

## Numbers In The Bible End Times Series

### Numbers in the Bible

God is a God of order and design. God has designed laws that nature obeys. He has also created the laws of numbers in the universe. There is a mathematical arrangement in everything. All flowers have a certain number of petals and cells have a certain number of chromosomes. Numbers also have a symbolic meaning in the Bible.

### One

- The number of unity. There is one God; Jehovah. The number 1 is only divisible by itself. It is independent of any other numerals yet composes them all.

*“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!” Deuteronomy 6:4*

*“And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.” Zechariah 14:9*

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4–6*

- The first thing designated as Holy is God's Sabbath Day. The first person called a prophet is Abraham. The first of the ten commandments, on which all others are founded and without which is chaos, destruction and death, is "Worship no god but me".

*Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. Genesis 2:3*

*“Now therefore, restore the mans’ wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her, know hat you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.” Genesis 20:7*

*“you shall have no other gods before Me. Exodus 20:3*

- Jesus is called the firstborn of every creature and the firstborn not only of the dead but also among many brethren. He is also called the "first of the first fruits", meaning that He is the first of MANY to be resurrected to eternal life, especially those in the first resurrection.

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*  
Colossians 1:15

*He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*  
Colossians 1:18

*For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be there firstborn among many brethren;*  
Romans 8:29

*But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.* 1 Corinthians 15:20

*But each in his own order; Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming.* 1 Corinthians 15:23

*"Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.* Revelation 20:6

- Christ referred to himself as the FIRST or Alpha which is the first letter of the Greek language several times in the book of Revelation. The apostle Peter tells us bluntly that it is through the name of Jesus Christ and Him alone that a person can receive salvation and live forever. There is NO OTHER NAME in all creation, in spite of the sincerity of countless BILLIONS who believe in other paths to salvation, eternal life and so on, by which mankind can connect to the TRUE God and fulfill their destiny.

*When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,"* Rev 1:17

*"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."* Acts 4:12

- The apostle Paul, in his letter to the church at Ephesus, emphasized the uniqueness of the Christian calling when he stated there was only ONE true spiritual body of believers where all share in one spirit (the Holy Spirit). True Christianity entails one hope, one faith, one baptism, one Lord and Savior and one Father.

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.* Eph 4:4-6

## Two

- The number 2 conveys the meaning of a union, division or the verification of facts by witnesses. At the minimum, the testimony of at least 2 people were needed in the Old Testament to convict someone of a crime or sin. The validity of this teaching was confirmed by the Apostle Paul. Today in meetings motions must be seconded.

*“A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.” (Deuteronomy 19:15)*

*“Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true.” (John 8:17)*

*Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. 1 Timothy 5:19*

*Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, Titus 3:10*

- In the End Times, two witnesses will appear on the world scene to testify and uphold the truth of God against the Beast and the False Prophet.

*“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” (Revelation 11:3)*

- A man and woman, though two in number, are made one in marriage. There is also the union between Christ and the church (see 1 Corinthians 12).

*“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24*

*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.  
1 Corinthians 12:13*

*Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27*

- The testimony of God is divided into two testaments; the Old and New Testaments. His agreements with mankind are divided into Old and New Covenants. And, though two in number, God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ) compose a single Godhead.

- Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs so that they could not only testify about his teachings and miracles, but also be witnesses of those who accepted or rejected the gospel.

*“And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;” Mark 6:7*

- During Creation week God made two great lights, one, the sun, to rule the day and a lesser one, the moon, to rule the night.

*God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. Genesis 1:16*

### Three

- The Divine number. It pictures completeness although to a lesser degree than the number (7) seven. God is three in one - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When Isaiah saw the Lord upon the throne, he saw angels worshipping the Lord and crying out, “Holy, holy, holy”.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,” Matthew 28:19*

- Man is made in the image of God with three parts, body, soul and spirit.

*“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23*

- The essential components of God’s creation including things such as time, space, matter, energy are a reflection of His triune nature. Time is triune - past, present and future. Space is triune— height, width, and depth. Matter is triune— energy, motion, and phenomena. Energy is made up of three different wavelengths or light types: ultraviolet radiation, visible radiation, and near-infrared radiation. **(Rogers pg 17)**

God is described, in the very beginning of the book of Revelation, as a Being "which is, and which was, and which is to come" Revelation 1:4

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8*

- The 3 righteous patriarchs before the flood were Abel, Enoch and Noah. After the deluge there was the righteous fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who was later renamed Israel.

