Read Samuel 17:4-7 *<sup>4</sup>And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. <sup>6</sup>And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.*

- Goliath stood SIX (6) cubits and a span tall.
  - He had s spear with a head weighing SIX hundred shekels of iron.
  - Had a son with SIX fingers and toes.
- Read II Samuel 21:19-20 *<sup>19</sup>And there was again a battle in Gob with the*

|                               | inches | feet      |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 6 cubits<br>(1 cubit = 18 in) | 108    | 9         |
| 1 span = 1/2 cubit            | 9      | 0.75      |
|                               | 117    | 9.75      |
|                               |        | 9 ft 9 in |

*Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. <sup>20</sup>And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.*

3. The number SIX is associated with the reign of Solomon – which was SHORT of being perfect! Read: II Chronicles 9:13-19 *<sup>13</sup>Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was **six hundred and threescore and six [666]** talents of gold; <sup>14</sup>Beside that which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. <sup>15</sup>And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: **six** hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target. <sup>16</sup>And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. <sup>17</sup>Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. <sup>18</sup>And there were **six** steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays: <sup>19</sup>And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the **six** steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.*

4. The wicked Athaliah, who attempted to destroy the royal seed (lineage of the Messiah). Read II Kings 11:1-3 *<sup>1</sup>And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. <sup>2</sup>But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. <sup>3</sup>And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord **six** years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.*
  
5. Nebuchadnezzar (a forerunner of the Antichrist) made a great image of himself having the dimensions 60 cubits tall by 6 cubits wide. Read Daniel 3:1 *<sup>1</sup>Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.*
  
6. The number 666 occurs three times in the Word of God:
  - a. Revelation 13:18 *<sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. [600 – Satan, the father; 60 – Antichrist, the son; 6 – the False Prophet ?]*
  
  - b. II Chronicles 9:13 and I Kings 10:14 (same reference) *<sup>13/14</sup>Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;*
  
  - c. Ezra 2:13 *<sup>13</sup>The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. [requires additional Bible study]*

## VII Seven – Divine and Spiritual Perfection

Without doubt, seven is the most sacred number in the Word of God. It is the most obvious number when it comes to Biblical numerology. **It is the number of perfection.**

### A. Perfection Seen in the Godhead

1. Luke's genealogy of Christ gives a total of 42 names between (and including) Jesus and God.
  - a. Read Luke 3:23 <sup>23</sup>*And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,*  
...  
...
  - b. Read Luke 3:38 <sup>38</sup>*Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*
  - c. Note: Matthew's genealogy gives  $14 + 14 + 14 = 43 = 7 \times 6$  generations between Abraham and Christ. Read Matthew 1:17 <sup>17</sup>*So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.*
2. Our Lord uttered SEVEN statements from His cross:
  - a. Luke 23:34 <sup>34</sup>*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*
  - b. Luke 23:43 <sup>43</sup>*And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

- c. Matthew 27:46 <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
- d. John 19:26 <sup>26</sup>When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
- e. John 19:28 <sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.
- f. Luke 23:46 <sup>46</sup>And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.
- g. John 19:30 <sup>30</sup>When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

### 3. The SEVEN Spirits of God.

#### a. Read Revelation

- (i) Revelation 1:4 <sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
- (ii) Revelation 3:1 <sup>1</sup> And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
- (iii) Revelation 4:5 <sup>5</sup>And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

(iv) Revelation 5:6 *<sup>6</sup>And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

b. This seven-fold perfection is explained in Isaiah 11:2 where He is called the “Spirit of... (see below) “. Read Isaiah 11:2 *<sup>2</sup>And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;*

- (i) The Lord
- (ii) Wisdom
- (iii) Understanding
- (iv) Counsel
- (v) Might
- (vi) Knowledge
- (vii) Fear

## **B. Perfection Seen in God’s Creation**

1. God ended His work of creation on the SEVENTH day. Read Genesis 2:2 *<sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*
2. Light is visibly refracted into SEVEN colors (the rainbow) Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet are the colors of the rainbow.
3. There are seven notes in music. Scales are typically listed from low to high. Most scales are octave-repeating, meaning their pattern of notes is

the same in every octave. An octave-repeating scale can be represented as a circular arrangement of pitch classes, ordered by increasing (or decreasing) pitch class. For instance, the increasing C major scale is C–D–E–F–G–A–B–[C], with the bracket indicating that the last note is an octave higher than the first note, and the decreasing C major scale is C–B–A–G–F–E–D–[C], with the bracket indicating an octave lower than the first note in the scale.

