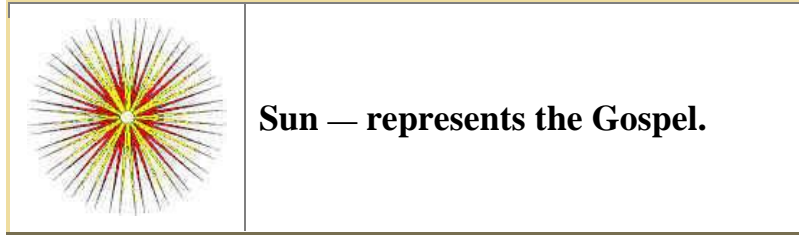


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Sunshine cheers us. Sunshine warms us. The sun's rays have the power to heal. What better picture could we have of the joy of the Gospel — Good News — of salvation and God's planned Kingdom of Righteousness? It provides us with spiritual health and gladdens our hearts.

Even now, God has blest the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45). In his Kingdom, he will give all mankind the opportunity for everlasting life on a perfect earth, demanding only their obedience.

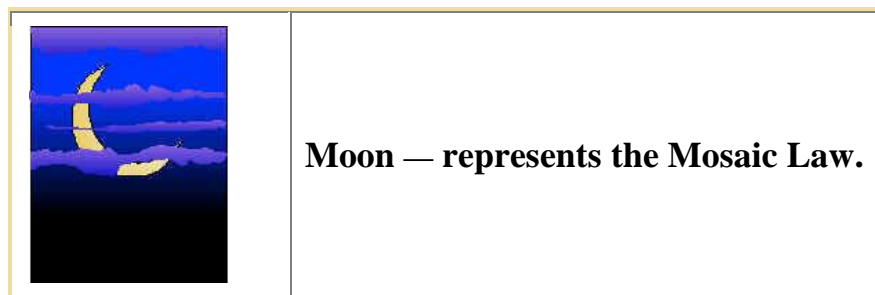
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The scripture that speaks of the "sun of righteousness" is different from the more general symbol of "sun" meaning "Gospel." Jesus is the center of the Sun, the Gospel, the Good News. His faithful Church, his joint-heirs, will be there with him to heal the nations, the people of the world.

"But unto that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." Malachi 4:2

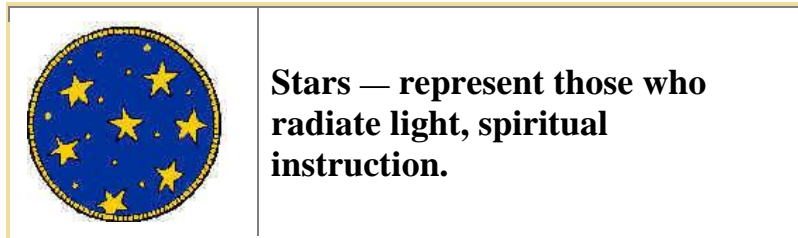
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When Jesus died on the cross, the literal moon was at its full. This represents the fact that the Jewish nation could have then been ready to accept their Messiah. Their Law had led them to Christ.

Because Israel rejected their Messiah, the symbolic moon began to wane, just as the literal moon became smaller at that time of the month.

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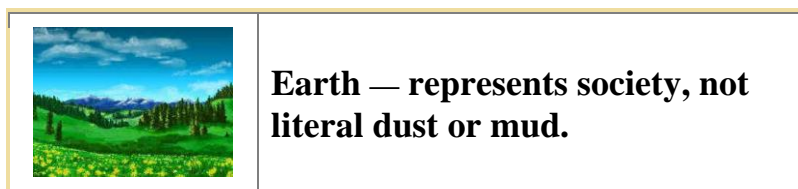
The twelve stars in Revelation 12 represent the twelve apostles. In the new Jerusalem, the wall will have twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The words of the apostles still speak to us, of Christ as Redeemer, as Savior, as Messiah.

The seven stars of Revelation 1:20 represent seven special servants of Christ's Church during the Gospel Age. **"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches."**

Revelation 1:20 A different angel [messenger] received a message from the glorified Jesus during the existence of each of the seven churches of history. **"I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets."**

Revelation 8:2

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Ecclesiastics 1:4 correctly states: **"The EARTH** [meaning the land, the country, the field, the ground] **will abide forever.**" But Psalms 46:1-3 says, **"Though the earth be removed,"** and as we look around we see that things on the earth are indeed **unsettled, disorganized, troubled, and in the process of disintegrating.**

Isaiah 1:2 speaks to the earth — not that the land could hear or respond to his proclamations; he speaks to the PEOPLE of the earth.

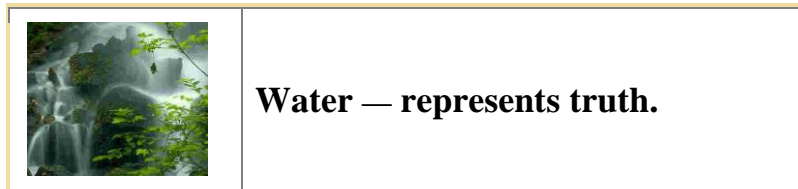
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Satan is the prince of earth's religious systems, which are sometimes symbolized by the term "heavens."

In God's Kingdom, there will be a new "heavens" and a new "earth." They will replace and destroy the present powers of Satan.

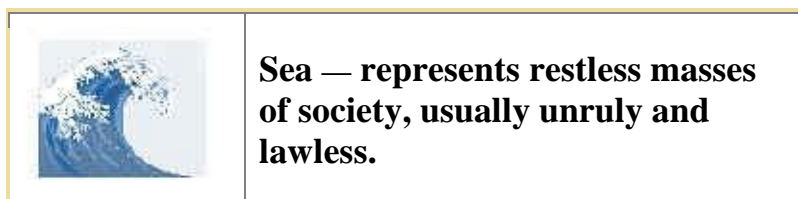
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"Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and CLEANSE it with the WASHING of WATER by the word." Ephesians 5:25,26

"Whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

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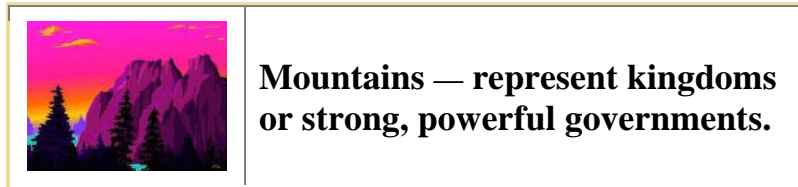


"The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." Isaiah 57:20

"The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Isaiah 60:5

Isaiah is speaking to Israel — spiritual Israel, another name for the heavenly Church, and also natural, fleshly Israel, which will then be the capital of the world, as God's chosen people, repentant and reformed for the sin of crucifying their Messiah.

