

Session 2: **[B-1] Use Of Numbers In Scripture** {Signature of God}

Numbers are the language of all nature and scientific study. The use of numbers in Scripture is a fascinating study all its own, not only because certain words and phrases do in fact occur mathematically consistent numbers of times, but the numerical values of words and phrases {'gematria'} themselves is significant. In Hebrew and in Greek, letters have numerical values – for this reason, every word has a numerical value called its 'gematria.' {See **Values of Hebrew & Greek Letters.**}

The role of numbers in the study of Bible prophecy is mind boggling to say the very least. Its use is far beyond our mortal comprehension. In Daniel 8:13 one angel asks another "How long...". The name of "that certain saint" is given in Hebrew as "Palmoni" {פלמוני} and the name means: "the wonderful numberer." In March, 1991, I came across an excellent book dealing with these facts in a manner that far expands the short study I originally presented in my Revelation notes. The book: **Number in Scripture**, by E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913), Published by Kregel Publications, P.O. Box 2607, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 {ISBN 0-8254-2238-8} is an absolute must for anyone willing to take the time and effort to really deal with this subject.

The general rules set forth in Mr. Bullinger's book are stated:

“Where there is no such special significance in the meaning or use of a word, there is no special significance in the number of its occurrences. But where there is a general importance in the word, apart from its direct significance, the word occurs according to law.”

“All such general and important words-- i.e. such words on which the Holy Spirit would have us place special emphasis, or would wish us to lay special stress-

- occur a certain number of times. These are either--

(1) A square number, or {a number multiplied by itself -- i.e. 4 [2x2], 9 [3x3], 16 [4x4], 25 [5x5], 36 [6x6], etc.}

(2) A cube, or {a number multiplied by itself twice -- i.e. 8 [2x2x2], 27 [3x3x3], 64 [4x4x4], etc.}

(3) A multiple of seven, or

(4) a multiple of eleven”

“It is interesting to notice why these numbers should be thus associated together. They are significant in themselves for seven is one of the four so-called perfect numbers, 3, 7, 10, and 12, as we shall see below.

3 is the number of Divine perfection

7 is the number of Spiritual perfection and completion

10 is the number of Ordinal perfection and fullness

12 is the number of Governmental perfection.”

Note: All number counts are based on the Hebrew {**Masoretic**} Old Testament and the Greek {**Traditional Received Text**} New Testament. See also **Equidistant Letter Sequences**, **Interesting Biblical Number Facts**, and **Interesting Nature Number Facts**.

Note: The Hebrew **Masoretic Text** of the Old Testament was accepted as **the “canon”** by Jews around 300 B.C.. The New Testament was completed sometime around 100 A.D.. The Greek **Traditional Received Text** of the New Testament was accepted as **the “canon”** of the New Testament by the Church as **the infallible, inerrant Word of God** from the early 300’s to the late 1800’s.

See: **Who Changed The Scriptures?** at www.TheWordNotes.com.

Note on prime numbers -- Prime numbers are numbers that are only divisible by themselves and one. They represent a unique attribute of God: Although He is three-in-one, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, He is indivisible-- where one is, all members of the God-head are -- which is everywhere at all times.

Prime numbers through 1000 {Math Standard Tables}: 2[1],3[2], 5[3], 7[4], 11[5], 13[6], 17[7], 19[8], 23[9], 29[10], 31[11], 37[12], 41[13], 43[14], 47[15], 53[16], 59[17], 61[18], 67[19], 71[20], 73[21], 79[22], 83[23], 89[24], 97[25], 101[26], 103[27], 107[28], 109[29], 113[30], 127[31], 131[32], 137[33], 139[34],149[35], 151[36], 157[37], 163[38], 167[39], 173[40], 179[41], 181[42], 191[43], 193[44], 197[45], 199[46], 211[47], 223[48], 227[49], 229[50], 233[51], 239[52], 241[53], 251[54], 257[55], 263[56], 269[57], 271[58], 277[59], 281[60], 283[61], 293[62], 307[63], 311[64], 313[65], 317[66], 331[67], 337[68], 347[69], 349[70], 353[71], 359[72], 367[73], 373[74], 379[75], 383[76], 389[77], 397[78], 401[79], 409[80], 419[81], 421[82], 431[83], 433[84], 439[85], 443[86], 449[87], 457[88], 461[89],

