



Numbers and Meanings

Numbers, dates, times, seasons, and segments of life play a significant part in the appointed times of God.

Think about the day, date, and numbers of each day. With God knowing your name before you were born, before time was started on earth, what about dates, numbers, and times meaning something in your walk with God?

If the chosen people of God, the Jewish people, having followed appointed Holy Days for thousands of years, how does each day relate to a believer following Jesus? Is each day significant in God's eyes? I would dare say so from what the Word says about each day!

As you review each day by date, number, and day, remember the time clock of God, mirrors Israel, dates, seasons, holy days acknowledged by the Jews, and I believe the same applies to those following Jesus. If Moses changed the mind of God by standing in the gap, interceding, praying, and taking on the burden of God's people, what can we do if we will pray and obey in what God does in each moment?

The meaning of each number below can be read and thought about in terms of your walking with Jesus and how days, dates, and numbers can mean things. I am in no way stating that numbers should be your guide and take the place of God. As Jesus outlined, "seek first the kingdom of God in all things and He will add these other things to you!" We should seek Him in all things, in all places, at each moment of time, and God will lead and show you what you need to know to follow Him and He will open the door for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven in Jesus!

As you review the numbers and their meanings in the Bible, as seen at Biblestudy.org, ask Jesus what you should be doing NOW, today, in the moment.

As an example of what you can review by date, take a look at January 7, 2019 (1/1/19). What does 1, 7, and 19 mean? It may or may not mean anything in of itself for the seventh day of January first month, and 19th year of 2000. Yet, as we seek God, certain numbers and days will mean significant things as He shares things with you when a day, a date, and number, means something.



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Numbers

One

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 1

The number 1 is only divisible by itself. It is independent of any other numerals yet composes them all. It symbolizes in the Bible the unity and primacy, and the oneness of the Godhead. What is known as the Shema (or Shema Yisrael), a quote of verse four in Deuteronomy 6:4 that is often used in Jewish prayer services, attests to this fact.

The number 1 also represents the unity between God the Father and His Son Jesus (John 10:30). Jesus, by his singular sacrifice, has made possible the forgiveness of ALL our sins. He is the one Mediator and Shepherd (1Timothy 2:5; John 10:16) in the life of a Christian.

The Old and New Testaments have an incredible unity between them. More than 1/3rd of the New Testament is composed of Old Testament quotes. Many writings from the prophets and Psalms could not be understood without the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament.

Prophecies in places like Isaiah 53 would not be correctly understood as referring to the Messiah if the Gospels did not exist. Such examples are a testament to the unified nature of the Scriptures and offer proof of its direct inspiration by God.

Appearances of the number one

Of the ten shortest books 2 John, 3 John, Philemon, Jude, and Obadiah are the shortest with only one chapter.

Words that show up only once in the King James Version translation of Scripture include Reverend (Psalms 111:9), Grandmother (2Timothy 1:5) and Eternity (Isaiah 57:15). Other words such as Forgetfulness (Psalm 88:12) and Lukewarm (Revelation 3:16) also appear only once.

The first English translation of Scripture was in 1382 A.D. by John Wycliffe. The first printed Bible using movable type was produced by Johann Gutenberg in 1456. William Tyndale (1494-1536) was the first person to translate the Bible into English from its original Greek and Hebrew.

The first thing designated as Holy is God's Sabbath Day (Genesis 2:1 - 3). The first person called a prophet is Abraham (Genesis 20:7).



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" (Exodus 20:3).

First words and message

Between his birth and the beginning of his ministry at age 30, the scriptures record only one sentence Christ spoke. He spoke it at the age of twelve right after he and his parents kept the Passover in Jerusalem. When asked why his parents could not find him after the Feast, he said "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

What was Jesus' very first public message?

Did he chastise the religious leaders of his day for hypocrisy? Did he rail against sin and how people were disobeying the great Eternal God? Did he promise torture for all eternity to those who did not listen to his words? Did he condemn the Romans for their cruel occupation of the Holy Land? No, Jesus' first sermon had nothing to do with these subjects. He began his ministry in 27 A.D. with a reading of Isaiah 61:1 - 2, which proclaimed a message of hope and a brighter future!

How is the number 1 related to Jesus?

Jesus is called the firstborn of every creature (Colossians 1:15) and the firstborn not only of the dead (1:18) but also among many brethren (Romans 8:29). He is also called the "first of the first fruits" (1Corinthians 15:20, 23), meaning that he is the first of many to be resurrected to eternal life (especially those in the first resurrection, see Revelation 20:6).

Christ referred to himself as the first or Alpha (the first letter of the Greek language) several times in the book of Revelation (1:11, 17, 22:13).

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 (Acts 4:10 - 12). 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.

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of number 1

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 (Ephesians 4:4 - 6).

Two

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 2



The number 2 conveys the meaning of a union, division, or the verification of facts by witnesses. A man and woman, though two in number, are made one in marriage (Genesis 2:23 - 24). There is also the union between Christ and the church (see 1 Corinthians 12).

The testimony of God is divided into Old and New Testaments.

His agreements with mankind are divided into Old and New Covenants. And though 2 in number, God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ) compose a single Godhead.

The first man, Adam, sinned and brought death and destruction into the world. Jesus, however, as the second (or last) Adam brings the hope of the resurrection and eternal life (1Corinthians 15:21 - 22, 45 - 49).

Those who ultimately refuse to repent and obey God will be put to death forever by being thrown into the lake of fire, which is called the second death (Revelation 21:8). This act will eternally divide those who are righteous from those who practiced evil.

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 of 2 people needed was confirmed by the Apostle Paul (1Timothy 5:19, Titus 3:10).

In the End Time, two witnesses will appear on the world scene to testify and uphold the truth of God against the Beast and the False Prophet (see Revelation 11). Jesus sent the disciples out in groups of 2 so that they could not only testify about his teachings and miracles but also be witnesses of those who accepted or rejected the gospel (Mark 6:7 - 13).

Two can also convey comparison and contrast.

The Old Covenant was based on physical blessings for obedience while the New is based on those that are spiritual.

In the Old Testament physical circumcision was required in order to be considered part of God's people, while the New requires circumcision of the heart. God formerly required obedience only to the "letter" of his laws but now calls upon man to obey their spiritual intent as well.

Appearances of the number two

The word 'God' appears in all books except 2, which are the Song of Solomon and Esther.

The shortest verse in the Bible, which is "Jesus wept" found in John 11:35, contains just two words. Of the ten shortest books, eighth ranked Haggai has only two chapters.



During Creation week God made two great lights, one to rule the day (sun) and a lesser one to rule the night (moon - Genesis 1:16).

How is the number 2 significant?

Where there is a second epistle in the New Testament it is contrasted to the first through, in part, its discussion of an enemy. Hence, one subject of the book of 2 Corinthians is the devil (2:11, 11:14, 12:7).

In 2 Thessalonians we have a number of titles and references given for Satan. They are the 'man of sin' and 'son of perdition' (2 Thessalonians 2:3), the 'mystery of iniquity' (or lawlessness in 2:7) and that 'wicked one' (2:8). In 2 Peter we have an End Time rejection of God and the truth foretold (2 Peter 3:3 - 7). John warns us in 2 John about deceivers whom he also refers to as antichrists (1 John 1:7).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 2

The second of the three great divisions of the Old Testament are referred to as 'the Prophets' (Luke 24:44).

Three

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 3

The number 3 is used 467 times in the Bible. It pictures completeness, though to a lesser degree than 7. The meaning of this number derives from the fact that it is the first of four spiritually perfect numerals (the others being 7, 10 and 12). The 3 righteous patriarchs before the flood were Abel, Enoch, and Noah. After the deluge there was the righteous "fathers" Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (later renamed Israel).

There are 27 books in the New Testament, which is $3 \times 3 \times 3$, or completeness to the third power.

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.

Appearances of the number three

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.



The apostle Paul was an exceptionally well-educated person. In three different occasions he quotes directly from Greek poets (Acts 17:28, 1Corinthians 15:33 and Titus 1:12). He also was privileged to visit the location of God's throne, which is in the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2 - 4).

The three words that appear only once in Scripture are Reverend (Psalms 111:9), Eternity (Isaiah 57:15) and Grandmother (2Timothy 1:5).

Only three people were allowed to ask God anything. They were Solomon (1Kings 3:5), Ahaz (Isaiah 7:11) and, of course, Jesus Christ (Psalm 2:9).

The three gifts given to Israel by God were his law, the land of their inheritance, and their calling (the world to come).

The Bible only mentions the name of three angels (Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer).

How is the number 3 related to sex sins?

There are three places in the New Testament where sex sins are specially referenced. The first is in Romans 1:20 - 32, where certain people who reject God are given over to defile themselves in a variety of ways that includes homosexuality (male and female) and overall sexual immorality.

The second mention of sex-related sins is in 1Corinthians 5:1 - 13, where the apostle Paul must handle the problem of the local church allowing a member to openly commit incest. The third sex issue dealt with in the New Testament is in Revelation 2:19 - 25. A female who considers herself a prophetess within the Thyatira church, in the spirit of Jezebel, was teaching believers to commit sexual immorality and spiritual adultery.

Three in Prophecy

Next to seven, 3 is the most commonly found or referenced number in Revelation. An angel is charged to cry three woes to those who live on earth to warn them of more trials to come (Revelation 8:13). 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 (Revelation 16:13 - 16). The new Jerusalem, created by God for placement on a new earth, will be shaped like a square with three gates on each side (Revelation 21:13).

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 3



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).

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).

Four

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 4

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 (Genesis 1:14 - 19). 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.