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THE mountain usually refers to THE Kingdom of God.

"It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains." Isaiah 2:2-4

Mountains in general often refer to worldly kingdoms.

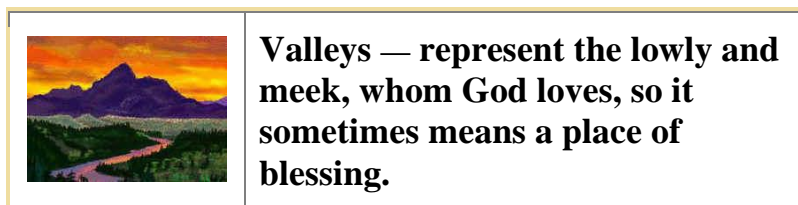
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More specifically, "hills" sometimes mean a lesser government or kingdom than "mountains" — possibly less powerful kingdoms, or less dictatorial [like republics].

The "hills" of Satan's dominion will be humbled and made low. Sometimes "hill" is used in a phrase like "the hill of the Lord" or "my holy hill of Zion." THAT "hill" will NOT be made unimportant in God's Kingdom.

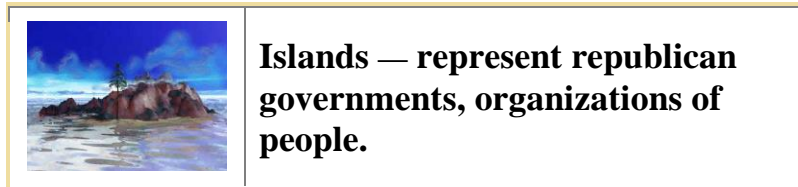
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Sometimes the meek and humble become discouraged. God will lift them out of their degradation or despair by encouraging and rewarding their obedience to Him. The conditions of society will be leveled.

"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." Isaiah 40:4

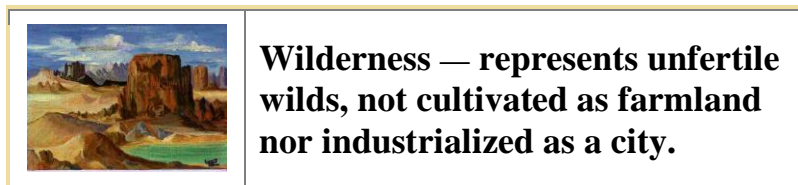
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Islands are slightly above the "sea" level. The "sea" represents unorganized masses of people. While kingdoms ("mountains") give place to republics ("islands"), so the islands shall also in due time flee away. The spirit of liberty will overleap all bounds and order and end in anarchy.

"And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." Revelation 16:20

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The nation of Israel had to travel through the wilderness for forty years before entering the Promised Land.

The TRUE Church was taken into a "wilderness" condition for protection during the Dark Ages.

"And to the woman [church class] were given two wings of a great eagle [the support of the Old and New Testaments], that she might fly into the wilderness [of separation from the world], into her place [condition], where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time [1260 years from CE 539-1799], from the face of the serpent [civil Roman authority]." Revelation 12:14 ■

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Cities — represent religious governments.

The established Kingdom of God, the new Jerusalem, is referred to as a city wherein dwell those who do God's commandments.

Babylon is called "that great city which rules over the kings of the earth" BEFORE God's kingdom takes its rightful power. (Revelation 17:18)

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**Trees — represent prominent men.
Grass — represents masses of mankind.**

"The first angel sounded...and the third part of the trees [prominent men] was burnt up [were converted], and all green grass [men sufficiently alive to receive or absorb the water of truth] was burnt up [were converted]." Revelation 8:7

Trees represent prominent leaders that stand above the grass, the masses of mankind. The righteous man is likened to a tree: **"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water..." Psalms 1:3** The wicked are likened to the **"green bay tree."** **Psalms 37:35**

Grass represents the common masses of men. **"The grass withers, the flower fades...surely the people is grass."** **Isaiah 40:7** It will require only a breath from the Lord to scatter all the might and glory and power of earthly institutions. All who oppose His plan will fade in the great Day of Wrath.

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Field — represents the civilized world.

Jesus said, "**The field is the world.**" **Matthew 1:38** The wheat and the tares both came from the world of mankind. After the true Church is glorified in heaven, the work must be done to clear, plow, and prepare the field [the world] for the next age.

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Wheat — represents the children of the Truth.

In the parable of the wheat and the tares [Matthew 13:24], Jesus said the good seed [the wheat] are the children of the Kingdom, the product of Truth which the sower had sowed.

The wheat are the TRUE church, gathered with the sickle of Truth. "Gather MY SAINTS together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Psalms 50:5

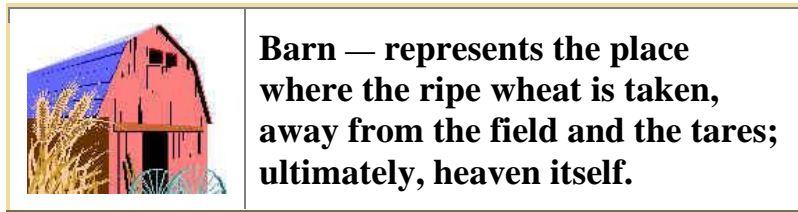
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Tares — represent children of error.

Tares stand tall and proud, while wheat bow humbly. Tares try to pose as true Christians, but are imitations. Tares are the product of false teachings.

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The wheat is gathered from worldly surroundings to be with other wheat. True Christians gather together to study God's Word. In the final sense, the wheat, true Christians, are garnered to the heavenly barn.

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Reapers are spirit begotten Christians who are gathering the wheat [other faithful Christians] into His barn [separate from worldly interests, and finally into heaven itself].

"The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37,38

Other saints have labored faithfully in the past, sowing the precious seed which we are now privileged to help in harvesting.

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What is more hopeful than the realization that the sun will come out after the rain?