- The three gifts given to Israel by God were his law, the land of their inheritance, and their calling (the world to come).
- There are 3 great periods of God's annual Feast days of worship. They are the Spring festivals (Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread), the summer festival (Pentecost) and the Fall festivals (Feast of Trumpets, Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles).
- The Bible only mentions the name of three angels: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer.
- There were only three individuals who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Hermon. Those who saw Jesus' glory on the mount were John, Peter and James.
- Paul was privileged to visit the location of God's throne, which is in the third heaven.  
*I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man - whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows - was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. 2 Corinthians 12:2-4*
- Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest. He was placed on the cross at the 3rd hour of the day (9 a.m.) and died at the 9th hour (3 p.m.). There were 3 hours of darkness that covered the land while Jesus was suffering on the cross from the 6th hour to the 9th hour. Three is the number of resurrection. Christ was dead for three full days and three full nights, a total of 72 hours, before being resurrected on Saturday, April 8, just before sunset.
- Next to seven, 3 is the most commonly found or referenced number in Revelation. An angel is charged to cry three woe's to those who live on earth to warn them of more trials to come. The murdered bodies of the Two Witnesses will not be allowed to be buried but rather will lie openly in Jerusalem for three days before they are resurrected. Three unclean spirits will be allowed to deceive the whole world to FIGHT the returning Jesus Christ in what is called the battle of Armageddon. The new Jerusalem, created by God for placement on a new earth, will be shaped like a square with three gates on each side.  
*Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" Revelation 8:13*

*And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; Revelation 16:13*

*There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. Revelation 21:13*

- There are 27 books in the New Testament, which is 3x3x3, or completeness to the third power.

## **Four**

- The number 4 derives its meaning from creation. On the fourth day of what is called creation week God completed the material universe. On this day he brought into existence our sun, the moon and all the stars. Their purpose was not only to give off light, but also to divide the day from the night on earth, thus becoming a basic demarcation of time. They were also made to be a type of signal that would mark off the days, years and seasons.

There are four seasons - spring, summer, fall and winter. There are four directions - north, south, east, west. There have only been four world empires in history. The Bible speaks of the four corners of the earth. The four beasts in Revelation 4:6-7 represent all of creation around the throne.

*Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. Gen 1: 14-19*

*"And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth." (Isaiah 11:12, NASB95)*

*"And you, son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel, 'An end! The end is coming on the four corners of the land.'" (Ezekiel 7:2, NASB95)*

*“After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.” (Revelation 7:1, NASB95)*

*“and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.” (Revelation 4:6–7)*

- A multiple of four, forty is used throughout the Bible in testing and trial. The flood was for forty days and nights, the Israelites were in the wilderness for forty years, when Moses climbed Mount Sinai he was there forty days and nights, Jonah told the Ninevehites that Nineveh would be demolished in forty days, and Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil for forty days and nights.
- The 4th of the Ten Commandments is to remember and keep God’s holy Sabbath day. The Sabbath day is tied directly to the creation week. God himself made the period between Friday sunset and Saturday sunset extra special when he rested on it after bringing everything into existence the previous six days.

*“Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD you God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:9-11*

- The Garden of Eden had a river which parted into the headwaters of four other rivers. These rivers were the Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel and the Euphrates.
- After Jesus was nailed and hung on a cross, Roman soldiers divided up his clothes into four parts (one for each soldier - John 19:23).

*Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. John 19:23*

- The four witnesses of God on earth are miracles, wonders, signs and the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 2:4).

*God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. Hebrews 2:4*

- The number of times rainbows are referenced in scripture are four: Genesis 9, Ezekiel 1:28, Revelation 4:3, 10:1.

*I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. Gen 9:13*

*As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking. Ezekiel 1:28*

*And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Revelation 4:3*

*I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; Revelation 10:1*

- In Ezekiel's well-known wheel in the middle of a wheel vision (Ezekiel 1, 10) he sees four living creatures transporting a throne with four sides and four wheels. Each of the living creatures (likely Cherubim, a class of angels) has four faces (the face of a man, lion, ox and eagle) and four wings.