Interestingly, the Hebrew word for 'seasons' in Genesis 1:14 is *moed* (Strong's Concordance #H4150), which literally translated is "appointed times" (divine appointments) in reference to God's festivals. This is the earliest known allusion to what would later be called the Holy (or Feast) days (periods) of worship, which are seven in number.

The 4th of the Ten Commandments is to remember and keep God's holy Sabbath day (Exodus 20:9 - 11). 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 (Genesis 2:1 - 3, Exodus 20:11).

Appearances of the number four

One of the top ten most frequently mentioned women in the Bible, Eve, is only referenced four times (Genesis 3:20, 4:1, 2 Corinthians 11:3 and 1 Timothy 2:13).

Psalms 107 is the only section or chapter in God's word that contains the exact same phrase four times (Psalm 107:8, 15, 21 and 31).

The apostle Paul was a man familiar with 4 major first century cultures. He was a Roman citizen, he was a Jew who spoke Greek as well as Hebrew, and he was a Christian.

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 (Genesis 2:10 - 14).



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).

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

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

Ezekiel, prophecy and the number 4

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 (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' (Ezekiel 7:2). 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 (14:21).

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 4

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

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 5

The number 5 symbolizes God's grace, goodness and favor toward humans and is mentioned 318 times in Scripture. Five is the number of grace, and multiplied by itself, which is 25, is 'grace upon grace' (John 1:16). 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 other humans.

Appearances of the number five

There are 5 primary types of offerings God commanded Israel to bring to him. They are the Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1; 8:18 - 21; 16:24), Sin (Leviticus 4; 16:3 - 22), Trespass (Leviticus 5:14 - 19; 6:1 - 7; 7:1 - 6), Grain (Leviticus 2) and Peace Offering (Leviticus 3; 7:11- 34).



The Book of Psalms is divided into 5 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 of 5 (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) commonly referred to as the Pentateuch ('Penta' means five).

The 4 Gospels plus Acts equals five books which, as a set, can be designated as "the New Testament Pentateuch." They reveal Jesus' teachings concerning the Law and the Prophets. The apostle John wrote 5 books centered on the grace of God and eternal life (the gospel of John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John and Revelation). Jesus multiplied five loaves of barely to feed 5,000 (Matthew 14:17).

How is the number 5 seen in God's tabernacle?

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 (Exodus 26:3), five bars (Exodus 26:26 - 27), five pillars and five sockets (Exodus 26:37) and an altar made of wood that was five cubits long and five cubits wide (Exodus 27:1). The height of the court within the tabernacle was five cubits (Exodus 27:18).

The Holy anointing oil (Exodus 30:23 - 25), the ingredients of which were given directly by God, was used to consecrate the furniture of the tabernacle. It was comprised of 5 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



Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 5

There are five books in the Bible that contain only one chapter (2 John, 3 John, Philemon, Jude, and Obadiah). Moses wrote 5 books, the most of any Old Testament writer. In the New Testament, the apostle Paul wrote fourteen books.

Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar was given, by God, a dream where he saw a giant statue of a man. This statue, according to the interpretation given by the Eternal to Daniel, represented 5 periods of world-ruling empires.

- ✓ The statue's head of gold represented Babylon (Daniel 2:32, 38)
- ✓ The Chest and Arms of Silver symbolized the Persian Empire (Daniel 2:32, 39)
- ✓ The Belly and Thighs of Bronze (brass) represented the Macedonian Empire under Alexander the Great
- ✓ The Two Legs of Iron symbolized Rome's Empire (Daniel 2:33, 40 - 43)
- ✓ Period 5 are the Ten Toes of Iron mixed with Clay are the successors to the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:41 - 44)

Six

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 6

In the Bible, the number 6 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.

The bringing together of three 6's is the number and mark of the end time Beast of Revelation. As such, it represents the absolute best system of governance that mankind can produce WITHOUT God and under the constant influence of his chief adversary.

Man's system on earth is made up of three parts (economic, religious, and governmental) all of which are influenced and led by Satan. When 666 is multiplied by 7 it equals 4662, which depicts man's total imperfection under Lucifer. When added across, $4 + 6 + 6 + 2 = 18$; and 18 divided by 3 is 6.



Appearances of the number six

- ✓ Jephthah (in the East) served six years as a Judge of Israel (Judges 12:7).
- ✓ The Bible mentions six earthquakes (Exodus 19:18, 1Kings 19:11, Amos 1:1, Matthew 27:54, 28:2, Acts 16:26).
- ✓ Jesus was accused six times of being demon possessed (Mark 3:22, John 7:20, 8:48, 8:52, 10:20 and Luke 11:15).

How is the number 6 related to Sorcery?

In the New Testament there are SIX references to people who practiced Sorcery, which is defined as divination by the assistance of evil spirits.

- ✓ In the end time, false prophets and false christs will produce great signs and wonders (sorcery) for the expressed purpose of deception (Matthew 24:24)
- ✓ Apostle Paul's very first missionary journey takes him to the island of Cyprus (Acts 13:4 - 52, 14:1 - 25). He meets with the island's Governor who is accompanied by Elymas (also called Bar-Jesus), a man who was a false prophet and sorcerer.
- ✓ In Samaria, a man named Simon the Sorcerer observes Philip preaching the gospel and performing a number of miracles. He feigns repentance, gets baptized and follows Philip to see him perform signs and wonders.
- ✓ Simon sees, when Peter and John come to the city, that when they lay hands on people, they receive God's Holy Spirit. Simon soon approaches the two apostles and tries to BUY the ability to give the Holy Spirit so that he can further promote his deceptions (Acts 8).
- ✓ While visiting Philippi during his second missionary journey, the apostle Paul runs into a slave woman "possessed with a spirit of divination" (Acts 16:16). Her masters use her soothsaying skills to make money.
- ✓ Traveling Jewish exorcists, using various charms, incantations and so on, pretend to heal people and cast out demons (Acts 19:13).
- ✓ The seven sons of a Jewish chief priest named Sceva try, but fail miserably, at casting out demons (Acts 19:14 - 16).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 6



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 (Matthew 16:1).
- ✓ The twelve disciples, on the Mount of Olives, ask Christ what the sign of will be his Second Coming and the end of the world (Matthew 24:3, Mark 13:4).
- ✓ Some people who saw him cast a demon out of a person ask him for a sign from heaven (Luke 11:16).
- ✓ After cleansing Jerusalem's temple at the start of his ministry, some Jews who saw what Jesus did demand a sign (John 2:18).
- ✓ People who Christ miraculously fed ask him for a sign so that they may believe in him (John 6:30).

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 Jesus 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 Meaning of Numbers: The Number 7

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.

Seven is the number of completeness and perfection (both physical and spiritual). It derives much of its meaning from being tied directly to God's creation of all things. According to some Jewish traditions, the creation of Adam occurred on September 26, 3760 B.C. (or the first day of



Tishri, which is the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar). The word 'created' is used 7 times describing God's creative work (Genesis 1:1, 21, 27 three times; 2:3; 2:4). There are 7 days in a week, and God's Sabbath is on the 7th day.

The Bible, as a whole, was originally divided into 7 major divisions. They are 1) the Law; 2) the Prophets; 3) the Writings, or Psalms; 4) the Gospels and Acts; 5) the General Epistles; 6) the Epistles of Paul; and 7) the 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.

Appearances of the number seven

There are at least seven men in the Old Testament who are specifically mentioned as a man of God. They are Moses (Joshua 14:6), David (2 Chronicles 8:14), Samuel (1 Samuel 9:6, 14), Shemaiah (1 Kings 12:22), Elijah (1 Kings 17:18), Elisha (2 Kings 5:8) and Igdaliah (Jeremiah 35:4).

In the book of Hebrews, written by the apostle Paul, he uses seven titles to refer to Christ. The titles are 'Heir of all things' (Hebrews 1:2), 'Captain of our salvation' (2:10), 'Apostle' (3:1), 'Author of salvation' (5:9), 'Forerunner' (6:20), 'High Priest' (10:21) and the 'Author and finisher of our faith' (12:2).

In Matthew 13 Jesus is quoted as giving seven parables (Matthew 13:3 - 9, 24 - 30, 31 - 32, 33, 44, 45 - 46, 47). Seven Psalms are ascribed to David in the New Testament (Psalm 2, 16, 32, 41, 69, 95 and 109).

In the book of Revelation there are seven churches, seven angels to the seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpet plagues, seven thunders and the seven last plagues. The first resurrection of the dead takes place at the 7th trumpet, completing salvation for the Church.

How is number seven linked with God's annual Feast Days?

There are 7 annual Holy Days, 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; and Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and Last Great Day, 7th month.

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 7

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)

Eight

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 8

The number 8 in the Bible represents a new beginning, meaning a new order or creation, and man's true 'born again' event when he is resurrected from the dead into eternal life.

Like the Old Testament Passover lamb, Jesus was selected as the Lamb to take away man's sins on the Hebrew day of Nisan 10 (April 1, 30 A.D. - John 12: 28 - 29). He was crucified on Nisan 14 (Wednesday, April 5 in 30 A.D.). His resurrection occurred, exactly as he stated, three days and three nights after he was buried, which was at the end of the weekly Sabbath day that fell on Nisan 17 (seventeen symbolizes victory).

Nisan 17 was also the eighth day, counting inclusively, from the time Christ was selected as man's sacrificial Lamb. All this bears record of Jesus' perfect sacrifice and His complete victory over death.

Boys were to be circumcised on the 8th day. The number 8 symbolizes circumcision of the heart through Christ and the receiving of the Holy Spirit (Romans 2:28 - 29, Colossians 2:11 - 13). Those in Christ are becoming a new creation, with godly character being created by the power of God's Spirit (2Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10; 4:23 - 24).