4. The human body goes through a cell-cycle of SEVEN years. Most cells in your body is renewed over a period of time. 0-7 Years – 7-14 Years – 14-21 Years – 21-28 Years – 28-35 Years – 35-42 Years - 42-49 Years – 49-56 Years – 56-63 Years – 63-70 Years – 70-77 Years – 77-84 Years.

And more science related ideas.

### C. **The Sevens of the Book of Revelation**

The number occurs 54 (symbolic) times in the Book of consummation.

There are:

1. SEVEN CHURCHES:
  - a. Revelation 1:4 <sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
  - b. Revelation 1:11 <sup>11</sup>Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

- c. Revelation 1:20 <sup>20</sup>The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

## 2. SEVEN SPIRITS of God

- a. Revelation 1:4 <sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
- b. Revelation 3:1 <sup>1</sup> And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
- c. Revelation 4:5 <sup>5</sup>And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- d. Revelation 5:6 <sup>6</sup>And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

## 3. SEVEN GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS (churches giving light?). Read:

- a. Revelation 1:12-13 <sup>12</sup>And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; <sup>13</sup>And in the

midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

- b. Revelation 1:20 <sup>20</sup>The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.
  - c. Revelation 2:1 <sup>1</sup> Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
  - d. Revelation 2:5 <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
4. SEVEN STARS. Read:
- a. Revelation 1:16 <sup>16</sup>And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
  - b. Revelation 1:20 <sup>20</sup> The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

- c. Revelation 2:1 <sup>1</sup> Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
  - d. Revelation 3:1 <sup>1</sup> And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
5. SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE. Read Revelation 4:5 <sup>5</sup>And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
6. SEVEN SEALS. Read:
- a. Revelation 5:1 <sup>1</sup>And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
  - b. Revelation 5:5 <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

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The Lamb opening the book with seven seals.

The Seven Seals is a phrase in the Book of Revelation that refers to seven symbolic seals that secure the book or scroll, that John of Patmos saw in his Revelation of Jesus Christ. The opening of the seals of the Apocalyptic document occurs in Revelation Chapters 5-8. In John's vision, the only one worthy to open the book is referred to

as both the "Lion of Judah" and the "Lamb having seven horns and seven eyes". [Revelation 5:5-6]

The seal notion appears first in Book of Daniel where in 12:4 is said about the end of times: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Upon the Lamb opening a seal from the book, a judgment is released or an apocalyptic event occurs.

- The opening of the first four seals release The Four Horsemen, each with their own specific mission. [Rev 6:1-8]
- The opening of the fifth seal releases the cries of martyrs for the "word/Worth of God". [Rev 6:9-11]
- The sixth seal prompts earthquake cataclysmic events. [Rev 6:12-17]
- The seventh seal cues seven angelic trumpeters who in turn cue the seven bowl judgments and more cataclysmic events. [Rev 8:1-13]

#### Seal Summary

| Seal    | Opening          | Symbols                  |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
| First   | White horse      | Bow, crown               |
| Second  | Red horse        | Great sword              |
| Third   | Black horse      | Scales                   |
| Fourth  | Pale horse       | None (Hades follows him) |
| Fifth   | Souls of martyrs | White robes              |
| Sixth   | Great earthquake | Darkness                 |
| Seventh | Seven angels     | Seven trumpets           |

7. SEVEN HORNS/EYES on the Lamb. Read Revelation 5:6 <sup>6</sup>And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
  
8. SEVEN ANGELS. Read:
  - a. Revelation 8:2 <sup>2</sup>And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
  
  - b. Revelation 8:6 <sup>6</sup>And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
  
9. SEVEN THUNDERS. Read Revelation 10:3-4 <sup>3</sup>And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
  
10. SEVEN HEADS on the “great red dragon”. Read:
  - a. Revelation 12:3 <sup>3</sup>And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
  
