

~NUMBER, NUMERAL (1491)

.. Bible Usage Not Numerology

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- .. Two
- .. Three
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- .. Eight
- .. Ten
- .. Twelve
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- In ancient **Hebrew**, numbers were spelled out. Sometime after the exile to Babylon, the Jews adopted to some extent the practice of using their alphabetic letters as symbols of numerical figures. However, this usage does not appear even in postexilic Hebrew Bible manuscripts.
- One of the oldest extant specimens of Hebrew writing is the inscription taken from the Siloam water tunnel, probably from the time of Hezekiah's reign, circa **745-717 B.C.E.**, in which the measurements are written out in full.
- Spelling out the numbers provides an added measure of accuracy and dependability in the manuscripts of the Hebrew Scriptures, which have been copied many times, for, in copying, a numeral is usually easier to mistake than a word.
- In **Hebrew**, numbers above ten are a combination of words, such as **12** (two and ten)
- Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the **thirteenth** year they rebelled. (**Genesis 14:4**)
- Except that **20** is the plural of **30** a plural word derived from three, **30** a plural word derived from **40** a plural word derived from four, and so on. One hundred is a separate word.
- One hundred is a separate, **200** is the dual form. Other **hundreds** are composed of two words, as, **300**. The highest number expressed by

one Hebrew word is 20,000, the dual form of 10,000 (myriad). Larger numbers are a combination of words. For example, at;

- **As for the sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, of those who were valiant fellows, men carrying shield and sword and bending the bow and trained in war, there were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty going out to the army. (1 Chronicles 5:18)**
- **The **number** 44,760 is, literally, forty and four thousand and seven of hundreds and sixty. A million is written as a thousand thousands.**
- **Later Zerah the Ethiopian went out against them with a military force of a million men and three hundred chariots, and came as far as Mareshah. (2 Chronicles 14:9)**
- **Rebekah's family blessed her, saying; O you, our sister, may you become thousands times ten thousand, literally, thousands of myriads; Rebekah's posterity actually came to number many millions.**
- **To this her brother and her mother said; Let the young woman stay with us at least ten days. Afterward she can go. (Genesis 24:55)**
- **And they began to bless Rebekah and say to her; O you, our sister, may you become thousands times ten thousand, and let your seed take possession of the gate of those who hate it. (Genesis 24:60)**
- **In Daniel's vision Yehowah is shown as having, ten thousand times ten thousand, literally, a myriad of myriads, standing before him.**
- **There was a stream of fire flowing and going out from before him. There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened. (Daniel 7:10)**
- **Occasionally numbers are used in an approximate sense, as round numbers, for example, at;**
- **In themselves the days of our years are seventy years, and if because of special mightiness they are eighty years, yet their**

insistence is on trouble and hurtful things, for it must quickly pass by, and away we fly. (**Psalms 90:10**)

- Where the psalmist speaks of man's age limit, and possibly also at;
- And I have let **seven thousand** remain in Israel, all the knees that have not bent down to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him. (**1 Kings 19:18**)
- 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal and;
- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** **numerals** are generally expressed in words. The **number** of the wild beast is in words in the Sinaitic and the Alexandrine manuscripts.
- Here is where wisdom comes in. Let the one that has intelligence calculate the number of the wild beast, for it is a man's number, and its number is **six hundred and sixty-six**. (**Revelation 13:18**)

• Bible Usage Not Numerology

- Since the Bible is a book of both history and prophecy, the numbers given therein may be either literal or symbolic. The context usually reveals in which sense a **number** is used.
- Certain **numbers** appear often in the Bible in an **illustrative, figurative, or symbolic sense**, and in such cases an understanding of their significance is vital to an understanding of the text.
- However, this Bible usage of **numbers** should not be confused with **numerology**, in which occult mysticism is attached to figures, their combinations, and **numerical** totals.
- **Numerology** apparently had its origin in ancient Babylon and, along with other forms of divination, comes under divine condemnation.
- There should not be found in you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, anyone who employs divination, a practitioner of magic or anyone who looks for omens or a sorcerer. (**Deuteronomy 18:10**)
- Or one who binds others with a spell or anyone who consults a

spirit medium or a professional foreteller of events or anyone who inquires of the dead. ([Deuteronomy 18:11](#))

- For everybody doing these things is something detestable to Yehowah, and on account of these detestable things Yehowah your God is driving them away from before you. ([Deuteronomy 18:12](#))
- In the following we will discuss a few of the figurative uses of certain numbers that are used prominently in the Bible.

• One

- This **number**, when used figuratively, conveys the thought of singleness, uniqueness, as well as unity and agreement in purpose and action. Yehowah our God is one Yehowah, said Moses.
- Listen, O Israel, Yehowah our God is one Yehowah. ([Deuteronomy 6:4](#))
- He alone is Sovereign. He is unique. He does not share his glory with another, as is the case with pagan trinitarian gods.
- Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the **One** who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. ([Acts of Apostles 4:24](#))
- And they cried with a loud voice, saying; Until when, Sovereign Lord holy and true, are you refraining from judging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? ([Revelation 6:10](#))
- I am Yehowah. That is my name, and to no **one** else shall I give my own glory, neither my praise to graven images. ([Isaiah 42:8](#))
- There is **oneness** in purpose and activity between Yehowah and Jesus Christ.
- I and the Father are **one**. ([John 10:30](#))
- And there should be complete unity of Christ's disciples with God, with his Son, and with one another.
- In order, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in

union with me and I am in union with you, that they also may be in union with us, in order, that the world may believe that you sent me forth. ([John 17:21](#))

- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all **one** person in union with Christ Jesus. ([Galatians 3:28](#))
- Such **oneness** is illustrated in the marriage arrangement.
- That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he must stick to his wife and they must become **one** flesh. ([Genesis 2:24](#))
- So that they are no longer two, but **one** flesh. Therefore, what God has yoked together let no man put apart. ([Matthew 19:6](#))
- In this way husbands ought to be loving their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ([Ephesians 5:28](#))
- For no man ever hated his own flesh, but he feeds and cherishes it, as the Christ also does the congregation. ([Ephesians 5:29](#))
- Because we are members of his body. ([Ephesians 5:30](#))
- For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and the two will become **one** flesh. ([Ephesians 5:31](#))
- This sacred secret is great. Now I am speaking with respect to Christ and the congregation. ([Ephesians 5:32](#))

.. Two

- The number two frequently appears in a legal setting. Agreement in the accounts of **two** witnesses adds to the force of the testimony. **Two** witnesses, or even three, were required to establish a matter before the judges. This principle is also followed in the Christian congregation.
- At the mouth of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one dying should be put to death. He will not be put to death at the mouth of one witness. ([Deuteronomy 17:6](#))

- No single witness should rise up against a man respecting any error or any sin, in the case of any sin that he may commit. At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses the matter should stand good. (**Deuteronomy 19:15**)
- But if he does not listen, take along with you **one** or **two** more, in order, that at the mouth of **two** or three witnesses every matter may be established. (**Matthew 18:16**)
- This is the third time I am coming to you. At the mouth of **two** witnesses or of three every matter must be established. (**2 Corinthians 13:1**)
- Do not admit an accusation against an older man, except only on the evidence of **two** or **three** witnesses. (**1 Timothy 5:19**)
- Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of **two** or **three**. (**Hebrews 10:28**)
- God adhered to this principle in presenting his Son to the people as mankind's Savior. Jesus said; In your own Law it is written: The witness of **two** men is true. **I am one that bears witness** about myself, and the **Father who sent me bears witness** about me.
- Also, in your own Law it is written: The witness of **two** men is true. (**John 8:17**)
- I am one that bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me. (**John 8:18**)
- Doing something a **second** time for example, repetition of a statement or vision, even in only a parallel way **firmly established the matter as sure and true** as in Pharaoh's dream of the cows and the ears of grain;
- And the fact that the dream was repeated to Pharaoh **twice** means that the thing is **firmly established on the part of the true God**, and the true God is speeding to do it. (**Genesis 41:32**)
- Biblical Hebrew poetry is full of thought parallelism, which establishes more firmly in mind the truths stated and at the same time clarifies matters by the variety of wording in the parallelism.

- The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)
- In Daniel's prophecy a certain beasts having **two** horns symbolized **duality** in rulership of the Medo-Persian Empire.
- The ram that you saw possessing the **two** horns stands for **the kings of Media and Persia**. (Daniel 8:20)
- And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the **first king**. (Daniel 8:21)
- And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (Revelation 13:11)

• Three

- While the testifying of two witnesses to the same matter established proof sufficient for legal action, **three** made the testimony even stronger. The number **three**, therefore, is used at times to represent **intensity, emphasis, or added strength**. A **threefold** cord cannot quickly be torn in two.
- And if somebody could overpower one alone, two together could make a stand against him. And a **threefold** cord cannot quickly be torn in two. (Ecclesiastes 4:12)
- Emphasis was achieved in Jesus **threefold** questioning of Peter after Peter's three denials of Jesus.
- Jesus said to him; Truly I say to you, on this night, before a cock crows, you will disown me three times. (Matthew 26:34)
- And Peter called to mind the saying Jesus spoke, namely; Before a cock crows, you will disown me **three** times. And he went outside and wept bitterly. (Matthew 26:75)
- When, now, they had breakfasted, Jesus said to Simon Peter; Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you. He said to him; Feed my lambs. (John 21:15)

- Again he said to him, a second time; Simon son of John, do you love me? He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you. He said to him; Shepherd my little sheep. ([John 21:16](#))
- He said to him the **third** time; Simon son of John, do you have affection for me? Peter became grieved that he said to him the third time; Do you have affection for me? So he said to him; Lord, you know all things; You are aware that I have affection for you. Jesus said to him; Feed my little sheep. ([John 21:17](#))
- The vision telling Peter to eat of all kinds of animals, including those unclean according to the Law, was intensified by being given to him **three** times.
- This doubtless made it easier for Peter to understand, when Cornelius and his household accepted the Good News, that God was now turning his attention to uncircumcised people of the nations, considered unclean by the Jews.
- Now in Caesarea there was a certain man named Cornelius, an army officer of the Italian band, as it was called. ([Acts of Apostles 10:1](#))
- A devout man and one fearing God together with all his household, and he made many gifts of mercy to the people and made supplication to God continually. ([Acts of Apostles 10:2](#))
- Just about the ninth hour of the day he saw plainly in a vision an angel of God come in to him and say to him; Cornelius! ([Acts of Apostles 10:3](#))
- The man gazed at him and, becoming frightened, said; What is it, Lord? He said to him; Your prayers and gifts of mercy have ascended as a remembrance before God. ([Acts of Apostles 10:4](#))
- So now send men to Joppa and summon a certain Simon who is surnamed Peter. ([Acts of Apostles 10:5](#))
- This man is being entertained by a certain Simon, a tanner, who has a house by the sea. ([Acts of Apostles 10:6](#))
- As soon as the angel that spoke to him had left, he called two of his house servants and a devout soldier from among those who were in constant attendance upon him. ([Acts of Apostles 10:7](#))