"And God said to Noah: I will make a covenant with you. Never again will all men die because of a flood. This is my token to remind you of my promise. I will set a rainbow in the sky." Genesis 9:11-17

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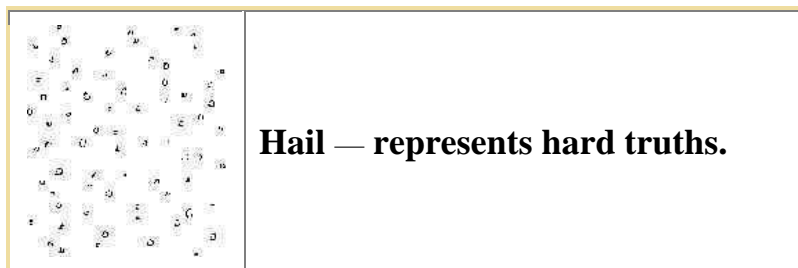


In Palestine, rain is greatly desired.

"If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments...Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase." Leviticus 26:3,4

I Kings 18 tells of a great rain which finally came after 3-1/2 years of drought. Spiritually, there was a drought of Truth during the Dark Ages, followed by a wonderful rain of refreshment from God's Word. Bible societies sprang up, education became accessible to many, and the common man could read the Words of Life.

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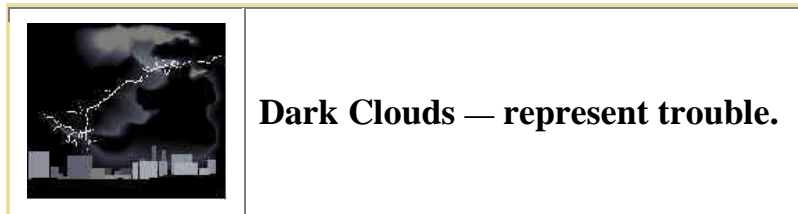


"Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone...a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not stumble. Judgment will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the HAIL shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." Isaiah 28:16,17

Matthew 7:26,27 — speaks of a storm which would destroy any house built on sand. This is a downpour of truth, hard truths, which beat upon a house (NOMINAL Christendom) until it fell. The crash of man-made theories, traditions, and doctrines, are frightening, but they free some in the house who would not have left otherwise.

"And there fell upon men [professed Christians] a great hail [overflowing scourge of hard truths] out of heaven [the spiritual controlling realm], every stone [each hard truth] about the weight of a talent [being the equivalent of the whole Gospel on each subject]: and men [nominal Christians] blasphemed [denounced] God because of the plague of the hail [affliction caused by hard truths]; for the plague [affliction] thereof was exceeding great." Revelation 16:21 ■

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Dark clouds mean a storm is coming. If you wanted to draw a picture of fear of disasters, you might draw dark clouds in the sky.

"When Michael [Jesus Christ] stands up, there will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." Daniel 12:1

"All the tribes of the earth shall mourn, for the Son of man will come in clouds." Matthew 24:30

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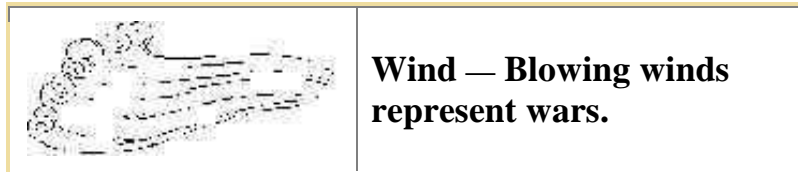


A flash of lightning from the Lord's throne discloses one error here, and there another, with remarkable glimpses of the great principles of truth and righteousness. Principles of the Word of God are brought to the front and discussed in the news media and at public gatherings.

The increase of knowledge, general diffusion of education, multiplying of inventions, general interchange of thought, wider range of commercial interests, rapid modes and cheap rates of travel, multiplicity of books and periodicals, wonderful power of the daily press, increase the flashes of lightning [truths] enlightening the world.

"His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw and trembled." Psalm 97:4

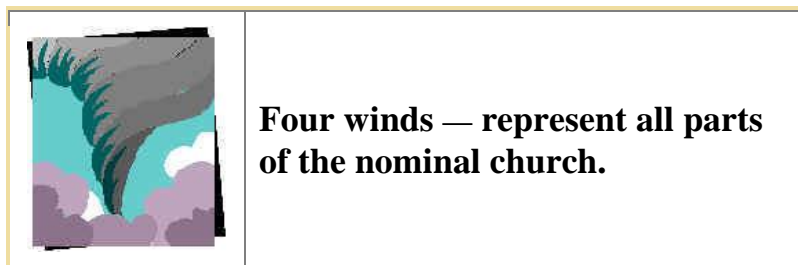
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The worst winds of Revelation 7:1 [violence, anarchy] will not reach their fullest culmination until the true Church is removed from the earth into heavenly glory.

When the world recognizes its helplessness in this greatest time of trouble [when God pours upon them His indignation, His fierce anger, for their flagrant disobedience and dishonor to Him, their Creator], THEN He will bless and restore all the repentant and reformed world, and bless them abundantly.

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From whence are God's elect gathered? Not from America alone, and not from only one denomination. God's elect Church are gathered from every direction, from every quarter of the "field." There are NOMINAL Christians in every denomination. In between are scattered TRUE Christians - a remnant here, a remnant there.

"And he shall send his angels [messengers, the Reapers] with a great...trumpet [the truth], and they shall gather together [spiritually to the harvest truth and oneness with Christ] his elect [saints] from the four winds [from every denomination or quarter of the wheat field], from one end of heaven [nominal church] to the other."
Matthew 24:31

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Earthquake — represents revolution.

Revelation 16:18 speaks of a mighty earthquake, such as was not since men were on the earth. This great revolution will overthrow everything that is not of the Lord's establishment and approval. This revolution will affect all the governments of the world, socially, politically, financially and ecclesiastically.

"...And there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Revelation 16:18

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Fire — represents trouble, anarchy, destruction, or trials.