*Each of them had four faces and four wings. Ezekiel 1:6*

- Later in the book that bears his name, Ezekiel is told to proclaim to Israel that an end is coming upon 'the four corners of the land'. In chapter 14 the prophet is told by the Eternal to ask Israel's unrepentant elders to repent or else four sore judgments will come upon Jerusalem. They are the sword, famine, wild beasts or animals, and pestilence.

*And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, 'An end! The end is coming on the four corners of the land. Ezekiel 7:2*

*For thus says the Lord GOD, "How much more when I send My four ever judgments against Jerusalem: sword, famine, wild beasts and plague to cut off man and beast from it! Ezekiel 14:21*

- There are 4 gospel accounts of Jesus' life and ministry. Each of these emphasizes a unique aspect of his sacrifice and ministry. Matthew's focus is on Christ being the son of David and a King. Mark highlights the suffering servant aspect of his ministry. John proclaims Jesus is the One and Only begotten Son of God. And Luke showcases him as the Perfect Man.



## Five

Five Indicates grace and completeness. We have five fingers, toes and senses. In Revelation 13 the Antichrist will have full power and is described as having ten horns with ten crowns. When God judged Egypt He sent ten plagues. According to Revelation 2:10 God will allow a full and complete tribulation or persecution of the church.

*“The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)*

*“And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.” (Revelation 13:1)*

*“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)*

- The Ten Commandments contains two sets of 5 commandments. The first five commandments are related to our treatment and relationship with God, and the last five concern our relationship with others humans
- There are five primary types of offerings God commanded Israel to bring to him. They are the Burnt Offering, Sin, Trespass, Grain, and Peace Offering.
- The Book of Psalms is divided into five major sections.
  - Section 1 (Psalm 1 to 41) refers to the Passover, Israel's beginning, and the start of the God's plan of salvation that centers around Christ.
  - Section 2 (42 to 72) sings about a unified Israel in the land and pictures the creation of the New Testament Church. .
  - Section 3 (73 to 89) bemoans the destruction of both God's Temple and Jerusalem. This section also hints at prophecies regarding the End Time Great Tribulation.
  - Section 4 (90 to 106) rejoices over the 1,000 reign of Jesus and shows Israel gathered again.
  - Section 5 (107 to 150) pictures a time when Judah (representing all Israel) shall again be delivered.
- There are five books of God's Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These are commonly referred to as the Pentateuch which means five.

- The 'tabernacle in the wilderness profoundly reflects God's grace in its use of the number 5. This tabernacle, whose design was given directly by God, contained five curtains, five bars, five pillars and five sockets and an altar made of wood that was five cubits long and five cubits wide. The height of the court within the tabernacle was five cubits.
- The Holy anointing oil, the ingredients of which were given directly by God, was used to consecrate the furniture of the tabernacle. It was comprised of five parts, for it was a revelation of pure grace. The proportion of spices used in making the oil were a multiple of five, which then had a Hin of olive oil added to it.
  - Pure Myrrh, 500 shekels
  - Sweet cinnamon, 250 shekels
  - Sweet calamus, 250 shekels
  - Cassia, 500 shekels

## Six

- Six symbolizes man and human weakness, the evils of Satan and the manifestation of sin. Man was created on the sixth day. Men are appointed 6 days to labor.
- A Hebrew slave was to serve six years and be released in the 7th year. Six years were appointed for the land to be sown and harvested. The number 6 is also associated with Satan in his temptation of Jesus.
- One of the most famous numbers in the Bible is 666 - the number of the beast or the Antichrist in Revelation. The bringing together of three 6's is the number and mark of the end time Beast of Revelation. As such, it represents the very best system of governance that mankind can produce WITHOUT God and under the constant influence of his chief adversary. Three is the number of God and six is the number of man. The Antichrist will sit in the temple of God promoting himself as God.
 

*"Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six." (Revelation 13:18, NASB95)*
- Jesus was accused six times of being demon possessed.
 