- **And he related everything to them and dispatched them to Joppa. (Acts of Apostles 10:8)**
- **The next day as they were pursuing their journey and were approaching the city, Peter went up to the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. (Acts of Apostles 10:9)**
- **But he became very hungry and wanted to eat. While they were preparing, he fell into a trance (Acts of Apostles 10:10)**
- **And beheld heaven opened and some sort of vessel descending like a great linen sheet being let down by its four extremities upon the earth. (Acts of Apostles 10:11)**
- **And in it there were all sorts of four-footed creatures and creeping things of the earth and birds of heaven. (Acts of Apostles 10:12)**
- **And a voice came to him; Rise, Peter, slaughter and eat! (Acts of Apostles 10:13)**
- **But Peter said; Not at all, Lord, because never have I eaten anything defiled and unclean. (Acts of Apostles 10:14)**
- **And the voice spoke again to him, the second time; You stop calling defiled the things God has cleansed. (Acts of Apostles 10:15)**
- **This occurred a third time, and immediately the vessel was taken up into heaven. (Acts of Apostles 10:16)**
- **And he said to them; You well know how unlawful it is for a Jew to join himself to or approach a man of another race, and yet God has shown me I should call no man defiled or unclean. (Acts of Apostles 10:28)**
- **Hence I came, really without objection, when I was sent for. Therefore I inquire the reason that you have sent for me. (Acts of Apostles 10:29)**
- **Accordingly Cornelius said; Four days ago counting from this hour I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, when, look! A man in bright raiment stood before me. (Acts of Apostles 10:30)**

- And said; Cornelius, your prayer has been favorably heard and your gifts of mercy have been remembered before God. (**Acts of Apostles 10:31**)
- Send, therefore, to Joppa and call for Simon, who is surnamed Peter. This man is being entertained in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. (**Acts of Apostles 10:32**)
- Therefore I at once sent to you, and you did well in coming here. And so at this time we are all present before God to hear all the things you have been commanded by Yehowah to say. (**Acts of Apostles 10:33**)
- At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (**Acts of Apostles 10:34**)
- But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:35**)
- Can anyone forbid water so that these might not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have? (**Acts of Apostles 10:47**)
- With that he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they requested him to remain for some days. (**Acts of Apostles 10:48**)
- The intensity of Yehowah's holiness and cleanness is emphasized by the declaration of heavenly creatures; **Holy, holy, holy** is Yehowah.
- And this one called to that one and said; **Holy, holy, holy** is Yehowah of armies. The fullness of all the earth is his glory. (**Isaiah 6:3**)
- And as for the four living creatures, each one of them respectively has six wings, round about and underneath they are full of eyes. And they have no rest day and night as they say; **Holy, holy, holy** is Yehowah God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming. (**Revelation 4:8**)
- Before taking the last earthly king of the line of David off the throne, Yehowah said,

- **A ruin, a ruin, a ruin I shall make it. As for this also, it will certainly become no ones until he comes who has the legal right, and I must give it to him. (Ezekiel 21:27)**
- **Here he emphatically showed there would be no Davidic kings sitting upon the throne at Jerusalem in his name the throne would be absolutely vacant until God's time to establish his Messiah in Kingdom power.**
- **The intensity of woes to come to those dwelling on earth is forecast by the triple repetition of the declaration woe.**
- **And I saw, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven say with a loud voice; Woe, woe, woe to those dwelling on the earth because of the rest of the trumpet blasts of the three angels who are about to blow their trumpets! (Revelation 8:13)**

.. Three And One Half

- **Three and one half represents a matter with two fulfillments that are separated by a wide distance of years relative to their own time frame. It always points to two separate fulfillments. Jesus three and one half year ministry was cut short at the mid-point by the Jews when they killed him.**
- **There are **seventy weeks** that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (Daniel 9:24)**
- **And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (Daniel 9:25)**
- **And after the **sixty-two weeks** **Messiah will be cut off**, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (Daniel 9:26)**

- And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the **half of the week** he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (**Daniel 9:27**)
- And I began to hear the man clothed with the linen, who was up above the waters of the stream, as he proceeded to raise his right hand and his left hand to the heavens and to swear by the One who is alive for time indefinite. It will be for an **appointed time, appointed times and a half**. And as soon as there will have been a finishing of the dashing of the power of the holy people to pieces, all these things will come to their finish. (**Daniel 12:7**)
- In Revelation God's two witnesses witness for three and one half times indicating a second fulfillment during the Lords day. Sometimes this period is expressed as 42 months or as 1,260 days which are all equivalent.
- But as for the courtyard that is outside the temple sanctuary, cast it clear out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for **forty-two months**
- But as for the courtyard that is outside the temple sanctuary, cast it clear out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for **forty-two months**. (**Revelation 11:2**)
- And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given it, and authority to act **forty-two months** was given it. (**Revelation 13:5**)
- And I will cause my two witnesses to prophesy **a thousand two hundred and sixty days dressed in sackcloth**. (**Revelation 11:3**)
- And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred and sixty days**. (**Revelation 12:6**)