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523[99], 541[100], 547[101], 557[102], 563[103], 569[104], 571[105], 577[106],
587[107], 593[108], 599[109], 601[110], 607[111], 613[112], 617[113], 619[114],
631[115], 641[116], 643[117], 647[118], 653[119], 659[120], 661[121], 673[122],
677[123], 683[124], 691[125], 701[126], 709[127], 719[128], 727[129], 733[130],
739[131], 743[132], 751[133], 757[134], 761[135], 769[136], 773[137], 787[138],
797[139], 809[140], 811[141], 821[142], 823[143], 827[144], 829[145], 839[146],
853[147], 857[148], 859[149], 863[150], 877[151], 881[152], 883[153], 887[154],
907[155], 911[156], 919[157], 929[158], 937[159], 941[160], 947[161], 953[162],
967[163], 971[164], 977[165], 983[166], 991[167], 997[168]**

1-- a reference to unity in God (one or first) The first commandment - "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." "Seek first the kingdom of God..." Mat. 6:33 "The first and greatest commandment... Hear, O Israel the Lord our God is one..." Mat 22:37-38 Eph. 4:4-6 -- "One Lord, one faith, one baptism..." - The first question in Genesis is: Where art thou? Gen. 3:9. The first question in the New Testament is: Where is He Who is born...? Mat. 2:2

2-- [a prime number] number of witnesses required by law (Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Ex. 31:18) Note two testaments to God's plan--Old Testament and New Testament; two witnesses--Israel and the Church; two witnesses in the Revelation (Rev. 11:4f) There are two genealogies of Jesus given in Scripture. Matthew gives the "Royal" descent (through Joseph) and is in ascending order, Luke gives the "human" descent (through Mary) and is in descending order. Also the number two is used for contrast: The first Adam, the Second Adam, etc.

3--[a prime number] number for God (a reference to the Trinity) The word for God (Eloheem) in Hebrew is a plural noun which requires at least three individuals because of the ending (eem) used. Hebrew has a different ending for singular and duo (two). Also a reference to "resurrection"; the land rose out of the water on the **third** day of creation, Jesus arose from the grave on the **third** day, the future resurrection of God's two witnesses in Jerusalem will occur after **three** days. The word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible but the word "Godhead" occurs exactly three times [Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9]

4-- number for all the world (Probably a reference to the four directions-- north, south, east, west.) On the **fourth** day the heavens and earth were completed. (The fifth and sixth days God added plants, animals and man.)

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5-- [a prime number] number for the grace of God (4 + 1) -- Peter's number -- see notes on Peter in Interesting Biblical Number Facts

6-- number for mankind (man was created on the sixth day) also six is one less than seven-- the number for completion. (Man is incomplete without God.) The Greek name for Jesus (ἰησοῦς) consists of **six** letters.

7-- [a prime number] number for completion (6 days of creation plus 1 day of rest gives the complete week of creation) Also, number for spiritual perfection. The Greek name for Christ (χριστός) consists of **seven** letters. The numbers 6 and 7 are often used together in Scripture.

8-- (2^3) a number used throughout the Scripture for our Lord. The cube of the number 2. The name **Jesus** {ιησους} in Greek totals **888** {10+8+200+70+400+200}, { $2^3 \times 3 \times 37$ } the name **Lord** {κυριος} in Greek totals **800** {20+400+100+10+70+200}, the name **Savior** in Greek {σωτηρ} totals **1408** which = $8^2 \times 2 \times 11$, the name **Messiah** in Greek {μεσσιας} totals **656** which = **8 x 82** The numbers 7 and 8 are often used together in Scripture.

9-- number for finality or judgment ($666 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 37$) (The name Dan in Hebrew totals **54** which is **6x9**) {The tribe of **Dan** is excluded from the list of tribes listed in the Revelation.} The Greek words for **Abyss**(αβυσσος), **ungodly** (ασεβης), **lightning** (αστραπη), and **lasciviousness** (ασελγεια) all occur exactly 9 times. The sum of the 22 Hebrew letters is **4995** which is **5 x 999** the numbers of Grace and Finality! Nine comes before 10 -- for Christians, **our judgement comes before our perfection. For the children of Satan these numbers are reversed: i.e. they think they have perfection, but their end is judgment.**