  - b. Revelation 13:1 <sup>1</sup>And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

- c. Revelation 17:3 <sup>3</sup>So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
  - d. Revelation 17:7 <sup>7</sup>And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
  - e. Revelation 17:9 <sup>9</sup>And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.
11. SEVEN CROWNS on the SEVEN HEADS. Read Revelation 12:3 <sup>3</sup>And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
12. Another SEVEN ANGELS. Read:
- a. Revelation 15:1 <sup>1</sup>And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
  - b. Revelation 15:6-8 <sup>6</sup>And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. <sup>7</sup>And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup>And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

- c. Revelation 16:1 <sup>1</sup>And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.
  - d. Revelation 17:1 <sup>1</sup>And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
13. SEVEN last PLAGUES in SEVEN golden VIALS. Read Revelation 21:9 <sup>9</sup>And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
14. SEVEN KINGS. Read Revelation 17:10-11 <sup>10</sup>And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. <sup>11</sup>And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
15. There are SEVEN “BLESSEDS” in the Book. Read:
- a. Rev 1:3 <sup>3</sup>Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.
  - b. Rev 14:13 <sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

- c. Rev 16:15 <sup>15</sup> Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- d. Rev 20:6 <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- e. Rev 22:7 <sup>7</sup> Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
- f. Rev 22:14 <sup>14</sup> Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Also view: <http://www.fillthevoid.org/Apologetics/number7MikeHoggard.html>

#### D. Notable Sevens Found Elsewhere in the Bible

1. Read Genesis 7:2 <sup>2</sup> *Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.* Clean beasts were to be taken into the ark by SEVENS. [There is much interpretation in this.]
2. In Leviticus 8, God gives direction to Moses for Aaron and his sons. Read 8:33 (among MANY detailed directions) <sup>33</sup> *And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.*

3. In Leviticus 16:14, blood was commanded to be sprinkled on the mercy seat [the lid or cover of solid gold of the Ark of the Covenant] SEVEN times. *<sup>14</sup>And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.*



4. Read Leviticus 23. There are SEVEN feasts of the Lord:
- **Passover** (verse 5, from verse 1): <sup>1</sup>And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts... <sup>4</sup>These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. <sup>5</sup>In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover.
  - **Unleavened Bread** <sup>6</sup>And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.
  - **Firstfruits** <sup>10</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:
  - **Fifty Days (Pentecost)** <sup>16</sup>Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

- **Trumpets** <sup>24</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.
  
  - **Atonement** <sup>27</sup>Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.
  
  - **Tabernacles** <sup>34</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord.
5. Read II Kings 5:9-10 about Elisha commanding Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, to wash SEVEN times in the Jordan to cleanse him of his leprosy. (the king of Syria requested the king of Israel's help to cleanse Naaman. The king of Israel thought he was seeking a quarrel and rent his clothes). From verse 8: <sup>8</sup>And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper... <sup>14</sup>Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup>And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood

before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. <sup>16</sup>But he said, As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. <sup>17</sup>And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord.

6. Divine (perfection) forgiveness is expressed as SEVENTY times seven in Matthew 18:21-22 <sup>21</sup>Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? <sup>22</sup>Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
  
7. There are SEVEN “**I AM’s**” in the Gospel of John (“The Gospel of Deity.” Read John 20:30-31 <sup>30</sup>And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <sup>31</sup>But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.)
  - a. John 6:35 <sup>35</sup>And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst...John 6:41 <sup>41</sup>The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven... John 6:51 <sup>51</sup> **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. <sup>52</sup>The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? <sup>53</sup>Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his

blood, ye have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

- b. John 8:12 <sup>12</sup>Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life... John 9:5 <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world**.
- c. John 10:7-9 <sup>7</sup>Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door** of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- d. John 10:11 <sup>11</sup> **I am the good shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep... <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.
- e. John 11:25 <sup>25</sup>Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life**: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- f. John 14:6 <sup>6</sup>Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- g. John 15:1, <sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> **I am the true vine**, and my Father is the husbandman... <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