After the 7 weeks of the spring harvest, the next day, the 50th day, is Pentecost. This day is also the eighth day of the seventh week. This 8th and 50th day combination pictures the first resurrection when the saints will be raised from the dead and made immortal (1 Corinthians 15:20 - 23, John 3:3 - 12, Revelation 20:4 - 6). After the 7 days of the Feast of Tabernacles there is an 8th day, called the Last Great Day.

Forty different people wrote the Scriptures. Forty is a number composed of five (symbolizing grace) times 8 (symbolizing a new beginning). It is therefore only by God's grace and love that man will someday be given a chance for a new beginning, as promised in the Word of God.

Appearances of the number eight

- ✓ The New Testament was penned by only eight men (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Peter, Jude, Paul).
- ✓ Abdon (in the East) was a Judge of Israel who served 8 years (Judges 12:13 - 14).
- ✓ The most joyous Feast period of the year is the eight-day period of the Fall Feast of Tabernacles followed immediately afterward by the Last Great Day.
- ✓ Abraham, the father of the faithful, had 8 sons total. They were Ishmael, Isaac, Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah.

Timekeeping

One method of timekeeping used in Israel was called a 'watch.' Watches were time periods in which guards were placed on duty. Although days were initially divided into 6 equal watch periods (Judges 7:19), by the time of the New Testament days were divided into 8 equal parts (Matthew 14:25, Mark 6:48).

Night Watches

- ✓ First watch - Sunset to 9 p.m. Second watch - 9 p.m. to Midnight Third watch - Midnight to 3 a.m. Fourth watch - 3 a.m. to Sunrise

Day Watches

- ✓ First watch - Sunrise to 9 a.m. Second watch - 9 a.m. to Noon Third watch - Noon to 3 p.m. Fourth watch - 3 p.m. to Sunset

How is the number 8 related to Jesus' resurrection?



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 (1 Corinthians 15:4 - 7). Jesus also met his disciples at the appointed place in Galilee (Matthew 28:16 - 17) and 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).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 8

God saved eight people on the ark in order to have a new beginning for mankind after the flood. Since the meaning of four is derived from God's creation of everything, 8 (4 + 4) pictures the new creation after the flood.

Eight is the number of Jesus, whose name in the Greek adds up to 888.

Nine

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 9

Used 49 times in Scripture, the number 9 symbolizes divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality. 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 (Yom Kippur) is the only one of God's annual Feast days of worship 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 day 9 of the seventh Hebrew month (Leviticus 23:32).

The number 9 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).

Appearances of the number nine

- ✓ 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 (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 9 (Genesis 14:1 - 2).



- ✓ In 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).

How is the number 9 related to Old Testament Sorcery?

In the Old Testament there are at least 9 groups or individuals who practiced sorcery. Although modern culture and entertainment tends to paint those who practice such 'arts' in a benign or even positive light (e.g., stories and movies directed at children), the motives of Old Testament sorcerers were evil to the core.

- ✓ God promised to punish the Egyptians and to destroy the counsels of their charmers, conjurers, magicians, and those who cast spells (Isaiah 19:3,11 - 12)
- ✓ Egypt's Pharaoh called upon his sorcerers and magicians to confront the miracles God was doing through Moses and Aaron (Exodus 7:11, 22; 8:7,18)
- ✓ Balak employs the services of Balaam, who is a well-known soothsayer, to curse the newly freed Israelites (Numbers 22, 23)
- ✓ Jezebel, the wife of Israel's evil King Ahab, used witchcraft and the evil arts to get her way (2Kings 9:22)
- ✓ God promised to punish Nineveh for enticing a number of their neighbors like a "mistress of witchcrafts" to indulge in idolatrous practices (Nahum 3)
- ✓ The Babylonians were well-known for using the services of magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers (Isaiah 47:9 - 13, Daniel 2:2,10, 27)
- ✓ Belshazzar called upon his astrologers and wise men to interpret the "handwriting on the wall" done by the finger of God (Daniel 5:7,15)
- ✓ God warns his people not to be troubled by "the signs of heaven" as the pagans are with their astrologers (Jeremiah 10:2, Micah 3:6 - 7)
- ✓ False prophets use divination to deceive others into thinking that they are speaking for God (Jeremiah 14:14, 27:9, Ezekiel 13:6 - 9).

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 9



There are 9 people recorded as having leprosy (Moses, Miriam, Naaman, Gehazi, King Azariah and the four lepers of Samaria found in 2Kings 7:3).

The act of executing a criminal through stoning is believed to have originated with the ancient Hebrews. The actual witnesses of the crime were required to cast the first stone at the law-breaker (John 8:7).

The 9 people recorded as being stoned are a Sabbath-breaker (Numbers 15:36), a blasphemer (Leviticus 24:14), Abimelech (Judges 9:53), Achan (Joshua 7:25), Zechariah (2Chronicles 24:21), Adoram (1Kings 12:18), Naboth (1Kings 21:10), Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7) and the apostle Paul (Acts 14:19).

Ten

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 10

In the Bible, the number 10 is used 242 times. The designation "10th" is used 79 times. Ten is also viewed as a complete and perfect number, as is 3, 7 and 12. It is made up of 4, the number of the physical creation, and 6, the number of man. As such, 10 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 10 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 day 10 of the 1st month (Exodus 12:3), as was Jesus, the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world (John 12:28 - 29; 1Corinthians 5:7). Day 10 of the 7th month is also the Holy Day known as the Day of Atonement. This unique day of fasting pictures the removal of Satan, the author of sin, before the Millennial reign of Jesus begins (Revelation 20:1 - 2).

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.

Appearances of the number ten

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 when he and seven other family members entered the ark.

The patriarchs who preceded Noah 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!

Most quoted Old Testament books

The 10 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

10 Women who caused the death of another person

- ✓ Sisera killed by a woman who drove a peg through his head (Judges 4:21)
- ✓ Abimelech was killed by a woman who dropped a milestone on his head (Judges 9:52 - 53)
- ✓ A woman caused Sheba's head to be cut off (2 Samuel 20:1, 21 - 22)
- ✓ A harlot accidentally rolls over and kills her infant child (1 Kings 3:19)
- ✓ Jezebel, wife of King Ahab, has the prophets of God killed (1 Kings 18:4)
- ✓ Jezebel has Naboth, who owned a vineyard her husband Ahab wanted, murdered (1 Kings 21:9 - 10)



- ✓ A starving woman, in the besieged city of Samaria, boils and eats her son (2 Kings 6:24 - 29)
- ✓ Athaliah, the mother of King Ahaziah, has all the royal seed killed (2 Kings 11:1)
- ✓ Esther has Haman's ten sons, which were enemies of the Jews, hanged (Esther 9:13 - 14)
- ✓ The head of John the Baptist is requested of Herod, by Herodias, through her daughter (Matthew 14:8)

How is the number 10 related to the Exodus?

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

Additional information on the Biblical Meaning of 10

There are at least 10 books, mentioned in the Old Testament, which did not become part of the finalized Bible we read today. They are sometimes referred to as the 'lost books.'

- ✓ The Book of the Wars of the Lord (Numbers 21:14)



- ✓ The Book of Jasher (Joshua 10:13; 2 Samuel 1:18)
- ✓ The Book of the Acts of Solomon (1 Kings 11:41)
- ✓ The Book of Nathan the Prophet (1 Chronicles 29:29)
- ✓ The Book of Gad the Seer (1 Chronicles 29:29)
- ✓ The Prophecy of Ahijah the Shiloite (2 Chronicles 9:29)
- ✓ The Visions of Iddo the Seer (2 Chronicles 9:29)
- ✓ The Book of Shemaiah the Prophet (2 Chronicles 12:15)
- ✓ The Book of Jehu the Son of Hanani (2 Chronicles 20:34)
- ✓ The Sayings of Hosai (2 Chronicles 33:19)

Eleven

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 11

The number eleven is important in that it can symbolize disorder, chaos, and judgment. In the Bible, 11 is used twenty-four times and "11th" can be found 19 times.

Coming after 10 (which represents law and responsibility), the number eleven (11) represents the opposite, which is 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. 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 eleven (11) years, when Nebuchadnezzar once again conquers Jerusalem but this time, he destroys the city and temple.

The apostle John saw 11 things in connection with the final judgment (Revelation 20:12 - 14).



Appearances of the number eleven

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 11 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.

The 11 New Testament books that do not contain ANY direct quotes from the Old Testament are Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Titus, Philemon, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Revelation.

The third and fourth most referenced Old Testament passages, found in the New Testament, occur 11 times. These passages are Daniel 12:1 and Isaiah 6:1.

The offended Kings

Scripture lists at least 11 kings or high-ranking officials who were offended when they were told the truth by one of God's servants. The men who offended themselves included the Pharaoh of Egypt (Exodus 10:28) and King Balak of Moab (Numbers 24:10). Kings Jeroboam (1 Kings 13:4) and Ahab (1 Kings 22:27) of Israel also got upset when told the truth.

Several Kings of Judah got angry when confronted with words they did not want to hear including Asa (2 Chronicles 16:10), Joash (2 Chronicles 24:21), Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:19), Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 26:21) and Zedekiah (Jeremiah 32:3). Naaman (2 Kings 5:12), captain of the King of Syria's army, felt insulted when he was told by the prophet Elisha to wash in the Jordan to be healed. The last of the 11 who did not want to hear the truth was Herod Antipas (Matthew 14:3).

Promises, promises

The gospel of John records eleven incredibly special promises.