In 1 Peter 4:12, Peter writes to the true Church, "**Beloved, think it not strange concerning the FIERY TRIAL which is to try you... Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings.**"

Zephaniah 3:8,9 speaks of the fire of God's jealousy. "**...my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth [the entire present social fabric] shall be devoured [all evil principles of government and society—not humanity] with the fire of my jealousy [the Lord's anger will burn against all kinds of injustice and iniquity, devouring the political, financial, social and religious structure of the world]. For then [after men have been humbled and made ready to hear and heed God's counsel] will I turn to the people a pure language [the pure word of truth, uncontaminated by human tradition; a pure message unmixed with falsity and error], that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.**"

We talk about people with hot tempers, or fiery tempers. We do not mean that they are literal fire-eaters. After this present social order is destroyed, God will turn to the people to bless them. If they or the earth had been literally burned up, He could not

bless them. Fire represents destruction of the evil systems — their final end. Ashes represent memory of what had once been.

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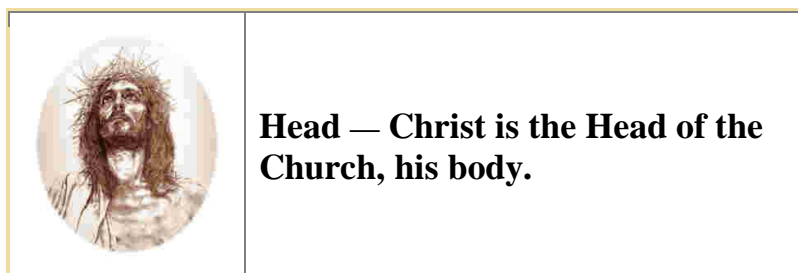


"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Exodus 33:14 — "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give you rest." Psalms 46:10 — "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Isaiah 30:15

"...And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains...but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice...And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah" I Kings 19:11, 12

The still small voice is the voice of truth, love, wisdom—the "Pure language" or pure message of God's Word. The voice of God, divine power, will bring the blessings to the world. Elijah had expected his reformation to go forward like a windstorm, or an earthquake or lightning. Now he was to understand that it would be more secret and quiet in the hearts of men, before giving outward manifestation.

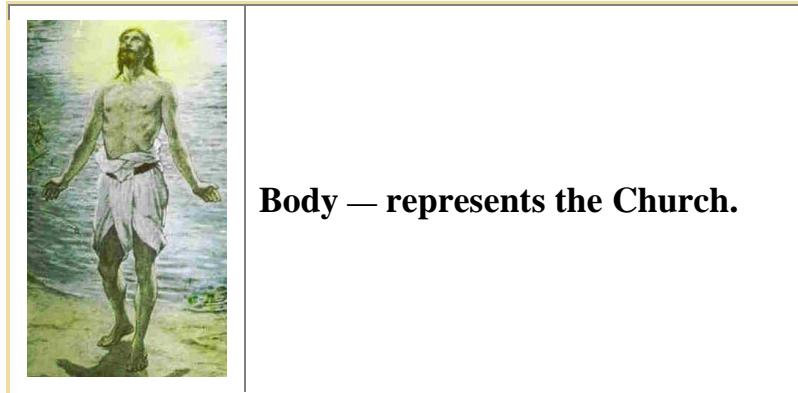
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"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him [Christ] to be the head over all things to the church. Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Ephesians 1:22,23

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the savior of the body." Ephesians 5:24

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**"And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."
Colossians 1:18**

**"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ...For the body is not one member, but many...Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."
I Corinthians 12:12, 14, 27**

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When God's face is turned toward you, it indicates His favor. When God's face is turned away from you, it indicates His disfavor.

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the FACE of the Lord is AGAINST them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the FACE of my Father." Matthew 18:10

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Moses told the children of Israel, "**Stand still and SEE the salvation of the Lord.**" (Exodus 14:13)

Salvation cannot really be SEEN. It is the CONSEQUENCES of salvation that can be seen. Israel SAW that they were delivered from the Egyptians by the saving grace of God.

Revelation 1:7 says: "Every eye shall SEE him."

Jesus said (John 14:19) "**The world will SEE me no more.**"

What the world WILL see will be the trouble, the punishments, and the blessings which the Lord will offer to all so that they will have a full opportunity to live eternally, if obedient (repentant and reformed from their former disobedience).

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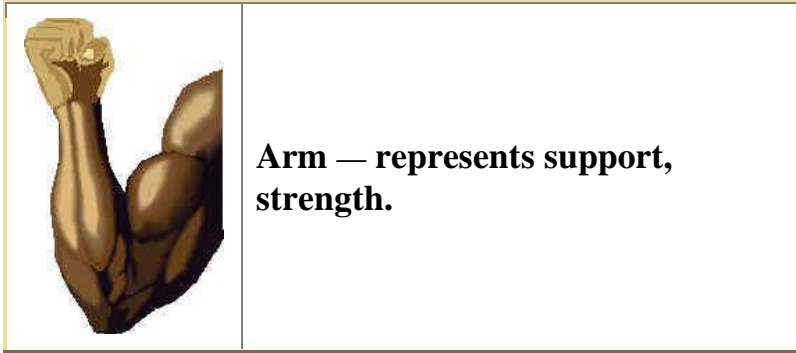


God told Satan, "**Job is in your hand (power), but save his life.**" Job 2:6

"The Egyptians will I give over into the hand (power) of a cruel lord." Isaiah 19:4

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand (power) of God, that He may exalt you in due time." I Peter 5:6

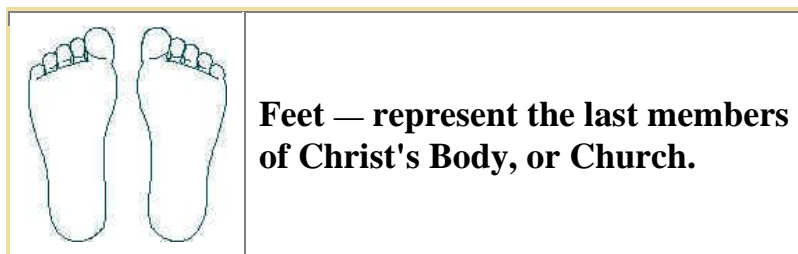
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"Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" (Isaiah 53:1) Christ is the arm of the LORD Jehovah. Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

"I will redeem you with a stretched out ARM." Exodus 6:6 This was God's message to Israel in Egypt.