*"The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." (Mark 3:22, NASB95)*

*“The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?” (John 7:20, NASB95)*

*“The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” (John 8:48, NASB95)*

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*“But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” (Luke 11:15, NASB95)*

- The Word of God records that Christ was asked 6 times, most of the time by those who were self-righteous, to produce a sign to prove who he was and the claims he made.
- The Pharisees demand a sign after they accuse Christ of casting out demons by the power of Satan (Matthew 12:38, Mark 8:11). Jesus' response was that the only sign that will be given is that of Jonah the prophet.
- The Pharisees and Sadducees try to tempt Jesus by asking for a sign.

*“The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.” (Matthew 16:1, NASB95)*

- The twelve disciples, on the Mount of Olives, ask Christ what will be the sign of his Second Coming and the end of the world.

*“As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3, NASB95)*

*““Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?” (Mark 13:4, NASB95)*

- Some people who saw him cast a demon out of a person ask him for a sign from heaven.

*“Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven.” (Luke 11:16, NASB95)*

- After cleansing Jerusalem's temple at the start of his ministry, some Jews who saw what Jesus did demand a sign.

*“The Jews then said to Him, “What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?”” (John 2:18, NASB95)*

- People who Christ miraculously fed ask him for a sign so that they may believe in him.

*“So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?” (John 6:30, NASB95)*

- Toward the end of his life many people, primarily Jewish religious leaders, had come to believe Jesus was guilty of some kind of crime or heinous sin. Six people, however, are recorded as stating that he was innocent of all the charges leveled against him. Those who found him innocent were Roman Prefect of Judea Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:14), Herod (Luke 23:15), Judas (after the devil left him - Matthew 27:3), Pontius Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19), one of the thieves on the cross near Christ's (Luke 23:41) and a Roman Centurion who was at the crucifixion (Luke 23:47).

## **Seven**

- The number of perfection and completeness. There are seven days in a week and God's Sabbath is on the 7th day. According to Jewish tradition, the creation of Adam occurred on October 7th, 3761 B.C. (or the first day of Tishri, which is the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar).
- There are seven notes in a musical scale, Joshua marched around Jericho seven times, there are seven parables of the kingdom in Matthew 13.
- There are 7 annual Holy Days in the Old Testament, beginning with Passover and ending with the Last Great Day (the day after the Feast of Tabernacles ends in the fall). The cycle of the holy days is completed in 3 festival seasons by the 7th month of the sacred calendar:
  - Passover and Unleavened Bread - 1st month;
  - Pentecost - 3rd month
  - Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles & Last Great Day - 7th month

- Multiples of seven have significance, just like multiples of four and five. For example, Jesus sent out seventy to preach the gospel, seventy weeks [of years] in the book of Daniel speak of God's dealing with all of time.

*"Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come." (Luke 10:1 )*

*"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place." (Daniel 9:24)*

- Used 735 times (54 times in the book of Revelation alone), the number 7 is the foundation of God's word. If we include with this count how many times 'sevenfold' (6) and 'seventh' (119) is used, our total jumps to 860 references.
- The Bible, as a whole, was originally divided into 7 major divisions:
  - Law
  - Prophets
  - Writings or Psalms
  - Gospels & Acts
  - General Epistles
  - Epistles of Paul
  - Book of Revelation

The total number of originally inspired books was forty-nine, or 7 x 7, demonstrating the absolute perfection of the Word of God.

- Jesus performed seven miracles on God's holy Sabbath Day (which ran from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset), thus affirming its continued sacredness to God and necessity in the life of the believer.
  - Jesus healed the withered hand of a man attending synagogue services (Matthew 12:9)
  - At a Capernaum synagogue He casts out an unclean spirit that possessed a man (Mark 1:21)
  - Right after the above miracle Jesus heals Peter's wife's mother of a fever (Mark 1:29)
  - A woman attending synagogue, who was made sick by a demon for eighteen years, is released from her bondage (Luke 13:11).
  - At a Pharisee's house eating a meal with the host and several lawyers, Jesus heals a man with dropsy (Luke 14:2)

- A man who is disabled and unable to walk is healed at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:8-9).
- Jesus heals a man born blind at the pool of Siloam (John 9:14).
- The division of the number seven in the Bible represents danger, division and foreboding. When Elijah preached and prophesied the heavens were shut for three and one-half years, the Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel for seven years then in the midst of the seven years he will break the covenant. (Rogers pg 20)