.. **Four**

- **Four is a number sometimes expressing universalness or foursquareness in symmetry and form. It is found three times at;**
- **After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding tight the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow upon the earth or upon the sea or upon any tree. (Revelation 7:1)**
- **Here the **four angels**, all those in charge of the **four winds**, ready for complete destruction, stood on earth's **four corners**, they could let loose the winds obliquely or diagonally, and no quarter of the earth would be spared.**
- **And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the **four winds** of the heavens. (Daniel 8:8)**
- **And he will certainly raise up a signal for the nations and gather the dispersed ones of Israel, and the scattered ones of Judah he will collect together from the **four extremities** of the earth.**
- **And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (Isaiah 11:1)**
- **And I will bring in upon Elam the four winds from the four extremities of the heavens. And I will scatter them to all these winds, and there will prove to be no nation to which the dispersed ones of Elam will not come. (Jeremiah 49:36)**
- **Hey there! Hey there! Flee, then, you people, from the land of the north, is the utterance of Yehowah. For in the direction of the **four winds** of the heavens I have spread you people abroad, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Zechariah 2:6)**
- **And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the **four winds**, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity. (Matthew 24:31)**
- **The New Jerusalem is **foursquare**, equal in every dimension, being in fact cubical in shape.**
- **And the city lies foursquare, and **its length is as great as its****

breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs, its length and breadth and height are equal. **(Revelation 21:16)**

- **Other figurative expressions using the number **four** are found at**
- **And I proceeded to raise my eyes and see, and, look! There were **four horns**. (Zechariah 1:18)**
- **So I said to the angel who was speaking with me; What are these? In turn he said to me; These are the horns that dispersed Judah, Israel and Jerusalem. (Zechariah 1:19)**
- **Furthermore, Yehowah showed me four craftsmen. (Zechariah 1:20)**
- **At that I said; What are these coming to do? And he went on to say; These are the horns that dispersed Judah to such an extent that no one at all raised his head, and these others will come to set them trembling, to cast down the horns of the nations that are lifting up a horn against the land of Judah, in order to disperse her. (Zechariah 1:21)**
- **Then I raised my eyes again and saw, and, look! There were four chariots coming forth from between two mountains, and the mountains were copper mountains. (Zechariah 6:1)**
- **In the first chariot there were red horses, and in the second chariot, black horses. (Zechariah 6:2)**
- **And in the third chariot there were white horses, and in the fourth chariot, horses speckled, parti-colored. (Zechariah 6:3)**
- **Say to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet; Untie the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates. (Revelation 9:14)**
- **And the four angels were untied, who have been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, to kill a third of the men. (Revelation 9:15)**

.. Six

- This number at times **represents imperfection**. The number of the wild beast is **666** and is called, a man's **number**, indicating that it has to do with **imperfect, fallen man**, and it seems to symbolize the imperfection of that which is represented by the wild beast.
- The number six being emphasized to a third degree, the six appearing in the position of units, tens, and hundreds, therefore highlights the imperfection and deficiency of that which the beast represents, or pictures.
- Here is where wisdom comes in. Let the one that has intelligence calculate the number of the wild beast, for it is a man's number, and its number is **six hundred and sixty-six**. (**Revelation 13:18**)

• Seven

- **Seven** is used frequently in the Scriptures to signify completeness. At times it has reference to bringing a work toward completion. Or it can refer to the complete cycle of things as established or allowed by God. It is therefore exactly twice, three and one half which represents something half completed.
- By completing his work toward the earth in six creative days and resting on the seventh day, Yehowah set the pattern for the whole Sabbath arrangement, from the seven-day week to the Jubilee year that followed the seven-times-**seven**—year cycle.
- But the **seventh** day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter, your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your alien resident who is inside your gates. (**Exodus 20:10**)
- Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them; When you eventually come into the land that I am giving you, then the land must observe a Sabbath to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 25:2**)
- And the Sabbath of the land must serve you people for food, for you and your slave man and your slave girl and your hired laborer and the settler with you, those who are residing as aliens with you. (**Leviticus 25:6**)
- And you must count for yourself **seven** Sabbaths of years, seven times seven years, and the days of the seven Sabbaths of years must amount to forty-nine years for you. (**Leviticus 25:8**)

- **The Festival of Unleavened Bread and the Festival of Booths were each seven days long.**

- **The festival of unfermented cakes you are to keep. You will eat unfermented cakes, just as I have commanded you, **seven** days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, because it was in the month of Abib that you came out of Egypt. (**Exodus 34:18**)**

- **Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; On the fifteenth day of this **seventh** month is the festival of booths for **seven** days to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 23:34**)**

- ****Seven** appears often in connection with the Levitical rules for offerings.**

- **And the priest must dip his finger in the blood and spatter some of the blood **seven** times before Yehowah in front of the curtain of the holy place. (**Leviticus 4:6**)**

- **And he must take some of the bull's blood and spatter it with his finger in front of the cover on the east side, and he will spatter some of the blood with his finger **seven** times before the cover. (**Leviticus 16:14**)**

- **He must also spatter some of the blood upon it with his finger **seven** times and cleanse it and sanctify it from the uncleannesses of the sons of Israel. (**Leviticus 16:19**)**

- **And at the commencements of your months you people will present as a burnt offering to Yehowah two young bulls and one ram, **seven** sound male lambs each a year old. (**Numbers 28:11**)**

- **And for cleansings.**

- **Then he must spatter it **seven** times upon the one cleansing himself from the leprosy and he must pronounce him clean, and he must send away the living bird over the open field. (**Leviticus 14:7**)**

- **And the one cleansing himself must wash his garments and shave off all his hair and bathe in water and must be clean, and afterward he may come into the camp. And he must dwell outside his tent seven days. (**Leviticus 14:8**)**