- ✓ A person can receive everlasting life by believing in the Son of God (John 3:16).
- ✓ A person can have eternal life by eating, spiritually, Jesus' body (John 6:54).
- ✓ By following Jesus, you will not walk in darkness (John 8:12).
- ✓ Those who continue in Jesus' word will be set free (John 8:31 - 32).
- ✓ A person will truly be FREE if made so by Jesus (John 8:36).
- ✓ God the Father will honor those who serve Christ (John 12:26).
- ✓ Those who believe in Jesus will do greater deeds than he did (John 14:12).



- ✓ Those who obey Christ's commands will receive the Holy Spirit (John 14:15 - 16).
- ✓ Those who keep Jesus' commands will be loved by both him and God the Father (John 14:21).
- ✓ Those who abide in Jesus will be fruitful (John 15:5).
- ✓ The last of the 11 promises is that a person can be Christ's friend IF they obey him (John 15:14).

How does the number eleven relate to Edom?

The dukes of Edom (Edom was another name for Esau, Jacob's brother) were 11 in number. Although closely related to the house of Israel, a bitter hatred existed between the two peoples. The dukes, or chiefs, of Edom were Timnah, Alvah, Jetheth, Aholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, and Iram (Genesis 36:40 - 43).

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 11

Jesus was about 33 years (a multiple of eleven) when he died ('cut off' in Daniel 9:26) for the sins of mankind. The eleventh book, found in most versions of Scripture, is 1 Kings. Moses was commanded to make 11 curtains for the tabernacle in the wilderness (Exodus 26:7 - 8).

Twelve

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 12

Twelve can be found in 187 places in God's word. Revelation alone has 22 occurrences of the number. The meaning of 12, which is considered a perfect number, is that it symbolizes God's power and authority, as well as serving as a perfect governmental foundation. It can also symbolize completeness or the nation of Israel as a whole.

For example, Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons, each of which represented a tribe begun by a prince, for 12 princes total. Ishmael, who was born to Abraham through Hagar, also had twelve princes.

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).



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 (God's divine authority - Matthew 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.

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.

Appearances of the number twelve

- ✓ There are twelve names in the Bible that have only two letters. They are Ai (Joshua 7:2), Ar (Num. 21:15), Ed (Joshua 22:34), Er (Genesis 38:3), Ir (1 Chronicles 7:12), No (Jeremiah 46:25), Og (Num. 21:33), On (Num. 16:11), Pe (Psalm 119:129), So (2 Kings 17:4), Ur (Genesis 11:28) and Uz (Genesis 10:23).
- ✓ The twelve patriarchs from and including Shem (one of Noah's sons saved in the Ark) to Jacob (Israel) are Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Heber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- ✓ Solomon appointed twelve officers over Israel.

How is the number 12 related to an anointed service?

Twelve people are specially noted in scripture as being anointed for a unique task or responsibility. They are Aaron and his four sons to serve as priests (Exodus 29:7 - 9) and Saul (1 Samuel 10:1), David (1 Samuel 16:13) and Solomon (1 Kings 1:39) to serve as kings over a united Israel.

David's son Absalom, who wanted to take the throne of his David but was killed (2Samuel 19:10), was also anointed by some to be king. The remaining three specially anointed are King Jehu of Israel (2Kings 9:6) and Kings Joash (2Kings 11:12) and Jehoahaz (2Kings 23:30) of Judah.

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 12

The Scripture's first recording of Jesus' words occurs when he is twelve years old (Luke 2:42).



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 and so on). Both the first century historian Josephus and the Talmud identify the Urim and Thummim with the breastplate stones.

Of all the numerals found in scripture, twelve, along with three, four, seven and ten, are unmistakably used in a symbolic fashion in God's word.

Thirteen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 13

The number 13 is symbolic of rebellion and lawlessness. Nimrod, the mighty hunter who was 'before the Lord' (meaning he tried to take the place of God - Genesis 10:9), was the 13th in Ham's line (Ham was one of Noah's three sons who survived the flood). Thirteen represents all the governments created by men, and inspired by Satan, in outright rebellion against the Eternal.

The phrase 'valley of Hinnom' (or variation thereof) occurs in 13 places in Scripture. The valley was the scene of the evil-inspired rites of the pagan god Moloch (or Molech). The practices related to this false deity received some credibility when they were knowingly allowed by King Solomon (1 Kings 11:7) in order to please his non-Israelite wives.

One-way Molech was appeased and worshipped was through the sacrifice of children who, placed on the red-hot arms of the idol, were burned alive. The valley's tie to fire made for an apt backdrop of the ultimate punishment unrepentant and rebellious sinners will receive in the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20, 20:9 - 10, 14 - 15).

Appearances of the number thirteen

- ✓ The longest name of a book, Thessalonians, is 13 characters.
- ✓ The dragon, a symbol for Satan, is found 13 times in Revelation. Satan is behind all rebellion against God.
- ✓ In Romans 1 the apostle Paul lists 23 characteristics of sinful people who have a debased or reprobate mind. The thirteenth characteristic is that they are haters of God (Romans 1:28 - 32).



- ✓ Haman the Agagite had a decree signed on the thirteenth day of the first month that on the thirteenth day of the 12th month all Jews in the Persian Empire were to be killed (Esther 3:7 - 9).
- ✓ The destruction of Jericho is stamped with the number 13, for the city was marched around for six straight days, and on the seventh day it was marched seven times, making thirteen total.
- ✓ King Solomon spent a little more than seven years building Jerusalem's temple (1Kings 6:38). He, however, spent a total number of THIRTEEN years building a home for himself (1Kings 7:1)!
- ✓ There are at least 13 famines mentioned in the Bible (Genesis 12:10, 26:1, 41:54; Ruth 1:1; 2Samuel 21:1; 1Kings 18:1; 2Kings 4:38, 7:4, 25:3; Nehemiah 5:3; Jeremiah 14:1; Luke 15:14 and Acts 11:28).

How is the number 13 related to being defiled?

In Mark 7 Jesus mentions thirteen things that defile a person. They are adulteries, fornications, evil thoughts, murders, covetousness, thefts, wickedness, licentiousness, guile, blasphemy, foolishness, pride, and an evil eye (Mark 7:20 - 23).

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 13

Ishmael, the first physical son of Abraham (through Hagar), was circumcised (which is the cutting off of the foreskin of a penis) when he was 13 years old (Genesis 17:25) as part of the then new covenant God made with Abraham (Genesis 17:1 - 22). But this was just the start.

Abraham also had every male born in his house (numbering at least 318 individuals - Genesis 14:14), as well as all the males he owned, and any other males (whether an adult or child) he was responsible for, circumcised on the same day (Genesis 17:23 - 27)! And even though he was 99 years old, Abraham himself also submitted to circumcision.

Fourteen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 14

Being a multiple of 7, 14 partakes of its importance and, being double that number, implies a double measure of spiritual perfection. The number two with which it is combined (2x7) may, however, bring its own significance into its meaning, as it does in Matthew 1, where the genealogy of Jesus Christ is divided up and given in sets of 14 (2x7) generations, two being associated with incarnation.



How is the number fourteen linked with Jesus' ancestors?

There are three sets of 14 generations between (and including) Abraham to Joseph (husband of Mary).

Abraham - Isaac - Jacob - Judah
Perez - Hezron - Ram - Amminadab
Nahshon - Salmon - Boaz - Obed
Jesse - King David

King David - Solomon - Rehoboam
Abijah - Asa - Jehoshaphat - Joram
Uzziah - Jotham - Ahaz - Hezekiah
Manasseh - Amon - Josiah (captivity)

Josiah (captivity) - Jeconiah - Shealtiel
Zerubbabel - Abiud - Eliakim - Azor
Zadok - Achim - Eliud - Eleazar
Matthan - Jacob - Joseph

"So, all the generations from Abraham to David are FOURTEEN generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are FOURTEEN generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are FOURTEEN generations." (Matthew 1:1 - 17, NKJV)

The number 14 and the fear of the Lord

In the Book of Proverbs, the expression "the fear of the Lord" occurs 14 times: Proverbs 1:7, 29, 2:5, 8:13, 9:10, 10:27, 14:26, 27, 15:16, 33, 16:6, 19:23, 22:4, 23:17.

Additional commentary on the Biblical Meaning of 14

The number 14 represents deliverance or salvation and is used twenty-two times in the Bible. The term "14th" is found 24 times in scriptures.

The fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover, when God delivered the firstborn of Israel from death. Some 430 years earlier, on the night of the 14th day of the first month, God made two covenant promises to Abraham — one of the physical seed, Isaac, and his descendants, and one of the spiritual seed, Jesus Christ, and the sons of God who would come through Him, who would shine like the stars of heaven (Matthew 13:43). On the day portion of the 14th, God confirmed the promises with a special covenant sacrifice.



"After these things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.' But Abram said, 'Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' . . .

"And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.' Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be'" (Genesis 15:1 - 2, 4 - 5, NKJV).

On the 14th day of the first month in 30 A.D. Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, the only begotten Son of God the Father, and the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world, was crucified as the perfect sacrifice to save mankind from sin. Jesus' death on Passover completed His ministry in the flesh.

Seven represents completion - thus $7 + 7 = 14$, indicating a double completion:

- ✓ Jesus' ministry in the flesh was completed.
- ✓ Jesus' sacrifice ended or fulfilled the need for animal sacrifices.

Fifteen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 15

The number 15 in the Bible pictures rest, which comes after deliverance, represented by fourteen. The 15th day of the first Hebrew month (Nisan) is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a day of rest for the children of Israel (and for Christians). The 15th day of the 7th Hebrew month begins the Feast of Tabernacles, also a day of rest.

God told Abraham in a vision, just as the sun was setting to begin Nisan 15 on the Hebrew calendar, that his descendants would end up as slaves in a foreign country (Egypt). They would, however, eventually be set free (Genesis 15:12 - 16).