**This the name of Deity:**

**God the Father:** Read Exodus 3:14 <sup>14</sup>And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

**God the Son:** Read John 8:58 <sup>58</sup>Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

8. Ephesians 4:3-6 gives the SEVEN-fold UNITY of the Spirit.  
<sup>3</sup>Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
9. Ephesians 6:14-18 gives the SEVEN-piece ARMOR of God. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your **loins girt about with truth [1]**, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness [2]**; <sup>15</sup>And your feet shod with the **preparation of the gospel [3]** of peace; <sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the **shield of faith [4]**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup>And take the **helmet of salvation [5]**, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God [6]**: <sup>18</sup>**Praying always with all prayer and supplication [7]** in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
10. James 3:17 gives a SEVEN fold description of divine. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that is from above is first **pure [1]**, then **peaceable [2]**, **gentle [3]**, and **easy to be entreated [4]**, **full of mercy and good fruits [5]**, **without partiality [6]**, and **without hypocrisy [7]**.

### VIII Eight – Newness (Resurrection and Regeneration)

If the number seven signifies divine perfection and completeness, then EIGHT (7+1) stands for a **new** beginning.

- A. New Beginnings – Read I Peter 3:20 (from verse 17) *<sup>17</sup>For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: <sup>19</sup>By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; <sup>20</sup>Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, **eight** souls were saved by water.*
- B. New Life – Read Leviticus 12:3 *<sup>3</sup>And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.*
- C. Jehovah's covenants with Abraham (from E. W. Bullinger, Numbers In Scripture, 1967, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapid, MI, USA; page 196
1. Sovereignty - Genesis 12:1-3 *<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: <sup>2</sup>And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: <sup>3</sup>And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*
  2. The Seed - Genesis 12:7 *<sup>7</sup>And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.*

3. Divine Assurance Genesis - 13:14-17 <sup>14</sup>And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: <sup>15</sup>For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. <sup>16</sup>And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. <sup>17</sup>Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.
  
4. The Limits of the Land (and more) – Genesis 15:13-21 <sup>13</sup>And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; <sup>14</sup>And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. <sup>15</sup>And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup>But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. <sup>17</sup>And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. <sup>18</sup>In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: <sup>19</sup>The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, <sup>21</sup>And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.
  
5. Invincible Grace – Genesis 17:1-22 <sup>1</sup>And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. <sup>3</sup>And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, <sup>4</sup>As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many

nations. <sup>5</sup>Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. <sup>6</sup>And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. <sup>8</sup>And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. <sup>9</sup>And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. <sup>10</sup>This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. <sup>12</sup>And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. <sup>13</sup>He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant. <sup>15</sup>And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. <sup>16</sup>And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! <sup>19</sup>And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. <sup>20</sup>And as for Ishmael, I have heard

thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. <sup>22</sup>And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

6. Human Failure and imperfection – Genesis 18:9-15 <sup>9</sup>And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. <sup>10</sup>And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? <sup>14</sup>Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. <sup>15</sup>Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.
7. Spiritual blessing headed up in the seed – Genesis 21:12 <sup>12</sup>And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.
8. Resurrection blessing – Genesis 22:15-18 <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, <sup>16</sup>And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: <sup>17</sup>That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall

possess the gate of his enemies; <sup>18</sup>**And in thy seed [Jesus Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

D. For more on covenants, also view:

<http://www.wetmorebaptistchurch.com/Education/ABCs-mature/Lesson%209%20-%20Israel.pdf> pages 15-40.

## IX Nine – Fruitfulness

**IF THERE IS ANY SIGNIFICANCE in the number nine, it would be seen in the totals of “nine things”:**

A. Nine-fold Fruit of the Spirit. Read Galatians 5:22-23 (from verse 19 for context) <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>Meekness, temperance:** against such there is no law.

B. The Ninth Year of Fruitfulness. Read

1. Leviticus 25:2-4 <sup>2</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; <sup>4</sup>But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard...

<sup>18</sup>Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do

them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. <sup>19</sup>And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. <sup>20</sup>And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: <sup>21</sup>Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. <sup>22</sup>And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until **the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.**

C. The Nine Beatitudes. Read Matthew 5:3-11

1. <sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
3. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
4. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
5. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
6. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
7. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
8. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
9. <sup>11</sup> Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

## X Ten – Completion

Ten is the number of digits on a man's hand – the basis of the decimal number system. It is associated with man, particularly the Gentile. It is a perfect number signifying COMPLETION.