- And the priest must dip his right finger into the oil that is upon his left palm and must spatter some of the oil with his finger **seven** times before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 14:16**)
- And the priest must spatter with his right finger some of the oil that is upon his left palm **seven** times before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 14:27**)
- And he must take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the coccus scarlet material and the live bird and dip them in the blood of the bird that was killed and in the running water, and he must spatter it toward the house seven times. (**Leviticus 14:51**)
- However, Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying; Going there, you must bathe **seven** times in the Jordan that your flesh may come back to you, and be clean. (**2 Kings 5:10**)
- The **seven** congregations of Revelation, with their characteristics, give a complete picture of **all** the congregations of God on earth.
- As for the sacred secret of the **seven** stars that you saw upon my right hand, and of the **seven** golden lampstands. The **seven** stars mean the angels of the **seven** congregations, and the **seven** lampstands mean **seven** congregations. (**Revelation 1:20**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations. (**Revelation 3:22**)
- The **seven heads** of the wild beast.
- And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and **seven** heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)
- Show the limit to which the beast would be allowed to develop. Although the scarlet-colored wild beast is called an eighth, king, it springs from the **seven** and does not exist apart from the **seven**-headed wild beast
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names

and that had seven heads and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)

- Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The **seven** heads mean **seven** mountains, where the woman sits on top. (**Revelation 17:9**)
- And there are seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. (**Revelation 17:10**)
- And the wild beast that was but is not, it is also itself an eighth king, but springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. (**Revelation 17:11**)
- As is true also of the image of the wild beast.
- And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, because of the signs that were granted it to perform in the sight of the wild beast, while it tells those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the wild beast that had the sword-stroke and yet revived. (**Revelation 13:14**)
- Similarly, the two-horned wild beast is actually coexistent with the original wild beast whose mark it tries to put on all persons.
- And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (**Revelation 13:11**)
- And it puts under compulsion all persons, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, that they should give these a mark in their right hand or upon their forehead. (**Revelation 13:16**)
- And that nobody might be able to buy or sell except a person having the mark, the name of the wild beast or the number of its name. (**Revelation 13:17**)
- Yehowah was long-suffering with Israel but warned them that if, despite his discipline, they ignored him, he would then chastise them **seven** times, thoroughly, for their sins.
- If, though, despite these things, you will not listen to me, I shall then have to chastise you **seven** times as much for your sins.

(Leviticus 26:18)

- But if you keep walking in opposition to me and not wishing to listen to me, I shall then have to inflict **seven** times more blows upon you according to your sins. **(Leviticus 26:21)**
- I shall then have to walk in heated opposition to you, and I, yes, I, shall have to chastise you **seven** times for your sins. **(Leviticus 26:28)**
- In historical sections of the Scriptures, **seven** frequently occurs to denote completeness, or doing a work completely. The Israelites exercised full faith and obedience by marching for seven days around Jericho, encompassing it **seven** times on the **seventh** day, after which the city wall collapsed.
- And Yehowah went on to say to Joshua; See, I have given Jericho and its king, the valiant mighty men, into your hand. **(Joshua 6:2)**
- And all you men of war must march round the city, going round the city once. That is the way you should do for six days. **(Joshua 6:3)**
- And seven priests should carry seven rams horns, before the Ark, and on the seventh day you should march round the city seven times and the priests should blow the horns. **(Joshua 6:4)**
- And it came about on the **seventh** day that they proceeded to get up early, as soon as the dawn ascended, and they went marching round the city in this manner seven times. Just on that day they marched round the city seven times. **(Joshua 6:15)**
- Elijah showed full faith in the efficacy of his prayer to God by commanding his servant up on Mount Carmel to go looking at the sky **seven** times before a rain cloud appeared.
- And Ahab proceeded to go up to eat and drink. As for Elijah, he went up to the top of Carmel and began crouching to the earth and keeping his face put between his knees. **(1 Kings 18:42)**
- Then he said to his attendant; Go up, please. Look in the direction of the sea. So he went up and looked and then said; There is nothing at all. And he went on to say; Go back, for

seven times. (1 Kings 18:43)

- And it came about at the **seventh** time that he got to say; Look! There is a small cloud like a man's palm ascending out of the sea. He now said; Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch up! And go down that the downpour may not detain you! (1 Kings 18:44)
- Naaman the leper had to bathe seven times in the Jordan River. He, as a mighty Syrian general, had to display considerable humility to carry out this procedure recommended by the prophet Elisha, but for his obediently doing it, Yehowah cleansed him.
- However, Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying; Going there, you must bathe **seven** times in the Jordan that your flesh may come back to you, and be clean. (2 Kings 5:10)
- Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them and certainly be clean? With that he turned and went away in a rage. (2 Kings 5:12)
- The purity, completeness, perfection, and fineness of Yehowah's sayings are likened with poetic force and intensity to silver refined in a smelting furnace, clarified **seven** times.
- The sayings of Yehowah are pure sayings, as silver refined in a smelting furnace of earth, clarified seven times. (Psalms 12:6)
- Yehowah's mercy is magnified by the statement:
- For the righteous one may fall even **seven** times, and he will certainly get up, but the wicked ones will be made to stumble by calamity. (Proverbs 24:16)
- His deserving all praise is declared by the psalmist;
- **Seven** times in the day I have praised you because of your righteous judicial decisions. (Psalms 119:164)
- The book of Revelation abounds with symbolic use of the number seven in connection with the things of God and his congregation, and also the things of God's Adversary, Satan the Devil, in his all-out fight to oppose God and his people.