10-- number for perfection or cleansing (perfecting of someone or something) The Ten Commandments are the perfect law. (See Rom. 7:12-16) (Seven plus three equals ten-- the complete (seven) Law of God (three). Noah was the tenth generation. The commandments are divided up into three positive 'Thou shalt' and seven negative 'Thou shalt not.' There are four duties of the world (four) to God and six duties of mankind to one another. The Church at Smyrna is told that it will have affliction **ten** days. (Rev. 2) There are **ten** days referred to as the **Days of Affliction** by the Jews which occur from **Rosh Hoshanah** to the **Day of Atonement** (Yom Kippur.) There are **ten** parables of the Kingdom in Matthew. (Seven in chapter 13, and three in chapters 22 and 25.) Also, 2 times 5 -- see 2 and 5 above.

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11-- [a prime number] one short of the number 12, Nebuchadnezzar began his destruction of Jerusalem during Jehoiakim's **eleventh** year (II Ki. 23:36, 24:1, II Chron. 35:5-6) The **fifth** prime number.

12-- the number for God's (three) witness to the world (four) [$3 \times 4 = 12$] **Twelve** tribes of Israel-- Israel is still a witness to the work of God and His great love for all of mankind. There were **twelve** apostles. Also the number of governmental perfection.

13--[a prime number] the number for rebellion, corruption, and apostasy The numbers **8** and **13** are often used in opposition. The numerical values of the names in the line of Seth (Adam to Japheth = **3168** which is **8** x 396) {Jesus came through the line of Seth.} The numerical values of the names in the line of Cain (Adam to Tubal Cain = **2223** which is **13** x 9 x 19 . The **sixth** {2 x 3} prime number.

17-- [a prime number] the sum of 7 and 10 it is also the **seventh** prime number. See the numbers 7, and 10 above. In Rom. 8:35-39 there are **17** things listed which cannot separate us from the love of Christ.

19-- [a prime number] the eighth $\{2^3\}$ prime number. The sum of 9 and 10. See notes on 7, 9 and 10 above. The number for judgment on a nation! **19** years after Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem and carried away the first set of hostages {see Daniel chapter 1, Nebuchadnezzar sent his general to completely destroy Jerusalem, tear down its walls, and destroy Solomon's temple due to Zedekiah's rebellion. {Covid-19?} [After Cyrus decree to restore Jerusalem, it would be **19** years before the second temple would be completed!]

23-- the ninth prime number

24-- number of elders mentioned in Rev. 4 ($6 \times 4 = 24$ and $12 \times 2 = 24$) $\{2^3 \times 3\}$ These elders probably are representatives of God's people from all the world (from all nations) Note also **12** tribes of Israel and **12** apostles (The Church)-- God's two witnesses to the present world.

29-- tenth $\{2 \times 5\}$ prime number

31-- eleventh prime number

37-- [a prime number] the **twelfth** $\{2^2 \times 3\}$ prime number. I am not presently aware of its significance except that it appears in both the numbers **666** and **888**. See the number 12 above.

40—{ $2^3 \times 5$ } cleansing, perfecting, testing (ten) of the world (four). It rained 40 days and **40** nights during the Great Flood to cleanse the earth. Moses, Elijah, and Jesus each spent times of **40** days in the mountains for testing and cleansing. Israel spent **40** years in the wilderness to cleanse her from the rebels against God.

51-- { 3×17 } number of Divine revelation (24 books of the Old Testament + 27 books of the New Testament)[Note: the double books: I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles are taken as single books in the Hebrew Old Testament. The **12** "minor" prophets made up a single book. Ezra and Nehemiah made up a single book. -- Thus there were **24** books in the original Hebrew Old Testament.]

84-- number of generations to complete (seven) God's (three) witness to the world (four) [7x3x4=84 and 7x12=84] **3x7** generations from Adam to Abraham (See Luke 3) **6x7** generations from Abraham to Christ (See Matt. 1) **3x7** generations from Christ to this present generation (See Gen. 15:13-16 -- one generation= 100 years) Also: **3x7** generations of witness by individuals **6x7** generations of witness through Israel **3x7** generations of witness through the Church Plus note that **this last generation** includes both a witness through **Israel and the Church**, a further confirmation to the required number of witnesses given in the Law of Moses.