A. Ten as it relates to the things of God:

1. Read the complete statement of God's holy law in Exodus 20:3-17 There are TEN Commandments:

*<sup>3</sup>Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

*<sup>4</sup>Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:*

*<sup>5</sup>Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; <sup>6</sup>And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

*<sup>7</sup>Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

*<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

*<sup>12</sup>Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

*<sup>13</sup>Thou shalt not kill.*

*<sup>14</sup>Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

*<sup>15</sup>Thou shalt not steal.*

*<sup>16</sup>Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

*<sup>17</sup>Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

2. The tithe (one-tenth) is the Lord's. Read Leviticus 27:30 <sup>30</sup>*And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.*
  
3. The tabernacle in the Wilderness had:
  - a. Read Exodus 26:1 <sup>1</sup>*Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.* There were TEN curtains.
  
  - b. Read Exodus 26:15-16 <sup>15</sup>*And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.* <sup>16</sup>*Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.* Boards that were TEN cubits.
  
  - c. Read Exodus 27:12 <sup>12</sup>*And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.* Ten pillars on TEN sockets.
  
- B. Ten as it relates to the affairs of mankind:
  1. Read Genesis 5. The generations from Adam to Noah total TEN. This represents the completion of the antediluvian (of or belonging to the time before the biblical Flood) world.
  
  2. Read Genesis 10:10 records the first Gentile kingdom. <sup>10</sup>*And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.*
  
  3. Read Exodus 7:20 thru 12:29. The plagues against Pharaoh were TEN.

4. Read Daniel 2:42-44 *<sup>42</sup>And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. <sup>43</sup>And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. <sup>44</sup>And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.* The image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream had Ten toes representing the final (completed) form of the Gentile power.
  
5. This prophecy is reinforced by Daniel's vision of a dreadful and terrible beast which had TEN horns. Read Daniel 7:7 *<sup>7</sup>After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*
  
6. The completion (consummation) of Gentile dominion will be in the form of a TEN kingdom confederation. Read Revelation 17:12-14 *<sup>12</sup>And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. <sup>14</sup>These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

## XI Twelve – Israel, Government Perfection

The number TWELVE figures much in relationship to the nation of Israel and matters of the government.

### A. The Nation Of Israel

1. There are Twelve tribes of Israel. Read:
  - a. Genesis 49:28 <sup>28</sup>All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.
  - b. Exodus 24:4 <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.
  - c. Revelation 12:1 <sup>1</sup>And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
  - d. Numbers 17:2 <sup>2</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.
2. Moses appointed Twelve princes. Read Numbers 1:44 <sup>44</sup>These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.
3. There were Twelve judges over Israel from Othniel to Sampson. Read Judges 2:16-18 <sup>16</sup>Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. <sup>17</sup>And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other

gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so. <sup>18</sup>And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

4. Twelve is associated with the dedication of the altar. Read Numbers 7:84-87 <sup>84</sup>This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold: <sup>85</sup>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: <sup>86</sup>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. <sup>87</sup>All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat offering: and the kids of the goats for sin offering twelve.
5. Solomon had Twelve officers set in his kingdom. Read I Kings 4:7 <sup>7</sup>And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.
6. The Millennial altar will be twelve cubits square. Read Ezekiel 43:16 <sup>16</sup>And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.
7. Read Genesis 12, the first Hebrews.
8. In Exodus 12, the Israelites leave Egypt.

## B. Government

1. Ishmael begat twelve princes. Read Genesis 17:20 (from verse 18) <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! <sup>19</sup>And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. <sup>20</sup>And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.
2. Christ chose twelve disciples as the foundation for his Church. Read Matthew 10:1-3 <sup>1</sup>And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. <sup>2</sup>Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
3. Read Matthew 19:28 <sup>28</sup>*And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.* The Lord's apostles shall sit upon 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel.
4. Twelve legions of angels evidently make up a celestial "task force". Read Matthew 26:53 (from verse 51) <sup>51</sup>And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword

shall perish with the sword. <sup>53</sup> **Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?**

5. Read about the New Jerusalem: Revelation 21:12 – 16 <sup>12</sup>And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: <sup>13</sup>On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. <sup>16</sup>And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

Revelation 21:21 <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

- a. Twelve gates and angels
  - b. A wall with 12 foundations
  - c. Which measures 12,000 furlongs
6. Read Revelation 22:2 <sup>2</sup>In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare **twelve** manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
7. There are Twelve months in a year.