- John to the seven congregations that are in the district of Asia. May you have undeserved kindness and peace from; The One who is and who was and who is coming, and from the **seven** spirits that are before his throne. (**Revelation 1:4**)
- And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me, and, having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands. (**Revelation 1:12**)
- And he had in his right hand **seven** stars, and out of his mouth a sharp, long two-edged sword was protruding, and his countenance was as the sun when it shines in its power. (**Revelation 1:16**)
- And I saw in the right hand of the One seated upon the throne a scroll written within and on the reverse side, sealed tight with **seven** seals. (**Revelation 5:1**)
- And I saw standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a lamb as though it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and **seven** eyes, which eyes mean the **seven** spirits of God that have been sent forth into the whole earth. (**Revelation 5:6**)
- And I saw the **seven** angels that stand before God, and seven trumpets were given them. (**Revelation 8:2**)
- And he cried out with a loud voice just as when a lion roars. And when he cried out, the **seven** thunders uttered their own voices. (**Revelation 10:3**)
- And another sign was seen in heaven, and, look! A great fiery-colored dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and upon its heads **seven** diadems. (**Revelation 12:3**)
- And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and **seven** heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)
- And I saw in heaven another sign, great and wonderful, **seven** angels with **seven** plagues. These are the last ones, because by means of them the anger of God is brought to a finish. (**Revelation 15:1**)

- And one of the four living creatures gave the **seven** angels **seven** golden bowls that were full of the anger of God, who lives forever and ever. (**Revelation 15:7**)
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had **seven** heads and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)
- And there are **seven** kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. (**Revelation 17:10**)
- Multiples of seven are used in a similar sense of completeness. Seventy, ten times seven, is employed prophetically in the **seventy** weeks of Daniel's prophecy dealing with Messiah's coming.
- There are **seventy** weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (**Daniel 9:24**)
- And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (**Daniel 9:25**)
- And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (**Daniel 9:26**)
- And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (**Daniel 9:27**)

- Jerusalem and Judah lay desolate **70** years, because of disobedience to God, until the land had paid off completely its Sabbaths.
- To fulfill Yehowah's word by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had paid off its Sabbaths. All the days of lying desolated it kept Sabbath, to fulfill **seventy** years. (**2 Chronicles 36:21**)
- And all this land must become a devastated place, an object of astonishment, and these nations will have to serve the king of Babylon seventy years. (**Jeremiah 25:11**)
- For this is what Yehowah has said; In accord with the fulfilling of **seventy** years at Babylon I shall turn my attention to you people, and I will establish toward you my good word in bringing you back to this place. (**Jeremiah 29:10**)
- In the first year of his reigning I myself, Daniel, discerned by the books the number of the years concerning which the word of Yehowah had occurred to Jeremiah the prophet, for fulfilling the devastations of Jerusalem, namely, **seventy** years. (**Daniel 9:2**)
- So the angel of Yehowah answered and said; O Yehowah of armies, how long will you yourself not show mercy to Jerusalem and to the cities of Judah, whom you have denounced these seventy years? (**Zechariah 1:12**)
- Say to all the people of the land and to the priests, When you fasted and there was a wailing in the fifth month and in the seventh month, and this for **seventy** years, did you really fast to me, even me? (**Zechariah 7:5**)

See Also SEVENTY WEEKS

- **Seventy-seven**, a repetition of **seven** in a **number**, was equivalent to saying, **indefinitely** or **without limit**. Jesus counsels Christians to forgive their brothers to that extent.
- Then Peter came up and said to him; Lord, how many times is my brother to sin against me and am I to forgive him? Up to **seven** times? (**Matthew 18:21**)
- Jesus said to him; I say to you, not, up to seven times, but, up to **seventy-seven** times. (**Matthew 18:22**)

- Since God had ruled that anyone killing Cain, the murderer, must suffer vengeance **seven** times, Lamech, who apparently killed a man in self-defense, said; If **seven** times Cain is to be avenged, then Lamech **seventy times and seven**.
- At this Yehowah said to him; For that reason anyone killing Cain must suffer vengeance seven times. And so Yehowah set up a sign for Cain in order, that no one finding him should strike him. (**Genesis 4:15**)
- Consequently Lamech composed these words for his wives Adah and Zillah; Hear my voice, you wives of Lamech; Give ear to my saying; A man I have killed for wounding me, yes, a young man for giving me a blow. (**Genesis 4:23**)
- If seven times Cain is to be avenged, then Lamech seventy times and seven. (**Genesis 4:24**)

•• Eight

- The number **eight** was also used to add **emphasis** to the **completeness of something**, one more than **seven**, the number generally used for completeness, thus sometimes representing **abundance**.
- Yehowah reassured his people of deliverance from the threat of Assyria, saying that there should be raised up against the Assyrian **seven** shepherds, yes, not merely seven, but, **eight** dukes of mankind.
- And this one must become peace. As for the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads upon our dwelling towers, we shall also have to raise up against him seven shepherds, yes, **eight** dukes of mankind. (**Micah 5:5**)
- As a fitting climax to the final festival of the sacred year, the Festival of Booths, the **eighth** day was to be one of holy convention, solemn assembly, a day of complete rest.
- Seven days you should present an offering made by fire to Yehowah. On the eighth day there should occur a holy convention for you, and you must present an offering made by fire to Yehowah. It is a solemn assembly. No sort of laborious work may you do. (**Leviticus 23:36**)

- However, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered the produce of the land, you should celebrate the festival of Yehowah seven days. On the first day is a complete rest and on the **eighth** day is a complete rest. (**Leviticus 23:39**)
- And on the eighth day you should hold a solemn assembly. No sort of laborious work must you do. (**Numbers 29:35**)