Many years later in Egypt, God miraculously delivered Israel's firstborn from the death angel just as Passover began after sunset (Nisan 14). Then, 24 hours later (just as the sun was setting to begin Nisan 15), the children of Israel began to leave Egypt (Exodus 12:40 - 41). This night is referred to as the 'night to be much observed' (Exodus 12:40 - 42, Deuteronomy 16:1). God's prophecy of freedom, given to Abraham on Nisan 15, was fulfilled years later on the exact same day.



After dying on the cross, Jesus' body is placed in a Garden Tomb as the sun was setting to begin Nisan 15 in 30 A.D. (Matthew 27:57 - 61, Luke 23:50 - 55, John 19:38 - 42).

Appearances of the number fifteen

King Hezekiah, who was sick and dying, prayed that God would remember his works and how he served him with his whole heart. God heard his prayer and told the king, through the prophet Isaiah, that he would be healed and granted an additional number of years of live (15 - see 2 Kings 20:1 - 6).

- ✓ The name Pharaoh gave Joseph was Zaphnathpaaneah, a fifteen-letter name.
- ✓ The book of 1 Peter contains material from fifteen Old Testament books.
- ✓ Two of the top ten most frequently mentioned women in the word of God, Abigail and Miriam, are mentioned 15 times.
- ✓ The longest words in the KJV Scriptures are not names, fifteen letters in length. They include words such as administrations (1 Corinthians 12:5), blood guiltiness (Psalm 51:14), fellow prisoners (Romans 16:7), notwithstanding (Exodus 16:20), righteousness's (Isaiah 64:6), stumbling blocks (Jeremiah 6:21) and unrighteousness (Leviticus 19:15).
- ✓ It was in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar's reign that John the Baptist's ministry began (Luke 3:1 - 3).

15 Promises

There are at least fifteen promises to Christians listed in the book of Matthew.

- ✓ The Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3)
- ✓ We will be filled with righteousness (5:6)
- ✓ We shall see God (5:8)
- ✓ Will be called the children of God (5:9)
- ✓ Our names confessed before God the Father (10:32)
- ✓ We will be given rest (11:29)
- ✓ God will consider us part of his family (12:50)



- ✓ We shall become fully converted (18:3)
- ✓ We shall be great in God's Kingdom (18:4)
- ✓ We will be able to receive Christ (18:5)
- ✓ Our requests made with others will be granted (18:19)
- ✓ Christ will be with us (18:20)
- ✓ We will be saved (24:13)
- ✓ We serve Jesus by serving others (25:40)
- ✓ Jesus will always be with us (28:19)

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of Number 15

For Christians, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15) pictures rest from their sins, having had them removed by Christ's shed blood on Passover. The 15th day of the 7th month begins the Feast of Tabernacles. For the children of Israel, its pictured rest from the long harvest season. They were to dwell in booths in remembrance of their trek in the wilderness.

Prophetically, the 15th day of the 7th month pictures the coming Millennium when the world will have rest from sin because of the binding of Satan on the Day of Atonement. Under Christ's reign, salvation will then be offered to all the world, becoming the great spiritual harvest of God for 1,000 years.

Sixteen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 16

The number sixteen is symbolic of love and loving. Christians are to become perfected in God's love not just by physically obeying the Commandments (which should be done anyway) but also by following the full spiritual intent of our Creator's laws and judgments (Matthew 22:37 - 40). This duality of true love is represented by $8 + 8 = 16$.

In the Old Testament, 16 of the various names and titles for God specially signify His constant, never-ending love for the children of Israel.



Appearances of the number sixteen

- ✓ Some of the longest words in the King James Bible are sixteen letters long. They include covenant breakers (Romans 1:31), evil favored (Deuteronomy 17:1), loving kindnesses (Psalm 25:6) and unprofitableness (Hebrews 7:18).
- ✓ The words sickness and branch, as well as the phrase 'the Father,' appear sixteen times in Scripture.
- ✓ Of the seventy people of the house of Israel (Jacob) that sojourned to Egypt in order to survive a devastating seven-year drought (Genesis 45:11), Zilpah (through whom Jacob had two sons) and her descendants numbered 16 total people (Genesis 46:18).
- ✓ Jehoash, king of Israel, reigned for 16 years (798 to 782 B.C.). King Ahaz reigned over Judah as sole ruler also for sixteen years (732 to 715 B.C.).
- ✓ Azariah (also known as Uzziah) is made king of Judah at the young age of 16 (2 Kings 15:2). A good king, he rules for the second longest period, fifty-two years (792 to 740 B.C.), of any ruler of either Israel or Judah.
- ✓ There were sixteen Judges (or group of Judges) that governed Israel from the time the Israelites took possession of the promised land to the time Saul was anointed their first human king. They were Joshua, Othniel, Ehud, Deborah and Barak, Eli, Gideon, Abimelech (North only), Tola (North only), Jephthah (East only), Samson (in the South and West only), Samuel, Ibzan (East only), Jair (North only), Elon (East only), and Abdon (East only).
- ✓ Samuel's sons comprised the sixteenth and final Judge over Israel. Designated Judges by Samuel when he was old and could no longer perform his duties, they soon became so corrupt in their responsibilities that the Israelites requested a human king be placed over them.

How is the number 16 related to love?

Apostle Paul, in his first book to the Corinthian church, states that there are sixteen distinct things about the quality of love that God has and that he wants us to have as well. Love is incredibly patient and exceedingly kind. It never brags about itself or does it envy others.

Perfect love does not act vainly, behave in an unacceptable manner, is not selfish, is not very easily provoked and thinks no evil of others. It mourns sin but rejoices in what is the truth. Godly love is willing to bear and endure all things, and to hope for and believe the best. This greatest of all spiritual gifts will never ever fail (1 Corinthians 13:4 - 8)!



Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 16

The 16th time the word "love" is used in 1 John it says, "There is no fear in love . . ." (1 John 4:18).

Seventeen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 17

In the Bible, the number 17 symbolizes "overcoming the enemy" and "complete victory." God overcame the sins of rebellious humans when he began to flood the earth through rain on the 17th of the second Hebrew month. Noah's ark and its eight passengers rested on the mountains of Ararat on the 17th of the seventh month (right in the middle of God's annual Holy period known as the Feast of Tabernacles).

Jesus Christ gained a complete victory over death and the grave when God resurrected him near sunset on Nisan 17 (Saturday, April 8, 30 A.D.).

In the book of 1 Corinthians the thirteenth chapter, the seventeenth mention of the word 'love' comes when the apostle Paul states that it is the greatest gift of all (1Corinthians 13:13). God's unending love (John 3:16) is truly victorious over all things. Those who stay faithful to God to the end of their lives will gain the victory over the grave when they are miraculously brought back to life (see 1 Corinthians 15).

Daniel 7's beasts have seven heads and ten horns, for a total number of 17. They represent world-ruling powers from Daniel's time to the Second Coming of Jesus. The devil's end-time system (Revelation 13) will have seven heads and ten horns, which totals 17.

All mankind will very soon obey and worship the devil and the Beast power. They will war against those who have faith in Jesus and keep the commandments, thus achieving a victory (though short-lived) against God's people (Revelation 13:1 - 8).

True Christians, however, will gain the ultimate victory over God's adversaries when he resurrects them back to life (Revelation 15:2; 20:4). One of the major themes of the Day of Atonement (commonly referred to as Yom Kippur), which occurs in the seventh Hebrew month on the tenth day, is the binding of Satan (see Revelation 20). Thus, 10 plus 7 equal the number 17, which testifies to Christ's perfect overcoming of Satan.

Appearances of the number seventeen



- ✓ Rehoboam, son of Solomon and the very first king of Judah after the united kingdom split in 930 B.C., reigned for 17 years (930 to 913 B.C.).
- ✓ The book of James has material from seventeen Old Testament books. The book of 1Corinthians has 17 direct quotations from the Old Testament.
- ✓ One of the longest names found in the word of God, containing 17 letters, is Chushanrishathaim (Judges 3:8).

How does the number 17 symbolize our standing with God?

In Romans 8:35 the apostle Paul asks a simple question which is "What shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (HBFV). He extends his question a little more by asking if the following seven things could separate us, which are tribulation, persecution, distress, nakedness, famine, the sword, or any other danger.

Paul then tells us ten things that CANNOT get between our God and us, which are life, death, principalities, powers, angels, things present or to come, depth, height or anything created. Thus, we have $7 + 10 = 17$, representing a Christian's perfect and eternal standing with God through Christ.

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 17

Psalm 83, verses 6 to 11, lists seventeen total enemies of Israel. Seven of these God destroyed in the past. The other ten foes will soon try to destroy the Israelites and "cut them off from being a nation." The Psalm, written by Davidic priests, beseeches the Eternal to treat Israel's future enemies like those in the past.

The seven enemies of Israel God destroyed in the past are the Midianites, Sisera, Jabin, Oreb, Zeeb, Zebah and Zalmunna. The future confederation prophesied to be against God's chosen are Edom, Ishmaelites, Moab, Hagarenes, Gebal, Ammon, Amalek, Philistines, Tyre, and Assyria. This makes for a total of 17 foes vanquished by the Eternal!

Eighteen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 18

The significance of the number eighteen in the Bible comes from its symbolic meaning for bondage. After taking possession of the promised land, the children of Israel were in bondage to several nations and peoples before Saul was made king. Two of their enemies, Eglon the Moabite king, and the Philistines (with the help of the people of Ammon) oppressed them for 18 years (Judges 3:12, 14, 10:7 - 8).