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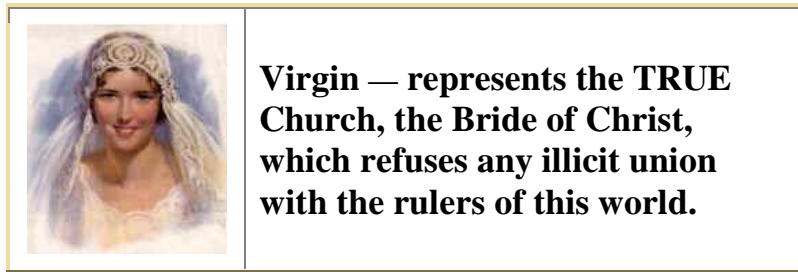
The feet are the last members of his Church, the last members of his Bride, just before they are all united in glory, ready to bless the world of mankind.

"How beautiful upon the mountains [every nation] are the FEET of him [the last members of the Body of Christ remaining on earth before the earthly Kingdom is set up] that brings good tidings [the ransom for all, and the blessed Kingdom to come]."
Isaiah 52:7

"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy FOOT against a stone." Psalm 91:12

Psalms 91:11,12 is a part of a Psalm discussing those who dwell in the secret place, particularly NOW in the final times of perilous temptations. Because of today's insidious enticements, we need special help to be protected from stumbling-stones in our path, false doctrines in our search for Truth.

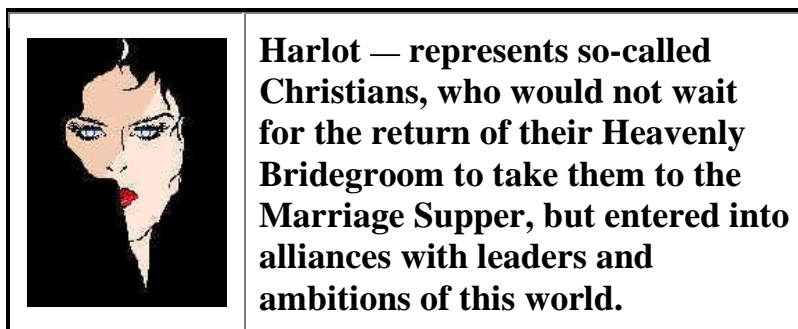
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There were five wise and five foolish virgins, but they were all virgins, waiting faithfully for their Bridegroom to return. (Matthew 25)

The Book of Revelation has much to say about a whore, mother of harlots, who did NOT wait for her Bridegroom, but entered into unfaithful relationships with worldly powers instead, setting up a false Kingdom as a counterfeit to Christ's true Kingdom. (Revelation 17)

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A whore (Revelation 17) had daughters who were harlots like their mother. They united with the governments instead of waiting for the true King of Kings to whom they were espoused.

The Reformers correctly recognized Jezebel, also known as Babylon the Great, the whore of the Revelation, to be Papacy. Ecumenists today are desirous of peace at any price, so are careful not to antagonize the Church of Rome. In time of anarchy, many will seek refuge in the stability of the Roman Catholic Church, even though they would not agree with her written doctrines.

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Daniel 7 describes four world empires as beasts. The first was Babylon, likened to a kingly lion, with great splendor and pride. The second was Medo-Persia, likened to a powerful grasping, strategic bear, who hugs its prey to death with its paws. The third was Greece, likened to a swift conquering leopard. The fourth was a dreadful beast, likened to the crushing Papal Roman Empire.

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Six days preceded the Sabbath. Six thousand years precede the seventh Millennium, the time of Christ's Kingdom reign.

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Seventh day is God's commanded Sabbath. There were seven creative days or epochs. There are seven colors in the rainbow.

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Ten curtains, ten cubits, were used in the Tabernacle construction. Human beings have ten fingers and ten toes. The Ten Commandments represent the essential code of human behavior.

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"30"	represents perfect man.
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Jesus was 30 when he presented his life in consecration. He was sold for 30 pieces of silver. Priests could serve in the Tabernacle when they were 30.

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"40"	represents a period of testing or trial.
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It rained 40 days and nights during the flood. The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. The spies spent 40 days looking at the land of Israel. Moses, Elijah and Jesus fasted 40 days in the Wilderness.


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	Olive - represents light, peace, divine blessing.
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In Biblical times, OLIVE oil was a source of light. After the turmoil of the flood, it was an OLIVE branch which the dove brought back to Noah, and he knew that the waters had abated. When the captives returned from Babylon, they joyfully made booths of OLIVE and pine and myrtle and thick trees.

OLIVE oil was the bases of precious ointments used in anointing priests and kings of Israel. The Mount of Olives pictures the Kingdom of Light, Peace and Divine Blessing.

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 <p>Fig Tree</p>	<p>Fig — represents the Jewish nation.</p>
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"Like good FIGS, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of JUDAH, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good." Jeremiah 24:5

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when its branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." Matthew 24:32

Many Christians recognize this to mean that when Israel sprouts again to life as a nation, the time of Messiah's Kingdom is near.

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	<p>Wine — represents doctrine.</p>
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"And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish." Luke 5:37

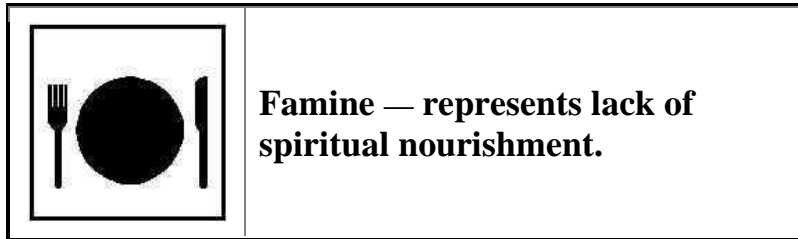
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	<p>Bread — represents life-sustaining, Jesus or Truth</p>
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JESUS — "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life..." John 6:35

TRUTH — "Therefore let us keep the feast...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." I Corinthians 5:8

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Spiritually speaking, this would mean lack of truth, which strengthens and builds us up.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD." Amos 8:11

"Thy words were found and I did eat them." Jeremiah 15:16

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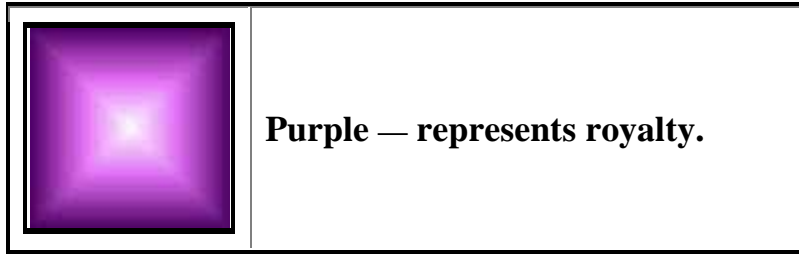
White is clean, pure.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Isaiah 1:18