.. Ten

- **Ten** is a number denoting **fullness, entirety, the aggregate, the sum of all that exists of something**. It may be noted also that, where the numbers seven and ten are used together, the seven represents that which is higher or superior and ten represents something of a subordinate nature.
- The Ten Plagues poured upon Egypt fully expressed God's judgments upon Egypt all that were needed to **humiliate fully the false gods of Egypt** and to break the hold of Egypt upon God's people Israel.
- The **Ten Words** formed the basic laws of the Law covenant, the approximately 600 other Laws merely enlarging on these, elucidating them, and explaining their application.
- You must not have any other gods against my face. (**Exodus 20:3**)
- You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (**Exodus 20:4**)
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)
- But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. (**Exodus 20:6**)
- You must not take up the name of Yehowah your God in a

- worthless way, for Yehowah will not leave the one unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way. (**Exodus 20:7**)
- Remembering the Sabbath day to hold it sacred. (**Exodus 20:8**)
 - You are to render service and you must do all your work six days. (**Exodus 20:9**)
 - But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter, your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your alien resident who is inside your gates. (**Exodus 20:10**)
 - For in six days Yehowah made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and he proceeded to rest on the seventh day. That is why Yehowah blessed the Sabbath day and proceeded to make it sacred. (**Exodus 20:11**)
 - Honor your father and your mother in order, that your days may prove long upon the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (**Exodus 20:12**)
 - You must not murder. (**Exodus 20:13**)
 - You must not commit adultery. (**Exodus 20:14**)
 - You must not steal. (**Exodus 20:15**)
 - You must not testify falsely as a witness against your fellowman. (**Exodus 20:16**)
 - You must not desire your fellowman's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman. (**Exodus 20:17**)
 - And he continued there with Yehowah forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and he drank no water. And he proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Words**. (**Exodus 34:28**)
 - Jesus used the number **ten** in several of his illustrations to denote entirety or the full number of something.

- Then the kingdom of the heavens will become like **ten virgins** that took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (**Matthew 25:1**)
- Or what woman with ten drachma coins, if she loses one drachma coin, does not light a lamp and sweep her house and search carefully until she finds it? (**Luke 15:8**)
- Calling ten slaves of his he gave them **ten minas** and told them, Do business till I come. (**Luke 19:13**)
- Then the first one presented himself, saying; Lord, your mina gained **ten minas**. (**Luke 19:16**)
- So he said to him, Well done, good slave! Because in a very small matter you have proved yourself faithful, hold authority over **ten cities**. (**Luke 19:17**)
- One of the beasts of Daniel's vision and certain beasts described in Revelation had **ten horns**. These evidently represented **all the powers, or kings, of earth** making up the beastly arrangement.
- After this I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! a fourth beast, fearsome and terrible and unusually strong. And it had teeth of iron, big ones. It was devouring and crushing, and what was left it was treading down with its feet. And it was something different from all the other beasts that were prior to it, and it had ten horns. (**Daniel 7:7**)
- And concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking grandiose things and the appearance of which was bigger than that of its fellows. (**Daniel 7:20**)
- And as for the ten horns, out of that kingdom there are ten kings that will rise up, and still another one will rise up after them, and he himself will be different from the first ones, and three kings he will humiliate. (**Daniel 7:24**)
- And another sign was seen in heaven, and, look! A great fiery-colored dragon, with seven heads and **ten horns** and upon its heads seven diadems. (**Revelation 12:3**)

- And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with **ten** horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and **ten** horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)
- And so the angel said to me; Why is it you wondered? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the wild beast that is carrying her and that has the seven heads and the **ten** horns. (**Revelation 17:7**)
- And the **ten horns** that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. (**Revelation 17:12**)
- The fullness of the test or period of test that God determines for his servants or allows them to undergo is expressed at;
- Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation **ten** days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. (**Revelation 2:10**)
- Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be **fully** put to the test, and that you may have tribulation **ten days**.

• Twelve

- The patriarch Jacob had **12** sons, who became the foundations of the **12** tribes of Israel. Their offspring were organized by God under the Law covenant as God's nation. **Twelve** therefore seems to represent a complete, balanced, divinely constituted arrangement.
- And it came about while Israel was tabernacling in that land that once Reuben went and lay down with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Israel got to hear of it. So there came to be **twelve** sons of Jacob. (**Genesis 35:22**)

- All these are the **twelve** tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them when he was blessing them. He blessed them each one according to his own blessing. (**Genesis 49:28**)
- Yehowah chose **12** apostles, who form the secondary foundations of the New Jerusalem, built upon Jesus Christ.
- The names of the **twelve** apostles are these, first, Simon, the one called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James the son of Zebedee and John his brother. (**Matthew 10:2**)
- Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus. (**Matthew 10:3**)
- Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who later betrayed him. (**Matthew 10:4**)
- The wall of the city also had **twelve** foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the **twelve** apostles of the Lamb. (**Revelation 21:14**)
- There are **12** tribes of the sons of spiritual Israel, each tribe consisting of **12,000** members.
- And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a **hundred and forty-four thousand**, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. (**Revelation 7:4**)
- Out of the tribe of Judah **twelve thousand sealed**. Out of the tribe of Reuben **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Gad **twelve thousand**. (**Revelation 7:5**)
- Out of the tribe of Asher **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Naphtali **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Manasseh **twelve thousand**. (**Revelation 7:6**)
- Out of the tribe of Simeon **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Levi **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Issachar **twelve thousand**. (**Revelation 7:7**)
- Out of the tribe of Zebulun **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Joseph **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Benjamin **twelve thousand** sealed. (**Revelation 7:8**)