God freed the Israelites from Eglon through Ehud (who would become one of Israel's judges). He used Jephthah in the East and Samson in the South and West to free his people from the Ammonites and Philistines.

Bondage, however, can also be spiritual in nature. Jesus healed many demonically possessed or influenced people during his ministry. On one particular Sabbath, while teaching in a Synagogue, Jesus healed a woman that had a 'spirit of infirmity' which had bent her over for 18 years!

Appearances of the number eighteen

- ✓ Joshua led the children of Israel into the promised land after the death of Moses. Seven years later, in 1398 B.C., he completes the dividing of Canaan among the Israelites. For the next 18 years, until his death at the age of 110, he serves as Israel's first Judge.
- ✓ In the period preceding Israel's first human king (1398 to 1050 B.C.), a total number of 18 people served as Judges. They were Joshua, Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Barak, Eli, Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jephthah, Samson, Samuel, Ibzan, Jair, Elon, Abdon, and Samuel's two sons Joel and Abiah.
- ✓ Of the top ten New Testament books that contain the most material from the Old Testament, the book of 1Corinthians has content from 18 books.
- ✓ The most quoted or referenced Old Testament passage found in the New Testament is Psalm 110:1. It is referenced no less than 18 times (Matthew 22:44, 26:64; Mark 12:36, 14:62, 16:19; Luke 20:42 - 43, 22:69; Acts 2:34 - 35; Romans 8:34; 1Corinthians 15:25; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1 and Hebrews 1:3,13, 8:1,10:12 - 13,12:2).
- ✓ A cubit, a unit of length found in the Old Testament, was the distance of a man's arm from the point of the elbow to the end of his middle finger. A cubit is roughly equivalent to about 18 inches (45.7 centimeters).

The number eighteen and bondage

This particular type of bondage is mentioned 18 times in Scripture. Its mention in Exodus 20, the chapter that first delineates God's ten commandments, is in the context of the first commandment. After the word "bondage" God commands the children of Israel NOT to worship other gods (Exodus 20:2 - 3).



Serving other gods places people into spiritual bondage under Satan and his demons, which God punishes with physical bondage (see Judges 2:7, 10 - 12, 14) in order for people to reconsider their ways and repent.

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 18

Two of the longest names in Scripture are composed of 18 letters. They are Jonathelemrechokim (in the title of Psalm 56) and Mahershalalhashbaz (the name of Isaiah's son in Isaiah 8:1, which, when translated, means 'swift is booty, speedy is prey').

Nineteen

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 19

The number 19, which is the combining of 10 and 9, usually denotes God's perfect order in regard to his judgment in the Bible. The names Job and Eve, if we substitute letters for numbers, add up to 19.

What does the number 19 mean in relation to Israel? The united kingdom split into two pieces after the death of Solomon. The piece referred to as Israel, or the Northern Ten Tribes, had Jeroboam as their first king (930 to 909 B.C.). Judah's first king was Rehoboam (930 to 913 B.C.).

Including Jeroboam, Israel was ruled by nineteen (19) kings before God allowed them to be conquered by the Assyrians. They were conquered and taken out of the land as captives due to their many sins against the Eternal.

Appearances of the number nineteen

Discovered in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls were found east of Jerusalem. Among all the scrolls unearthed over the years, nineteen copies of Isaiah the prophet have been identified. Of the ten most frequently mentioned women in the Bible, Mary (Jesus' mother) is listed 19 times.

Nahor, the father of Terah, lived one hundred and nineteen years after he begat Abraham's father (Genesis 11:25). He lived to the ripe old age of 148. The number 19 itself appears only three times in the Bible (Genesis 11:25, Joshua 19:38 and 2 Samuel 2:30).

The number nineteen and prophecy

The Israelite tribe of Naphtali received 19 cities, with their villages, as part of their inheritance in the Promised Land (Joshua 19:38). Their gift of land, from God, was in the northern most part of what would become Israel. It encompassed the entire western section of the Sea of Galilee.



Isaiah prophesied that the land of Naphtali and Zebulun would someday see a shining beacon in their lands (Isaiah 9:1 - 2). This prophecy, which only the book of Matthew records as being fulfilled, came true during the life of Jesus. Matthew states, "The people who were sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those who were sitting in the realm and shadow of death, light has sprung up." (Matthew 4:16, HBFV).

The fulfillment of this prophecy related to 19 occurred when Christ, who had lived in Nazareth all his life, moved at the age of 30 to the Galilean city of Capernaum. Once in the city he started his ministry and began to preach the gospel (Matthew 4:14 - 17).

Additional info on the Biblical Meaning of 19

The Hebrew calendar is the Biblical method for determining when God's seven annual Feast days should be kept. It was the calendar that Jesus, the apostles, and the early church considered authoritative concerning when to keep such celebrations as Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Trumpets (Calendar of Christ and Apostles by C. Franklin, revised 2004).

This method of tracking time is based on a repeating 19-year time cycle. The Hebrew civil calendar adds an additional month (making 13 months total) in years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 19 of each cycle. Such leap periods are necessary in order to help the lunar and solar years stay in sync. Postponement rules are also used to declare the first day of each civil year.

Psalms number 19, written by King David, declares that the heavens and everything else humans see is a living testament to the existence, glory, and power of God. The Apostle Paul reiterates this fact in verse 19 of Romans 1 when he writes, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest among them, for God has manifested it to them" (HBFV).

Twenty

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 20

Twenty (20), which is one more than nineteen, is twice ten and can, at times, mean a complete or perfect waiting period.

For 20 years Jacob waited to get possession of his wives and property, and to be freed from the control of Laban his father-in-law (Genesis 31:38 - 41). For 20 years the children of Israel waited to be freed of Jabin, king of Canaan, who oppressed them. God's response was to raise up Deborah and Barak, who freed the people from bondage (Judges 4 - 5).

In the days of Samuel, the prophet the Philistines battled and overcame Israel, taking the Ark of the Covenant back to their land. The Ark brought such calamities on the Philistines that after



seven months they gave it back to the Israelites. It ended up in the city of Kirjath-jearim, which is several miles west of Jerusalem. Israel had to wait at least twenty years (1 Samuel 5 - 7) before the Ark would be moved again.

Appearances of the number twenty

Solomon spent seven years building the house of God in Jerusalem and another 13 building his own home for a total number of 20 years. After he had completed both buildings Solomon gave Hiram, the king of Tyre, twenty cities in the land of Galilee (1 Kings 9:10 - 11).

How is the number twenty related to sleep?

- ✓ The scriptures record at least 20 separate messages conveyed while a person is sleeping. God, through a dream, warned Abimelech not to go near Abraham's wife (Genesis 20:3). Jacob dreams of a ladder to heaven (Genesis 28:12) and is told in a second one to leave his employer (Genesis 31:10).
- ✓ Jacob's employer Laban is warned to leave the patriarch alone (Genesis 31:24). Joseph dreamt of his brothers bowing before him (Genesis 37:5) then dreamt his parents would do the same (verse 9). A butler and a baker, in an Egyptian prison, dream what their fates will be (Genesis 40).
- ✓ The Egyptian Pharaoh is informed two different times, while he is sleeping, about the country's food stores over the next fourteen years (Genesis 41). A person in the Midianite army dreams of Gideon conquered his people (Judges 7).
- ✓ King Solomon, while sleeping, is offered by God ANYTHING he wants (1Kings 3:5). Babylon's king has it revealed to him all the world empires to exist until Christ's return (Daniel 2:3) and his punishment for being so vain (Daniel 4). Daniel is also told while he sleeps about four great world empires (Daniel 7).
- ✓ Only five dreams are mentioned in the New Testament. Three of them occur to Joseph, Jesus' step-father, regarding the birth of Christ and protecting the young child from Herod the Great's wrath (Matthew 1:20 - 23, 2:13, 19). The Parthian Magi are informed by a dream to not visit Herod on their travel home (Matthew 2:12) and Pilate's wife receives a troubling dream warning that her husband should not do anything to harm Jesus (Matthew 27:19).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 20

- ✓ God promised Abraham that if he found only twenty righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah, he would not destroy both cities (Genesis 18:31).



- ✓ Samson was Judge over Israel twenty years (Judges 15:20, 16:31).
- ✓ The book of Hebrews uses over 20 different names and titles for Jesus Christ.

Twenty-one

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 21

Twenty-one symbolizes the great wickedness of rebellion and sin. After the children of Israel left Egyptian bondage, they had 21 major rebellious events as they traveled and wandered the wilderness.

The number 13, which symbolizes depravity and sinfulness, and 21 are closely related. The meaning of twenty-one in the Bible is an outgrowth of thirteen. Adding thirteen (sinfulness) and eight (symbolizing a new beginning) gives us twenty-one or a number that represents beginning a new level or effort that is sinful and disobedient against God.

On the last day of God's seven-day Spring festival, the 21st of the month of Nisan, the Eternal carried out his last judgment against the Egyptians. He drowned Pharaoh and his entire army in the Red Sea as they were pursuing the Israelites in order to make them slaves again.

The last day of God's annual Fall Feast of Tabernacles, which occurs every year on the 21st day of the seventh Hebrew month, pictures the end of Christ's 1,000-year reign on earth when the devil is loosed out of his prison for a short time.

Satan's very first task, along with his demons, is to lead people into war and rebellion against all that is Holy. After a short period of time, God executes His final judgment against the Satanic forces by consuming them in fire (Revelation 20:10).

Appearances of the number twenty-one

- ✓ One of the top ten shortest books in God's word, Obadiah, has only 1 chapter with 21 verses.
- ✓ Out of 27 New Testament books 21 of them are Epistles.
- ✓ The book of Hebrews contains materials from twenty-one Old Testament books.
- ✓ The word Frankincense occurs 21 times in Scripture, as well as the phrase 'the Father.' The names James (the great) and James (the less) also show up 21 times.