*“But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land,” (Luke 4:25)*

*“in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.” (Daniel 9:2)*

*“He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time (one year), times (two years), and half a time (six months).” (Daniel 7:25 - notes added)*

*“There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months (three and one-half months) was given to him.” (Revelation 13:5 - notes added)*

## **Eight**

- Eight symbolizes new beginnings or the new birth. Jewish children in the Old Testament were circumcised on the eighth day. It signifies the covenant made between God and Abraham as recorded in Genesis 17:9-14. Colossians 2:11 speaks of the spiritual significance of circumcision which is the new birth we receive in Jesus. The new birth is a symbolic New Testament picture of the Old Testament ritual of circumcision.

*“On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,” (Genesis 7:13)*

*“who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.” (1 Peter 3:20)*

*“and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ,” (Colossians 2:11)*

*“After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” (John 20:26)*

- The number eight also speaks of grace. Eight people were saved out of the ark or through water after the flood. Lepers were pronounced clean on the eighth day. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, which was the eighth day of the week or what we refer to as the Lord’s Day (Sunday) today. Jesus appeared to His disciples on the eighth day. Jesus showed himself alive eight times after His resurrection from the dead.
  - His first appearance alive was to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9 - 11).
  - He then showed himself to two disciples traveling to Emmaus (Luke 24).
  - Next, He appeared to all the disciples except Thomas (John 20:19 - 24)
  - Then a week later to all them when Thomas was present (John 20:26 - 29).
  - According to the apostle Paul, Christ also was seen by 500 believers at one time (1Corinthians 15:4 - 7).
  - Jesus met His disciples at the appointed place in Galilee (Matthew 28:16 - 17)
  - Jesus also met His disciples on Galilee’s shores (John 21:1 - 24).
  - His final meeting was on the Mount of Olives, where he gave his followers instructions before ascending to heaven (Acts 1).
- The New Testament was penned by only eight men:
  - Matthew
  - Mark
  - Luke
  - John
  - James
  - Peter
  - Jude
  - Paul

- Here is another interesting symbolic use of the number eight in God's Word. As you know, every number in the Latin alphabet is a letter. For example, a V stands for five. Each Greek letter also has numerical significance. Here is the name and numerical significance of the name of Jesus, which is Iēsous in Greek:

10	Iota
8	Et
200	Sigma
70	Omicron
400	Upsilon
200	Sigma
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888	Total

(Rogers pg 22)

## Nine

- Nine symbolizes divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality. The number nine is used 49 times in Scripture. Christ died at the 9th hour of the day, or 3 p.m., to make the way of salvation open to everyone.
- The Day of Atonement is the only one of God's annual Feast days that requires believers to fast for one day. This special day, considered by many Jews to be the holiest of the year, begins at sunset on the 9th day of the seventh Hebrew month (Leviticus 23:32).
- Nine also represents the fruits of God's Holy Spirit, which are Faithfulness, Gentleness, Goodness, Joy, Kindness, Long suffering, Love, Peace and Self-control (Galatians 5:22 - 23).
- Hoshea, who was Israel's last king before the kingdom fell to the Assyrians in 723 B.C., reigned for just 9 years (732 to 723 B.C.). The total destruction of Jerusalem's temple began on the Hebrew Calendar on Ab 9. It was also on this day that the second temple (also known as Herod's temple) was burned to the ground by the Romans in 70 A.D.
- The first battle mentioned in God's word is between a confederation of 4 kings against another which has 5 kings for a total of nine (Genesis 14:1- 2). It was at the 9th hour of the day that a Roman Centurion named Cornelius was told, in a vision, to contact the apostle Peter. Cornelius would eventually be baptized and receive God's spirit, becoming the first recorded Gentile convert to Christianity (Acts 10).