- Multiples of **12** are also sometimes significant. David established **24** divisions of the priesthood to serve by turn in the temple later built by Solomon.
- Now the sons of Aaron had their divisions. The sons of Aaron were Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. (**1 Chronicles 24:1**)
- However, Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and they did not happen to have any sons, but Eleazar and Ithamar continued to act as priests. (**1 Chronicles 24:2**)
- And David, and Zadok from the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech from the sons of Ithamar proceeded to make divisions of them for their office in their service. (**1 Chronicles 24:3**)
- But the sons of Eleazar were found to be more numerous in headmen than the sons of Ithamar. So they distributed them to the sons of Eleazar, as heads for their paternal houses, sixteen, and to the sons of Ithamar, as heads for their paternal houses, eight. (**1 Chronicles 24:4**)
- Further, they distributed them by lots, these along with those, for there had to be chiefs of the holy place and chiefs of the true God from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar. (**1 Chronicles 24:5**)
- Then Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the secretary of the Levites wrote them down before the king and the princes and Zadok the priest and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar and the heads of the fathers of the priests and of the Levites, one paternal house being picked out for Eleazar and one being picked out for Ithamar. (**1 Chronicles 24:6**)
- And the lot proceeded to come out, the first for Jehoiarib, for Jedaiah the second. (**1 Chronicles 24:7**)
- For Harim the third, for Seorim the fourth. (**1 Chronicles 24:8**)
- For Malchijah the fifth, for Mijamin the sixth. (**1 Chronicles 24:9**)
- For Hakkoz the seventh, for Abijah the eighth. (**1 Chronicles 24:10**)
- For Jeshua the ninth, for Shecaniah the tenth. (**1 Chronicles**

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- For Eliashib the eleventh, for Jakim the twelfth. (**1 Chronicles 24:12**)
- For Huppah the thirteenth, for Jeshebeab the fourteenth. (**1 Chronicles 24:13**)
- For Bilgah the fifteenth, for Immer the sixteenth. (**1 Chronicles 24:14**)
- For Hezir the seventeenth, for Happizziez the eighteenth. (**1 Chronicles 24:15**)
- For Pethahiah the nineteenth, for Jehezkel the twentieth. (**1 Chronicles 24:16**)
- For Jachin the twenty-first, for Gamul the twenty-second. (**1 Chronicles 24:17**)
- For Delaiah the twenty-third, for Maaziah the twenty-fourth. (**1 Chronicles 24:18**)
- This assists in identifying the **twenty-four** elders who were seated round about God's throne in white outer garments and who were wearing crowns.
- And round about the throne there are twenty-four thrones, and upon these thrones I saw seated **twenty-four** elders dressed in white outer garments, and upon their heads golden crowns. (**Revelation 4:4**)
- The footstep followers of Jesus Christ, his spiritual brothers, are promised kingship and priesthood with him in the heavens. These elders could not be only the apostles, who numbered just **12**.
- They therefore evidently represent the entire body of the royal priesthood, the **144,000**, as represented in the **24** priestly divisions serving at the temple, in their positions in the heavens, as crowned kings and priests.
- But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his

wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

- Out of the tribe of Judah **twelve thousand sealed**. Out of the tribe of Reuben **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Gad **twelve thousand**. (Revelation 7:5)
- Out of the tribe of Asher **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Naphtali **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Manasseh **twelve thousand**. (Revelation 7:6)
- Out of the tribe of Simeon **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Levi **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Issachar **twelve thousand**. (Revelation 7:7)
- Out of the tribe of Zebulun **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Joseph **twelve thousand**. Out of the tribe of Benjamin **twelve thousand sealed**. (Revelation 7:8)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (Revelation 20:6)

•• Forty

- In a few instances periods of judgment or punishment seem to be associated with the number **40**.
- For in just seven days more I am making it rain upon the earth **forty** days and **forty** nights, and I will wipe every existing thing that I have made off the surface of the ground. (Genesis 7:4)
- There will not pass through it the foot of earthling man, nor will the foot of domestic animal pass through it, and for **forty years** it will not be inhabited. (Ezekiel 29:11)
- And I will make the land of Egypt a desolate waste in the midst of desolated lands, and its own cities will become a desolate waste in the very midst of devastated cities for forty years, and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands. (Ezekiel 29:12)
- Nineveh was given **40** days to repent.

- Finally Jonah started to enter into the city the walking distance of one day, and he kept proclaiming and saying; Only **forty** days more, and Nineveh will be overthrown. (**Jonah 3:4**)
- Another use of the number **40** points out a parallel in the life of Jesus Christ with that of Moses, who typified Christ. Both of these men experienced **40-day periods of fasting**.
- Then Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went on up the mountain. And Moses continued in the mountain **forty** days and **forty** nights. (**Exodus 24:18**)
- And he continued there with Yehowah **forty** days and **forty** nights. He ate no bread and he drank no water. And he proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Words. (**Exodus 34:28**)
- When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant that Yehowah had concluded with you, and I kept dwelling in the mountain **forty** days and **forty** nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water. (**Deuteronomy 9:9**)
- And it came about that at the end of the **forty** days and **forty** nights Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant. (**Deuteronomy 9:11**)
- Then Jesus was led by the spirit up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. (**Matthew 4:1**)
- After he had fasted **forty** days and **forty** nights, then he felt hungry. (**Matthew 4:2**)