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153-- { $3^2 \times 17$ } The number of fish caught in the apostles' net (John 21:11) The Hebrew expression 'Sons of God' (Gen. 6:2) (בני־האלהים) occurs **7** times {one slightly different Beni El-Hai 'Sons of the living God'} and the first expression totals **153**. The sum of the numbers from **1** to **17** totals 153.

Is. 48:17 “I am the Lord Thy God” {אני יהוה אלהיך} → 153

Ps 24:8,10 “The Lord, the King of Glory” {מלך הכבוד יהוה} → 153

I Chr. 15:15 “sons of Levites” {בני־הלויים} → 153

I Sam. 10:5 “band of prophets” {חבל נביאים} → 153

Deut. 1:28 “great people” {עם גדול} → 153

The phrase 'joint heirs' in Greek (συγκληρονομοι) (Rom. 8:17) totals **1071** which is **7 x 153**.

The phrase "creation of God" (κτίσις θεου) in Greek [Rev 3:14] totals **1224** which is **8 x 153**.

{ $2^3 \times 3^2 \times 17$ } "fishes" in Greek (ἰχθύες) totals **1224**; "the net" (τό δίκτυον) totals **1224**.

888- the number for our Lord. Three- eights. { $2^3 \times 3 \times 37$ } See the number 3, 8, and 37 above. Jesus is the perfect witness. See the number **eight** above.

[B-4] Numerical Values of Hebrew & Greek Letters

The following is from E.W. Bullinger's book: Number in Scripture. The Hebrew alphabet consists of 22 (2x11) letters with 5 "finals" added to make up three series of 9; 27 in all:

א Aleph = 1	י Yod = 10	ק Koph = 100
ב Beth = 2	כ Kaph = 20	ר Resh = 200
ג Gimel = 3	ל Lamed = 30	ש Shin = 300
ד Daleth = 4	מ Mem = 40	ת Tau = 400
ה He = 5	נ Nun = 50	ך Koph{final} = 500
ו Vau = 6	ס Samech = 60	ם Mem {final} = 600
ז Zayin = 7	ע Ayin = 70	ן Nun {final} = 700
ח Cheth = 8	פ Pe = 80	ף Pe {final} = 800
ט Teth = 9	צ Tsaddi = 90	ץ Tsaddi{final} = 900

{{Recent computer analysis suggests that the finals were not used in counting in scripture. 10/27/23. See LivingGreekNT.org }}

The Greek letters were 24 so the required number -- 27 was made up by using the final " Ϛ " call Stigma for 6, and adding two arbitrary symbols called Koppa Ϟ for 90, and Sampsi ϗ for 900. {Note: the Koppa and Sampsi are not exactly replicated here due to the lack of a font that contains them.} [I now have added the capital letters which more people are familiar with.]

α A Alpha = 1

β B Beta = 2

γ Γ Gamma = 3

δ Δ Delta = 4

ε E Epsilon = 5

Ϛ Stigma = 6

ζ Z Zeta = 7

η H Eta = 8

θ Θ Theta = 9

ι I Iota = 10

κ K Kappa = 20

λ Λ Lambda = 30

μ M Mu = 40

ν N Nu = 50

ξ Ξ Xi = 60

ο O Omicron = 70

π Π Pi = 80

Ϟ Koppa = 90

ρ P Rho = 100

σ Σ Sigma = 200

τ T Tau = 300

υ Y Upsilon = 400

φ Φ Phi = 500

χ X Chi = 600

ψ Ψ Psi = 700

ω Ω Omega = 800

ϗ Sampsi = 900

{{The Sampsi is not a part of the Greek alphabet but was made up to complete the sequence of numbers. Like the finals of Hebrew, computer analysis suggests that it was not actually used in counting in scripture.}}

"The letter Ϛ (called Stigma) is used for the number 6. Why this letter and number should be thus associated we cannot tell, except that both are intimately connected with the ancient Egyptian "mysteries." The three letters S S S (ΣΣΣ in Greek) were the symbol of Isis, which is thus connected with 666. Indeed the expression of this number, ϡξϡ , consists of the initial and final letters of the word χρίστος(Cristos), Christ, viz, ϡ and ϡ , with the symbol of the serpent between them, ϡ -ξ - ϡ ." (Number in Scripture page 49, by E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913), Published by Kregel Publications, P.O. Box 2607, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 {ISBN 0-8254-2238-8})