## Ten

- Ten is also viewed as a complete and perfect number, as is 3, 7, and 12. Ten is made up of 4, the number of the earth or physical creation, and 6, the number of man. As such, it signifies testimony, law, responsibility and the completeness of order.
- In Genesis 1 we find the phrase "God said" 10 times, which is a testimony of His creative power. God gave the ten commandments to man. Ten therefore represents man's responsibility to keep the commandments. A tithe is a 10th of our earnings and is a testimony of our faith in the Lord.
- The Passover Lamb was selected on the 10th day of the 1st month, as was Jesus, the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. The 10th day of the 7th month is the Holy Day known as Day of Atonement. This unique day of fasting pictures the removal of Satan, the author of sin, before the Millennial reign of Jesus begins. The last great world-ruling kingdom of man under Satan is symbolized prophetically by the 10 toes of Daniel 2 and the 10 horns of Revelation 13 and 17.

*"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.'" (Exodus 12:3, NASB95)*

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NASB95)*

*"Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed." (1 Corinthians 5:7, NASB95)*

*"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;" (Revelation 20:1–2, NASB95)*

*"And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names." (Revelation 13:1)*

*"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)*

- Ten generations of man lived on the earth before the flood waters came and swept away all those who were disobedient. Noah, the tenth generation, was 600 years old when he and seven other family members entered the ark. The patriarchs who preceded him are Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methusaleh and Lamech (who was Noah's father). Incredibly, the average age of these 10 patriarchs is 857 years! If we leave out the unusual circumstance of God transporting Enoch at the age of 365, we end up with an average lifespan of 912 years!
- The ten Old Testament books most referred to in the New Testament are the following.
  - The book of Isaiah is referred to 419 times in twenty-three books.
  - The Psalms are referred to 414 times
  - Genesis is referred to 260 times
  - Exodus is referred to 250 times
  - Deuteronomy is referred to 208 times
  - Ezekiel is referred to 141 times
  - Daniel is referred to 133 times
  - Jeremiah is referred to 125 times
  - Leviticus is referred to 107 times
  - Numbers is referred to 73 times
- The 10 plagues God sent on ancient Egypt, in order to free his people, represented his complete and total judgment of the pagan empire.
  - The Nile River is turned into blood
  - Plague of Frogs
  - Plague of Lice
  - Swarms of Beasts
  - Plague on the Cattle
  - Boils
  - Great storm of hail, thunder and lightening
  - Locusts
  - Darkness over the entire land for three days
  - The death of the firstborn of both man and beast
- In the Bible, the number 10 is used 242 times. The designation "10th" is used 79 times.

## **Eleven**

The number eleven is important in that it can symbolize disorder, chaos and judgment. Coming after 10 (which represents law and responsibility), the number eleven represents the opposite - the irresponsibility of breaking the Law, which brings disorder and judgment.

- In Genesis 11, men rebelled against God and built the tower of Babel. He judged them by confusing their language, resulting in chaos.
- Jehoiakim, one of the last kings over Judah, ruled for 11 years (609 to 598 B.C.). His successor, King Jehoiachin, rules for only three months before the Babylonians take control of Jerusalem in 597 B.C. and take him captive.
- After overcoming the city, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon sets up Zedekiah as a puppet ruler of Judea. Zedekiah, however, soon rebels against his masters. His reign is ended in 586 B.C., after only 11 years, when Nebuchadnezzar once again conquers Jerusalem but this time he destroys the city and burns its temple to the ground. Any Jews that remained alive were taken captive.
- The apostle John saw 11 things in connection with the final judgment:  
*And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them, and they were judged, every one of them according to their deed. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:12 - 14).*
- In the Bible, eleven is used twenty-four times and "11th" can be found 19 times.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in eleven caves on the upper northwest shore of the Dead Sea, just thirteen miles east of Jerusalem. The total number of fragments found exceeds 95,000.

## Twelve

- The number twelve symbolizes God's power and authority, as well as serving as God's governmental number. There are 12 apostles in the New Testament and 12 tribes in the Old Testament. If you multiply three (the divine number) by four (the earth number) you get twelve. There are 12 thrones in the Millennium and in heaven in the eternal state there will be 24 thrones and all the redeemed of all ages.