8. There are Twelve hours in a day. Read John 11:8-10 <sup>8</sup>*His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?* <sup>9</sup>*Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.* <sup>10</sup>*But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.*

## XII Thirteen – Rebellion

This number is known as the “number of rebellion”, based upon Genesis 14:4 [time of Abram, Lott, Sodom and Gomorrah] <sup>4</sup>Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

- Twelve years they served [the number of government]
- In the Thirteenth year, they rebelled.

The number 13 is most often associated with bad things. In superstition, it is the “unlucky” number. For example:

- A. There are thirteen vices coming from the heart of man listed in Mark 7:21-22 [from verse 14] <sup>14</sup>And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. <sup>16</sup> If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>17</sup>And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; <sup>19</sup> Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? <sup>20</sup>And he said, **That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.** <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the

heart of men, proceed ***evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*** <sup>22</sup>  
***Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye,***  
***blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*** <sup>23</sup> ***All these evil things come from within,***  
***and defile the man.***

- B. The word “Dragon” occurs thirteen times in the book of Revelation.
- C. The curse of the Law is given in Galatians 3:13 [from verse 11] <sup>11</sup>But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. <sup>12</sup>And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. <sup>13</sup>**Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:** <sup>14</sup>That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- D. Haman worked his wicked scheme [kill/destroy Jews and Mordecai] on the thirteenth day. Read Esther 3:12-13 [from verse 8] <sup>8</sup>And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. <sup>9</sup>If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. <sup>10</sup>And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. <sup>11</sup>And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. <sup>12</sup>Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according

to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring. <sup>13</sup>And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