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalms 51:7

"Many shall be purified, and made white..." Daniel 12:10

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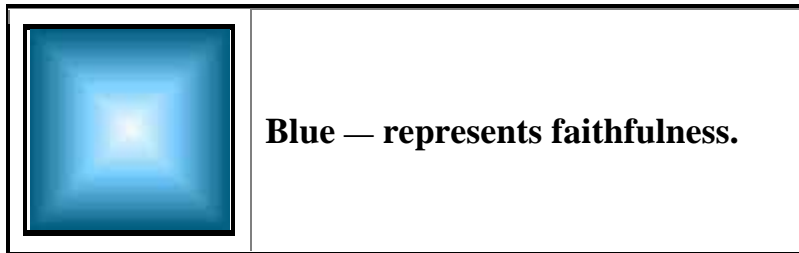


Purple was the color for a king's garments.

"And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head..." Mark 15:17

"...and purple raiment that was on the kings..." Judges 8:26

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There is a saying, a "true-blue" friend, meaning a faithful friend. The blue sky reminds us of God's faithfulness every day.

"Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds..." Psalms 36:5

"...thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens..." Psalms 89:2

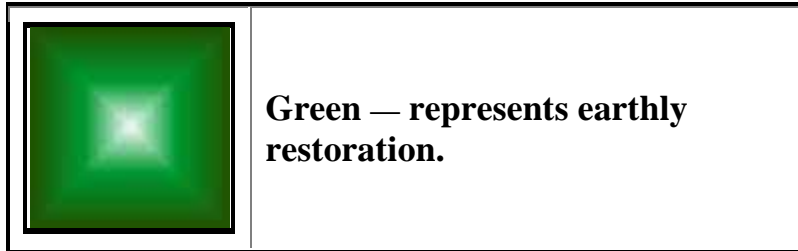
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Red, the color of blood, reminds us of Jesus' life given for Adam and his descendants. Red also pictures "sin," which is covered by the ransom.

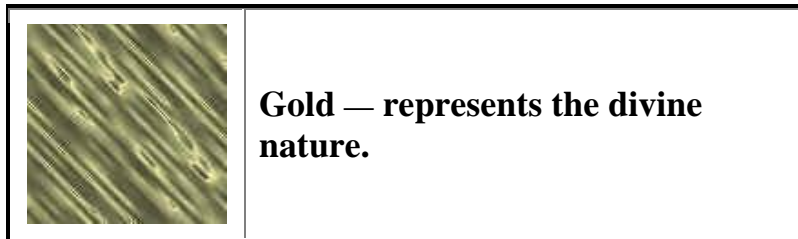
"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Isaiah 1:18

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In spring, the grass and leaves turn green with renewed life.

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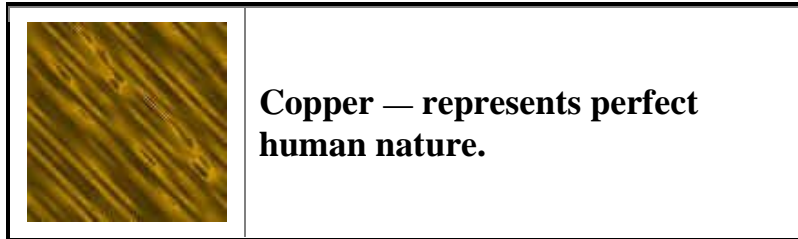
As gold is the highest, most precious metal, so the divine nature is the highest nature, the only nature having immortality.

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"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Psalm 12:6

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As a metal, copper is inferior in value to gold, just as the human nature is inferior to the divine nature.

Jesus feet in Revelation 1:15 were likened to fine brass [copper], burned in a furnace. This represents the feet members of the body of Christ being exposed to fiery trials.

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"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Revelation 19:8

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"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." I Peter 5:4

"...they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." I Corinthians 9:25

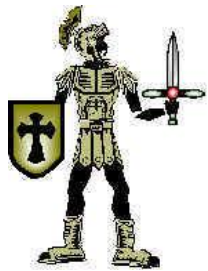
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Robe — represents righteousness.

"...[God] hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness..." Isaiah 61:10

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Sword — represents the Word of God.

"...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword..." Hebrews 4:12

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Shield — represents faith and truth.

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:16

"...His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Psalms 91:4

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"If when he [the watchman] seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people..." Ezekiel 33:3

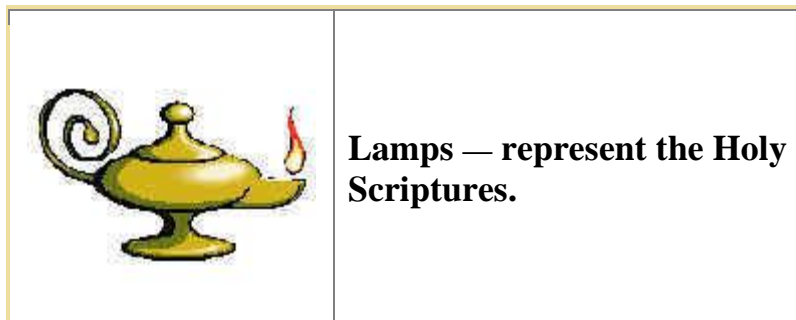
The trumpet represents a warning, not a trumpet-like SOUND, but obvious EVENTS, great, historical happenings that all can see, whether or not they understand them.

Present events — hidden things being revealed, the clamor for the rights of the oppressed — speak in trumpet tones.

An important proclamation of restoration, justice, and liberty, comparable to the Jubilee trumpet of Israel.

"Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound...throughout all your land." Leviticus 25:9

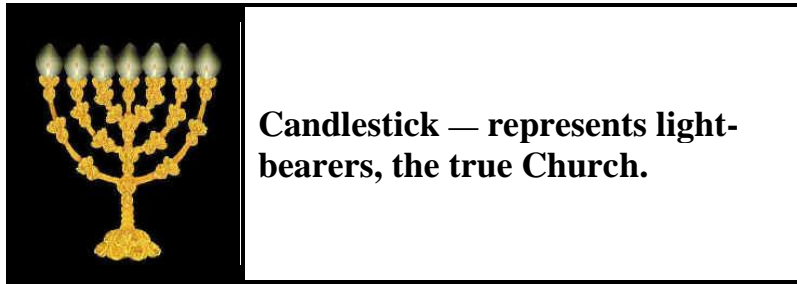
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"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet." Psalms 119:105

All the virgins had the Bible and some light therefrom when the Lord returned. Even while the Bible was clothed in the sackcloth of a dead language (during the Dark Ages), there was enough Truth given to the virgins for the Lord to consider them faithful for that era. But this parable is speaking of the time of the Lord's second Advent.

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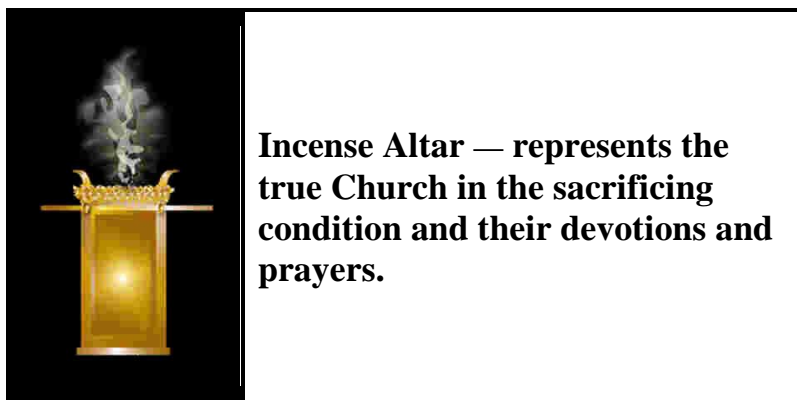
The true Church offers the light of God's Word to others.

The seven golden candlesticks of Revelation 1:12,13, symbolize the church of the Gospel Age, whose seven stages of development were pictured by the seven congregations of Asia Minor.

"...the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." Revelation 1:20

The institution of the Church was for the enlightening of the world, but some of its members have been nominal only, and not true light-bearers.

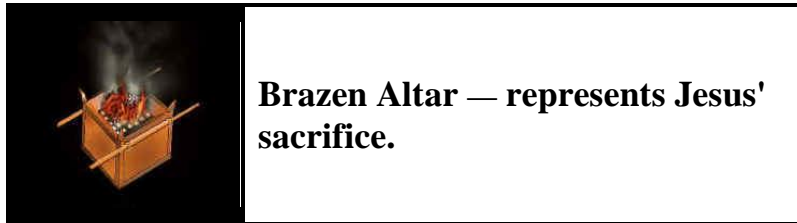
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The Golden Altar, or Incense Altar, in the Tabernacle was the closest furniture in the Tabernacle to the Most Holy. Prayer is the closest we can come to the presence of God, and it can be reached only through Jesus.

As the sweet incense [Jesus' obedience] ascends into the Most Holy, the presence of God, so through Jesus, the devotional life of the church, their praises and prayers, ascend as sweet fragrance to God.

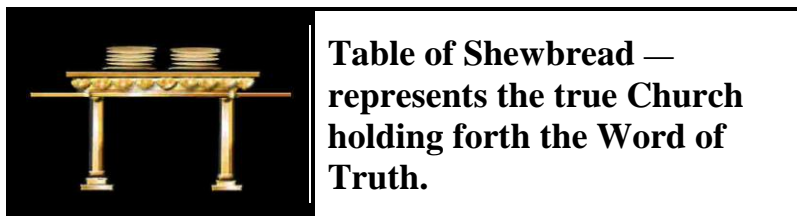
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The bullock [Jesus' sacrificed humanity] was slain in the Court of the Tabernacle, the condition of faith in and harmony with God.

Each side of the Brazen Altar was 7-1/2 feet x 4 sides = 30 feet. Jesus was thirty years old when he offered himself to God in consecration and was baptized at Jordan.

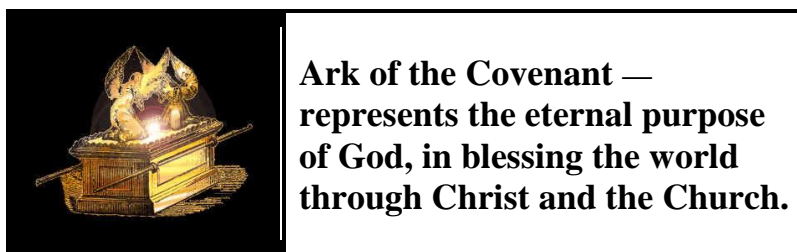
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The great work of the true Church during this age has been to feed, strengthen and hold forth Truth for all who enter the spiritual atmosphere of true Christianity, even while here on earth.

"Shewbread" is called the "bread of faces" or "bread of presence." God's presence, favor, or face, is reflected in His truth and promises. The truth is God's presence with us. The Church develops their knowledge of God through God's Word of truth.

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The Mercy Seat or lid over the Ark of the Covenant represents God's headship over the Jesus and the Church. God's four attributes are pictured by the mercy seat.

The Mercy Seat itself, on which the blood of atonement was sprinkled, represents God's justice which had to be satisfied by the blood of Christ. The Shekinah light between the Cherubim represents God's wisdom. The two Cherubim, bent in a praying, waiting position, represent God's love and power, looking to God's wisdom for the time to become active.

God's attributes are manifested through the Jesus and the Church. They are pictured in the Most Holy as divine, immortal beings [gold].

Within the ark were the golden bowl of manna [the Church will receive immortality], Aaron's rod that budded [the Church's acceptance as the "royal priesthood"], and the tables of the law [the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the Jesus and the Church through him].

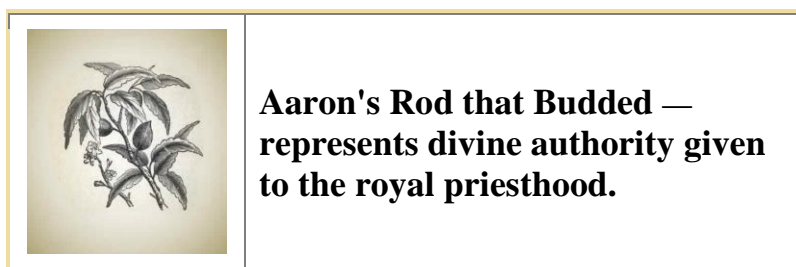
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The golden bowl of manna was kept in the ark of the covenant. This manna never spoiled, representing the incorruptible characteristic of immortal life.