*"And Jesus said to them, 'Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'" (Matthew 19:28)*

*“Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.”*  
(Revelation 4:4)

- God specified that twelve unleavened cakes of bread be placed every week in the temple with frankincense next to each of the two piles that were to be made. The priests were commanded to change the bread every Sabbath day (Leviticus 24).
- The high priest's breastplate, also called the breast-plate of decision, had twelve stones embedded in it. Each stone represented a tribe of Israel. The Urim and Thummim were part of the High Priest's breastplate. They were primarily used to consult God regarding important matters (1 Samuel 28: 3 - 6, Numbers 27:21). Both the first century historian Josephus and the Talmud identify the Urim and Thummim with the breastplate stones.
- The Scripture's first recording of Jesus' words occurs when he is twelve years old (Luke 2:42).  
*And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;* (Luke 2:42)
- Christ called and choose twelve men to bear witness to what he did and to spread the good news of the gospel to the entire world. After he was raised from the dead, Jesus told the eleven disciples (Judas had killed himself) that God had given him ALL power and authority in both earth and heaven.

*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”* (Matt 28:18)

- Twelve thousand from each tribe of Israel (144,000 total) will receive salvation during the end time's Great Tribulation (Revelation 7). A set of 144,000 (12 x 12,000), possibly the same as those in chapter 7, will be taken from earth in order to serve and follow the Lamb of God (Revelation 14:1 - 5). Christ's bride in Revelation 12, the church, wears a crown containing twelve stars.

*And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:* (Rev 7:4)

*Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.* (Rev 14:1)

*A great sign appeared in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; (Rev 12:1)*

- New Jerusalem, which is made in heaven and brought to the earth by God himself, contains 12 gates made of pearl which are each manned by an angel. Over each gate will be one of the names of Israel's twelve tribes. The walls are 144 cubits high (12 multiplied by itself - Revelation 21:16 - 17), with the city itself being 12,000 furlongs square.

*It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and name were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. (Rev 21:12)*

*And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Rev 21:14)*

*And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (Rev 21:21)*

### **390**

In Scripture, 390 represents a separated Israel. Ezekiel the prophet was commanded to lay on his left side 390 days to represent the sins of the house of Israel (Ezekiel 4:1 - 5).

### **400**

The number 400, which is arrived at by multiplying 8 by 50, symbolizes in the Bible a divine perfect time period.

- A 400 year period exists from God's fulfilling of his pledge to Abraham in Isaac's birth and the time period of the children of Israel leaving Egyptian bondage. Stephen, in his testimony before religious leaders just before his martyrdom, mentions the starting point of this count, which agrees to what God stated to Abraham in Genesis.

*God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. (Gen 15:13)*

*But God spoke to this effect, that his descendants would be aliens in a foreign alnd, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated for found hundred years. (Acts 7:6)*

## 430

- The Prophet Ezekiel was commanded by God to first lay on his left side for 390 days then on his right side for 40 days (Ezekiel 4:1 - 6) for a total of 430.
- 430 is also the total years from the CALL of Abraham (Genesis 12) and the promises given to him to the exodus of the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage (Exodus 12).
  - God delivered Israel's firstborn from death on Nisan 14. Then, at the beginning of Nisan 15 at sunset, the children of Israel began to leave Egypt by night. This night is called "the night to be much observed unto the Lord" (Exodus 12:40 - 42; Numbers 33:3; Deuteronomy 16:1).
  - On this same day as the 'night to be much observed,' 430 years earlier, God told Abraham in a vision that his descendants through Isaac would end up as slaves in a foreign country. God would, however, release them from this bondage after 400 years (Genesis 15:12 - 16).
  - Exactly 430 years later, on the same night, this prophecy was fulfilled as the children of Israel left Egypt on the 15th day of the first month (Exodus 12:40 - 41). On the same night - in order to guarantee His covenant promises to Abraham - the Lord passed between the parts of sacrificial animals, as evidenced by a burning lamp and a smoking furnace, which wholly consumed the sacrifices (Genesis 15:17 - 20). In performing this ceremony, God was pledging His future death as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world - guaranteeing the future 'rest' from sin for all who inherit eternal life.
  - On the same day as Abraham's vision and the children of Israel leaving Egypt, the 15th day of the first month in 30 A.D., as the sun was setting to end the 14th - Jesus' body was placed in the tomb. Thus, Jesus began His three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

## 490

The spiritual significance of the number 490 comes from the fact that it is seven times seventy (7 x 70).