- ✓ The books of 1 Kings and 2 Kings make a total of 21 references to the sins of Jeroboam (the first king of the Northern Tribes of Israel after their split with Judah). These references were used to show how Israel continued to disobey God even though he gave them plenty of time to repent.

How is the number 21 related to sin?

In 2 Timothy 3 the apostle Paul writes of 21 sins which show the exceeding wickedness of self and sin. He begins the chapter with a warning and then starts his list with the words "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will . . ."

- ✓ Selfishly love themselves
- ✓ Love money
- ✓ Brag quite a bit
- ✓ Be proud of themselves
- ✓ Blaspheme
- ✓ Disregard and disobey their parents
- ✓ Not be thankful for what they have
- ✓ Reject being holy
- ✓ Will not have natural affection
- ✓ Uncompromising
- ✓ False accuse others
- ✓ Lack any self-control
- ✓ Fierce
- ✓ Hate anyone who does good
- ✓ Betray others



- ✓ Will act Hard-headed
- ✓ Will have exalted, selfish views
- ✓ Love and pleasure
- ✓ Reject loving God
- ✓ Will look from the outside as being Godly
- ✓ On the inside they will deny God's power (2 Timothy 3:1 - 4)
- ✓ Paul's ultimate advice to Timothy, after listing all the above sins, is "turn away from all these" (2 Timothy 3:5).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 21

The last King of Judah, Zedekiah, began his reign when he was only 21 years old (2 Kings 24:18). He was placed on the throne as a 'puppet' king by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who in 597 B.C. conquered Jerusalem and took the then-king Jehoiachin as prisoner. Zedekiah's reign lasted eleven years until 586 B.C., when Jerusalem and its beloved temple were totally destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.

Twenty-two

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 22

The number 22, which is double eleven (which symbolizes disorder and chaos), can represent a concentration of disorganization. Jeroboam I, the very first king of Israel after the united kingdom split in two in 930 B.C., reigned for 22 years (930 to 909 B.C.).

King Ahab, considered the WORST Israelite king, also reigned for the same length of time (874 to 853 B.C.) as Jeroboam (22 years). King Amon, who ruled for only two years and is considered one of the worst kings over Judah, began his rule at the age of twenty-two.

The Hebrew alphabet is made up of 22 letters, which are used to compose the Word of God. The word of God is called a lamp (Psalms 119:105, Proverbs 6:22), thus it is the light by which we are to live. The word light is found 264 times in Scripture. When 264 is divided by 12 (divine authority) we have twenty-two, which represents light.

God created twenty-two things in the six days of creation.



There are twenty-two books in the Aaronic (Levitical) Old Testament, which is the light of God for Israel. There are twenty-two generations from Adam to Jacob. When Moses raised up the tabernacle of God there were exactly 22,000 Levites consecrated to serve.

Light is used twenty-two times in the Gospel of John. The 22nd time John uses the word, he quotes Jesus: "I have come as a light into the world . . ." (John 12:46). Christians are to walk in the light of Christ (John 3:21) and be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14 - 15).

The 22nd book written and included in the New Testament, in chronological order, is the book of 3 John. John wrote this book to his friend and fellow elder Gaius.

Appearances of the number twenty-two

- ✓ Jair, one of the Judges of Israel, served for 22 years. Jesus is recorded to have quoted from twenty-two Old Testament books.
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How is the number 22 related to Jesus' death?

- ✓ Around 3pm on Passover, just before dying for the sins of all mankind, Christ quoted from the first verse of Psalm 22 written by King David. The part of the Psalm he quotes, using likely a mix of the Hebrew and Syriac languages, was "Eloi, Eloi, (or Eli, Eli as found in Matthew 27:46) lama sabachthani?" (Mark 15:34).
- ✓ Those near the cross who heard Jesus cry out mistakenly thought he was asking Elijah for help (verses 35 - 36). The first two verses of Psalm 22 are the following.
- ✓ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me, and why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning? 2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not answer; and in the night season and am not silent. (Psalm 22:1 - 2, HBFV).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 22

Although most modern translations list 39 books for the Old Testament, the number of originally inspired books finalized by Ezra the prophet and the Great Assembly is twenty-two. This number of canonized books or manuscripts corresponds to the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

Numbers such as 7, 10, 12, 40, and 70 are mentioned many times in Scripture and their meaning can be deduced from a wide variety of verses. Other numerals, however, are referenced only a few times or their occurrences are somewhat hidden and require in-depth



study in order to reveal any patterns. This article will cover the number 23 as well as 44, 444 and 1,000 that are rarely seen or are hidden within God's word.

Twenty-three

The Meaning of Number 23

Jewish tradition, according to the first century historian Josephus, states that Adam and Eve produced a total number of 23 daughters!

Tola served as a judge of Israel for a total number of 23 years, from 1102 to 1079 B.C. (Judges 10:1 - 2). After the death of Josiah, one of the best kings to rule the Kingdom of Judah, his son Jehoahaz, who was 23 years old, succeeded him as ruler. Jehoahaz, unfortunately, did not follow his father's example and instead indulged in evil before God. After ruling for only three months, he was dethroned by Egypt's Pharaoh and died as his captive (2 Kings 23:31 - 34).

Jezebel is perhaps the most wicked woman mentioned in scripture. She is referencing a total number of 23 times in God's word. Compare this to Mary, Jesus' mother, who is mentioned by name only 19 times!

The book of 2 Timothy is one of the most personal epistles written by the Apostle Paul. This book mentions 23 distinct people, twenty of which are not mentioned anywhere else in the New Testament (Encyclopedia of Bible Facts).

Twenty-four

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 24

The number 24 is associated with the priesthood. Since it is composed of a multiple of 12, it takes on some of 12's meaning (which is God's power and authority, as well as perfect foundation) except in a higher form. Twenty-four, therefore, is also connected with the worship of God, especially at the temple.

It was King David who divided those responsible for the music in temple services, those who served as priests, and the Levites who aided the priests, into 24 courses (1Chronicles 23 - 24). When a particular course of priests served, they usually divided their work amongst themselves by lot.

The order which the 24 courses of priests served in the temple are: 1) Jehoiarib; 2) Jedaiah; 3) Harim; 4) Seorim; 5) Malchijah; 6) Mijamin; 7) Hakkoz; 8) Abijah; 9) Jeshua; 10) Shecaniah; 11)



Eliashib; 12) Jakim; 13) Huppah; 14) Jeshebeab; 15) Bilgah; 16) Immer; 17) Hezir; 18) Happizzez; 19) Pethahiah; 20) Jehezkel; 21) Jachin; 22) Gamul; 23) Delaiah; 24) Maaziah (1Chronicles 24).

The New Testament refers to one of the priestly courses when it states that the father of John the Baptist was a priest who served in Abia's (Abijah's) course (Luke 1:5). Abijah's course was the eighth one that rotated responsibilities with other priests.

Appearances of the number twenty-four

- ✓ Although the book of Luke only has twenty-four chapters, it has more words than the Acts, which has 28 chapters. Therefore, in a real sense, it is correct to say that Luke is the longest New Testament book.
- ✓ Of the top five New Testament writings that contain the most material from the Old Testament, the book of Mark has content from a total number of 24 books.
- ✓ Baasha, the third king of Israel to reign after the kingdom split in 930 B.C., ruled for 24 years.

How is number 24 related to Christ's rule?

Psalm 72 lists 24 things that Jesus Christ, as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, will do when He sits upon His throne and rules as King and Priest during the Millennium.

- ✓ He will righteously judge the people
- ✓ He will judge, with justice, the poor and needy
- ✓ Peace will be brought by the mountains
- ✓ Small hills shall also experience peace
- ✓ He shall judge the poor
- ✓ He shall save the children of the needy
- ✓ Those who oppress will be crushed
- ✓ He shall rule like rain upon grass
- ✓ He shall rule like the water that showers the globe



- ✓ He will cause the righteous to flourish
- ✓ He will bring the righteous an abundance of peace
- ✓ He shall rule from sea to sea
- ✓ He shall rule from the river unto the ends of the earth.
- ✓ When he hears the needy cry out, he will deliver him
- ✓ The poor and those who have no help will also be delivered
- ✓ Those who are needy and weak will receive compassion
- ✓ The lives of those in need will be saved
- ✓ The needy who are oppressed, and experience violence will be redeemed
- ✓ The blood of those in need will be precious in His sight
- ✓ He will cause an abundance of grain on the earth
- ✓ He will bring an abundance of fruit
- ✓ He will make those of the city flourish like grass
- ✓ He will make His name to be continued
- ✓ He will bless all men

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 24

Around God's heavenly throne are 24 elders, each wearing crowns and sitting on thrones, who (possibly) assist him in the governing of the universe (Revelation 4:1 - 4).

Twenty-five

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 25

The number twenty-five in the Bible symbolizes 'grace upon grace.' It is composed of 20 (meaning redemption) and five (grace) or grace multiplied (5 x 5).



And the Word became flesh . . . full of GRACE and truth . . .

And of His fullness we have all received, and GRACE FOR GRACE. For the law was given through Moses, but GRACE and truth came through Jesus Christ (John 1:14, 16 - 17).

Levites were to begin serving at age 25 in assisting with sacrifices, which were a physical type of forgiveness and redemption for the people.