E. Of the kings of Judah, 7 were good, 13 were wicked.

|                                | Common/Biblical name  | Albright | Notes   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------|---|
| <a href="#">House of David</a> |   |          |   |
| 1                              | <a href="#">David</a>   | 1000–962 | <a href="#">Death: natural causes</a>   |
|                                | Reigned over Judah for 7 years in Hebron, then Israel & Judah in Jerusalem for 33 years; 40 years in total. |          |   |
| 2                              | <a href="#">Solomon</a>   | 962–932  | Death: natural causes<br>Son of David by Bathsheba, his rights of succession were disputed by his older half-brother Adonijah   |
|                                | Reigned over Israel & Judah in Jerusalem for 40 years.  |          |   |
| 3                              | <a href="#">Rehoboam</a><br>Reigned for 17 years.   | 932–915  | Death: natural causes   |
| 4                              | <a href="#">Abijah</a><br>Reigned for 3 years.  | 915–913  | Death: natural causes   |
| 5                              | <a href="#">Asa</a><br>Reigned for 41 years.  | 913–873  | Death: severe foot disease  |
| 6                              | <a href="#">Jehoshaphat</a><br>Reigned for 25 years.  | 873–849  | Death: natural causes   |
| 7                              | <a href="#">Jehoram</a><br>Reigned for 8 years.   | 849–842  | Death: severe stomach disease   |
| 8                              | <a href="#">Ahaziah</a><br>Reigned for 1 year.  | 842–842  | Death: killed by Jehu, who usurped the throne of Israel   |
| 9                              | <a href="#">Athaliah</a><br>(Queen)<br>Reigned for 6 years.   | 842–837  | Death: killed by the troops assigned by Jehoiada the Priest to protect Joash.<br>Queen Mother, widow of Jehoram and mother of Ahaziah   |
|                                |   |          |   |
| 10                             | <a href="#">Jehoash (Joash)</a><br>Reigned for 40 years.  | 837–800  | Death: killed by his officials namely: Zabad, son of Shimeath, an Ammonite Woman, and Jehozabad, son of Shimrith, a Moabite Woman.  |
| 11                             | <a href="#">Amaziah</a><br>Reigned for 29 years.  | 800–783  | Death: killed in Lachish by the men sent by his officials who conspired against him.  |
| 12                             | <a href="#">Uzziah</a><br><a href="#">(Azariah)</a><br>Reigned for 52 years.                                | 783–742  | <a href="#">Death: Tzaraas</a><br>George Syncellus wrote that the First Olympiad took place in Uzziah's 48th regnal year.   |
|                                |   |          |   |
| 13                             | <a href="#">Jotham</a><br>Reigned for 16 years.   | 742–735  | Death: natural causes   |
| 14                             | <a href="#">Ahaz</a><br>Reigned for 16 years.   | 735–715  | Death: natural causes<br>The Assyrian king Tiglath-Pileser III records he received tribute from Ahaz; compare 2 Kings 16:7-9  |
|                                |   |          |   |
| 15                             | <a href="#">Hezekiah</a><br>Reigned for 29 years.   | 715–687  | Death: Natural Causes<br>Contemporary with Sennacherib of Assyria and Merodach-Baladan of Babylon.  |
| 16                             | <a href="#">Manasseh</a><br>Reigned for 55 years.   | 687–642  | Death: natural causes<br><a href="#">Mentioned in Assyrian records as a contemporary of Esarhaddon</a>  |
| 17                             | <a href="#">Amon</a><br>Reigned for 2 years.  | 642–640  | Death: killed by his officials, who were killed later on by the people of Judah.  |
| 18                             | <a href="#">Josiah</a><br>Reigned for 31 years.   | 640–609  | Death: shot by archers during the battle against Neco of Egypt. He died upon his arrival on Jerusalem.  |
| 19                             | <a href="#">Jehoahaz</a><br>Reigned for 3 months.   | 609      | Death: Neco, king of Egypt, dethroned him and was replaced by his brother, Eliakim. Carried off to Egypt, where he died.  |
| 20                             | <a href="#">Jehoiakim</a><br>Reigned for 11 years.  | 609–598  | Death: Natural Causes<br>The Battle of Carchemish occurred in the fourth year of his reign (Jeremiah 46:2)  |
| 21                             | <a href="#">Jehoiachin</a><br><a href="#">(Jeconiah)</a><br>Reigned for 3 months & 10 days.                 | 598      | Death: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon sent for him and brought him to Babylon, where he lived and died.<br>Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians and Jehoiachin deposed on 16 March, 597 BC. Called Jeconiah in Jeremiah and Esther |
|                                |   |          |   |
| 22                             | <a href="#">Zedekiah</a><br>Reigned for 11 years.   | 597–587  | Death: unknown.<br>His reign saw the second rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar (588-586 BC). Jerusalem was captured after a lengthy siege, the temple burnt, Zedekiah blinded and taken into exile, and Judah reduced to a province.      |

### XIII Forty – Probation, Testing

**This number is associated with trials and periods of waiting.**

- A. **The flood was forty days upon the Earth.** Read Genesis 7:12 <sup>12</sup>And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. AND Genesis 7:17 <sup>17</sup>And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.
- B. **The life of Moses was divided into sets of forty.**
1. **1<sup>st</sup> forty:** Read Acts 7:22-23 <sup>22</sup>And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. <sup>23</sup>And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.
  2. **2<sup>nd</sup> forty:** Read Acts 7:30 <sup>30</sup>And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
- C. Exodus 24:18 [from verse 16] <sup>16</sup>And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.  
**Moses was in the mount 40 days and 40 nights.**
- D. Read Numbers 14:33-34 <sup>33</sup>And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup>After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.  
**Israel would wander in the wilderness 40 years.**

- E. Read: I Samuel 17:16 [from verse 14] <sup>14</sup>And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. <sup>15</sup>But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. <sup>16</sup>And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

**Goliath challenged Israel for 40 days.**

- F. Read I Kings 19:7-8 <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. <sup>8</sup>And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

**Elijah went 40 days and 40 nights in the journey of angelic provision.**

- G. Read Jonah 3:4 <sup>1</sup>And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. <sup>4</sup>And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

**The city of Nineveh was given 40 days to change.**

- H. Matthew 4:2 <sup>2</sup>And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

**The Lord Jesus Christ fasted 40 days and 40 nights.**