- The prophet Daniel was a member of Judah's royal family. When King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon first attacked Jerusalem in 605 B.C. he took a very young Daniel, as well as others of the royal family, captive. This captivity of the Kingdom of Judah was allowed by God as punishment for their long history of sin and disobedience to him. After living several years in Babylon, Daniel discovers something very revealing while reading the word of God.

- Jeremiah's prophecy foretold that the Jewish people (which included Daniel) would be taken captive for a period of seventy years.
- The desolation of Jerusalem began in 586 B.C. when Nebuchadnezzar, for the third time, attacked the city. In his previous two campaigns into Judean territory (605 and 597 B.C.) he left Jerusalem and the temple pretty much intact. In 586, however, he destroyed the city and burned the temple built by Solomon completely to the ground. God's house of prayer stayed destroyed for seventy years until 516 B.C., when it was rebuilt under the reign of Persia's Darius I.

*In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. (Dan 9:2)*

*This whole land will be a desolation and a horror and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. (Jer 25:12)*

## 666

666 is the number and mark of the Beast in the book of Revelation. It symbolizes the perfection of man's overall system that is separated from God and under the constant influence of Satan the devil.

- Man's system on earth is made up of three parts, each represented by a six. Six represents, by itself, incompleteness or imperfection, as it is one less than seven which is the number of completeness.
  - First six: represents the false perfected religion of man under Satan's lead.
  - Second six: is for the deceived false governments of this world.
  - Third six: symbolizes man's self-centered economic system.
- Six hundred sixty six represents the world and all that it does to appease and gratify human nature.
- The book of 1 John contains an often overlooked set of three verses which uses a subtle form of 6. This hidden form of six, found in the total number of times the word 'world' is used, warns believers to separate themselves from man's system which is soon to die.

*Do not love the world nor the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the*

*Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:15-17)*

## 1000

- Samson, one of Israel's judges and the first person the Bible states was under a Nazarite vow from birth, was charged by God to free the Israelites from the brutal Philistines. One of the ways he did this was to use his miraculous strength and stamina, plus the jawbone of a donkey, to kill 1000 men in the Philistine army.

*He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he reached out and took it and killed a thousand men with it. (Judges 15:15)*

- The number 1000 plays a critical role in God's plan, especially concerning His (and our) adversary the devil. Before Christ establishes the Kingdom of God on the earth, at his second coming, he will first have Satan restrained for 1000 years. Jesus, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, will then rule the earth from Jerusalem for 1000 years which is commonly referred to as the Millennium.

*Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. (Rev 20:1-3)*

*And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." (Rev 19:16)*

*Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgement was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. (Rev 20:4-6)*



In summary the numbers of the Bible tell us:

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Significance</b>
One	The number of unity. The number 1 is only divisible by itself. It is independent of any other numerals yet composes them all.	There is one God, Jehovah.
Two	The number 2 conveys the meaning of a union, division or the verification of facts by witnesses.	Jesus is the faithful and true witness speaking to us today.
Three	The Divine number. It pictures completeness although to a lesser degree than the number (7) seven.	God of the Bible is a triune God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient over all of creation, whose Son gave His life for the forgiveness of sin, and whose Holy Spirit has come for our edification and encouragement.
Four	The number 4 derives its meaning from creation. On the fourth day of what is called creation week God completed the material universe.	The earth is my Father's world and we are only passing through.
Five	Five Indicates grace and completeness.	Whatever God begins, He will complete, He is in complete control, and Jesus will reign.
Six	Six symbolizes man and human weakness, the evils of Satan and the manifestation of sin. Man was created on the sixth day. Men are appointed 6 days to labor.	We are all sinners who fall short of the glory of God and can only be perfected through faith in Jesus Christ.
Seven	The number of perfection and completeness. There are seven days in a week and God's Sabbath is on the 7th day.	God has provided perfection through Jesus Christ's perfect sacrifice upon the cross.

Eight	Eight symbolizes new beginnings or the new birth. Jewish children in the Old Testament were circumcised on the eighth day.	Every man, woman and child can have a brand-new life through Jesus Christ.
Twelve	The number twelve symbolizes God's power and authority, as well as serving as God's governmental number. There are 12 apostles in the New Testament and 12 tribes in the Old Testament.	Some day soon every child of God will enter heaven through one of the twelve gates and we will see the Lord rule and reign in glory forever and ever.

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