Appearances of the number twenty-five

- ✓ Scrolls were discovered in 1947 in the Dead Sea region of Israel. Among all the scrolls found over the years, 25 copies of Deuteronomy have been identified.
- ✓ King Jehoshaphat, considered a good king of Judah, ruled for twenty-five years (1Kings 22:42). King Amaziah, also a ruler over Judah, began his reign at the age of 25 (2Kings 14:2) as did wicked King Jehoiakim (2 Kings 18:2). Jehoiakim was the next to last ruler over the Kingdom of Judah before Nebuchadnezzar's initial conquest of Jerusalem in 597 B.C.
- ✓ The number twenty-five plays a prominent role in Ezekiel's vision of the temple, which he saw in the 25th year of captivity (Ezekiel 40:1). There are at least five measurements within the prophetic temple that are 25 cubits long (Ezekiel 40:13, 21, 25, 29 - 30).
- ✓ Of the top five New Testament books that contain the most material from the Old Testament, the book of Acts has material from 25 books.
- ✓ Of the top five shortest books in the entire Bible, the books of Philemon and Jude only have 25 verses.
- ✓ Twenty-five is also seen near God's throne in heaven. The apostle John saw, in vision, 24 elders sitting around God's throne for a total of 25 thrones (Revelation 4:1 - 4).

The number 25 and the alphabet

There are several verses in God's word (KJV translation) that contain all the letters in the English alphabet except for one. For example, Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter 'J.'

"And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily."



Verses that contain all the letters of the alphabet except 'Q' include Joshua 7:24, 1 Kings 1:9, 1 Chronicles 12:40, 2 Chronicles 36:10, Ezekiel 28:13, Daniel 4:37, and Haggai 1:1. Verses that contain 25 letters except 'Z' are 2 Kings 16:15 and 1 Chronicles 4:10. Lastly, Galatians 1:14 contains the entire alphabet except for 'K.'

<http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/introduction.html>

Twenty-six

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 26

Biblical meaning: God's power

Hebrew words: kaph-vav (open hand with a nail)

Examples:

- ✓ Deut. 34:9 – the 26th time Joshua's name is mentioned, he is filled with the spirit of wisdom, which demonstrates power
- ✓ 1 Sam. 17:39 – the 26-time David's name is mentioned, David is equipped with a sword to fight Goliath, which represents power
- ✓ Acts 9:40 – the 26th time Peter's name is mentioned, he raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead
- ✓ Acts 16:18 – the 26th time Paul's name is mentioned, he casts out a demon in demonstration of God's power

Other

- Yahweh – God's Hebrew name (YHWH) has a numeric value of 26; Y = 10, H = 5, V = 6, H = 5

<http://www.bible-study-lessons.com/Numbers-9.html>

Twenty-seven

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 27

Of the top ten occurring names in God's word, the name Abraham appears in 27 Books.

The Old Testament phrases 'mercy seat' and 'the candlestick' occur 27 times. The New Testament contains 27 separate books.

<http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/introduction.html>



Biblical meaning: ministry of salvation

Hebrew words: kaph-zayin (open hand and spiritual warfare)

Examples:

- ✓ Joshua 1:1-2 – the 27th time Joshua's name is mentioned, God tells Joshua that Moses is dead, and it is now time to cross the Jordan into Canaan, where they can minister the gospel of salvation
- ✓ Matt. 1:23 – this verse has a numeric value of 27x111, and says that a virgin shall conceive and bear a son
- ✓ Romans 1:16 – this verse has a numeric value of 27x100, and mentions the good news of Christ
- ✓ 1 John 4:15 – this verse has a numeric value of 27x111, and says that Jesus is the Son of God

Other

- Zak – the Hebrew word meaning “pure,” which has a numeric value of 27

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Twenty-eight

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 28

The book of Mark has 28 direct Old Testament quotations.

There are 28 writers of the Old Testament (Amos, Daniel, David, Davidic priests, Esther, Ezekiel, Ezra, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hezekiah, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Job, Joel, Jonah, Joshua, Malachi, Micah, Mordecai, Moses, Nahum, Nehemiah, Obadiah, Ruth, Samuel, Solomon, Zechariah, Zephaniah).

The phrase 'the Lamb,' used to refer to Jesus Christ as the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world, occurs 28 times. The word "Hallelujah" also appears 28 times.

Of the top ten occurring names in the entirety of God's word, the name David appears in 28 Books.



The book of Acts, with its 28 chapters, is the longest book in the New Testament.

Jehu, a mostly bad king, ruled over Israel for 28 years (2Kings 10:36).

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Biblical meaning: following God or the Holy Spirit

Hebrew words: kaph-chet (open palm covering the heart)

Examples:

- ✓ Gen. 8:15 – the 28th time Noah's name is mentioned, God tells Noah to leave the ark, and thus Noah is being led by God
- ✓ Ex. 26:1-2 – the curtains of Moses' tabernacle were 28 cubits long
- ✓ Joshua 1:10-11 – the 28th time Joshua's name is mentioned, he commands the people to get ready to cross the river Jordan, thus they are following God
- ✓ Eccl. 3:2-8 – lists 28 things that there is time for
- ✓ Matt. 1:17 – says that there are 28 generations from Abraham to the Babylonian removal, which represents Pentecost, due to the second set of 14
- ✓ Acts 10:5 – the 28th time Peter's name is mentioned, God tells Cornelius to look for Peter in Joppa

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Twenty-nine

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 29

King Amaziah of Judah, a good king, ruled for 29 years. King Hezekiah, who also reigned over the Kingdom of Judah, ruled for 29 years.

Of the top ten occurring names in Scripture, the name Jacob appears in 29 Books.

Nahor, the grandfather of Abraham, had his first son at the age of 29.

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Biblical meaning: departure

Hebrew words: kaph-teth (seperent eating its tail)



Examples:

- ✓ Gen. 8:18-19 – the 29th time Noah's name is mentioned; he and his family are departing from the ark after the flood
- ✓ Gen. 14:11-12 – the 29th time Abram's name is mentioned, he is departing from Sodom and Gomorrah
- ✓ Gen. 26:1 – the 29th time Issacs's name is mentioned, he is departing from Beer-lahairoi to go to Gerar
- ✓ Gen. 28:7 – the 29th time Jacob's name is mentioned, he leaves his parents to go to Padan-aram
- ✓ 2 Chron. 25:1 – King Amaziah ruled for 29 years
- ✓ 2 Chronicles 29:1 – King Hezekiah ruled for 29 years
- ✓ Matt. 8:34 – the 29th time Jesus' name is mentioned in the book of Matthew, people ask Jesus to leave after He had healed the demoniac
- ✓ John 4:2-3 – the 29th time Jesus name is mentioned in the book of John, He departs from Judea to go to Galilee

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Thirty

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 30

The number 30 can symbolize dedication to a particular task or calling. Aaronic priests were dedicated to serve at 30, in part because it was the age when a person reached both physical and mental maturity and could therefore handle major responsibilities.

John the Baptist, who was of priestly descent (his mother was a descendant of the daughters of Aaron, and his father was a priest), began his ministry at age 30. In the Fall of 26 A.D., at the age of 30, Christ began to publicly preach the gospel (Luke 3:23). His ministry lasted for three and one-half years.

The number thirty can also represent the sacrificial blood of Jesus. He was betrayed by Judas for 30 silver coins, which was a fulfillment of prophecy (Zechariah 11:12). When Judas flung the 'blood money' he was paid back into the temple, the priests did not accept it as an offering but



rather decided to buy a potter's field with it. Though they were not aware of it, what they did was also fulfilling prophecy (verse 13).

In 30 A.D. Jesus suffered and shed His precious blood as God's sacrificial Lamb for the world's sins.

Appearances of the number thirty

- ✓ The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in caves on the upper northwest shore of the Dead Sea started in 1947. Among all the scrolls found over the years, 30 copies of the Psalms have been identified.
- ✓ The patriarchs Salah (grandson of Shem), Peleg (who lived to see the world's continents divide) and Serug (the great-grandfather of Abraham) had their first sons at the age of 30.
- ✓ The prophet Ezekiel begins his book of the same name "in the 30th year" (which likely referenced his age at the time - Ezekiel 1:1). It is at this time he receives his first recorded vision from God, known as the "wheel in the middle of a wheel" or "wheel within a wheel" vision.
- ✓ Abraham was promised that if God found at least thirty righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah he would not destroy the cities (Genesis 18:30).

Thirty and the Judges of Israel

Jair, one of the Judges of Israel delineated in the Bible, had thirty sons. He was wealthy enough not only to provide each of them with their own horse to ride but also gave each of them a city for 30 total (Judges 10:4). Ibzan, another Judge of Israel, had thirty sons and thirty daughters (Judges 12:9).

Samson, a Judge of Israel from 1085 - 1065 B.C., offered a prize of thirty sheets and thirty change of garments to thirty men if they answered a riddle within a week (Judges 14:11 - 14).

How is the number 30 related to mourning?

Both the death of Aaron and Moses was mourned by the children of Israel for 30 days (Numbers 20:29, Deuteronomy 34:8).

Additional info on Biblical Meaning of 30

Joseph, a type of Jesus, was thirty years old when Egypt's Pharaoh placed him in charge over all that he ruled. King David also, when he began to reign over Israel, was thirty years old (2Samuel 5:4).



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Thirty-one

The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 31

One of the Hebrew names of God is El, composed of the Hebrew letters Lamed (representing 30) and Aleph (representing 1), which totals to the number 31.

Josiah, considered the best king of Judah after Israel split into two nations, began his reign at the age of eight and ruled for 31 years (640 to 609 B.C.).

One of the most commonly occurring names in God's word is Moses, which appears in 31 books. One of most frequently mentioned women in Scripture is Rebekah (Isaac's wife), whose name appears 31 times. The book of Luke contains materials from 31 Old Testament books, the second highest in the New Testament.

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