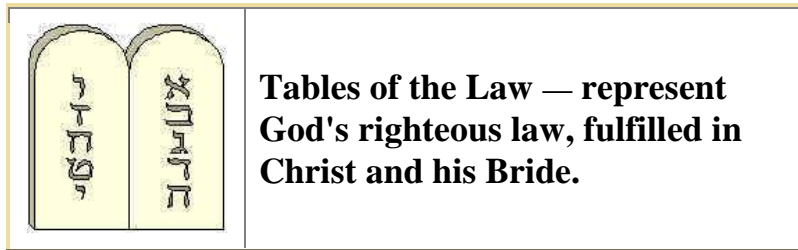
"...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna..." Revelation 2:17

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Aaron's rod was kept in the ark of the covenant. When Aaron's rod budded, it demonstrated that he was God's chosen priest. The Church, head and body, is God's chosen "royal priesthood" and mediator for establishing the new covenant between God and the world of mankind.

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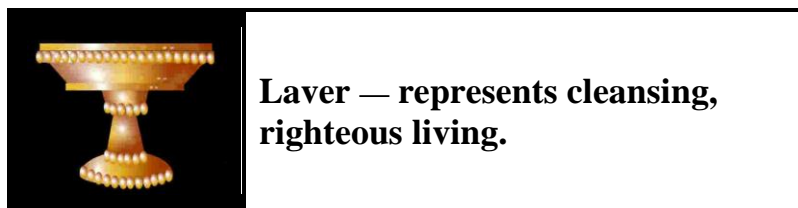


The tables of the law were kept in the ark of the covenant. They represented that Jesus fulfilled all the requirements of God's perfect Law and earned the legal authority to execute God's law as the mediator. The Church, his body, kept the spirit of the law.

"The righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:4

Jesus and the Church will be the administrator and mediator of the new law covenant, bringing the world back into perfect harmony with their Creator.

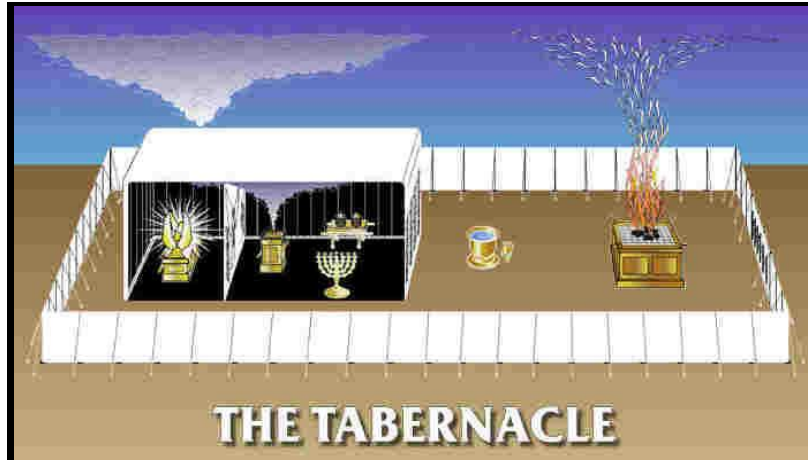
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The Laver was made from the looking glasses of the women. The Priests looking into the Laver could see their reflection clearly. Likewise, the Christian must examine himself and cleanse his character by the water of truth. As the Christian looks into the water of the Lord's Word, he sees his own imperfections, his reflection in the water and copper, in contrast to God's standards.

As priests were to wash whenever they ministered at the altar, so Christians must continually keep their robes clean, not spotted or wrinkled.

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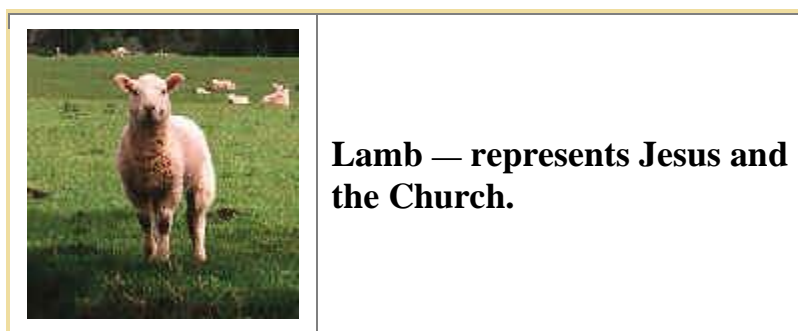


The Tabernacle represented the **spiritual path of the Christian in the Gospel Age**. Leaving the **Camp [world]**, they enter the court through the **door or veil [Jesus]** by accepting Jesus as their Savior. They see Jesus' sacrifice on the Brazen Altar, cleanse themselves at the Laver, and proceed to the **first veil [consecration]**.

After laying down their human will and accepting God's will in consecration, the Christian goes under the **first veil [death of human will]** into the **Holy [condition of spirit begettal]**. They feed on the bread of **truth** at the **Table of Shewbread**, are enlightened by the **holy spirit** and reflect the light of God's truth from the **Golden Candlestick**, and offer **prayers** through Christ at the **Incense Altar**.

At the **second veil**, the Christian experiences **death of the human body**, receives **immortality, the divine nature [represented by the gold]**, and comes into the presence of God.

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JESUS:

"And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"
John 1:36

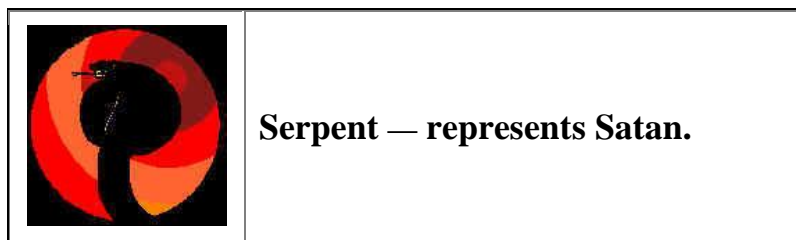
"...he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7

THE CHURCH:

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." John 10:14

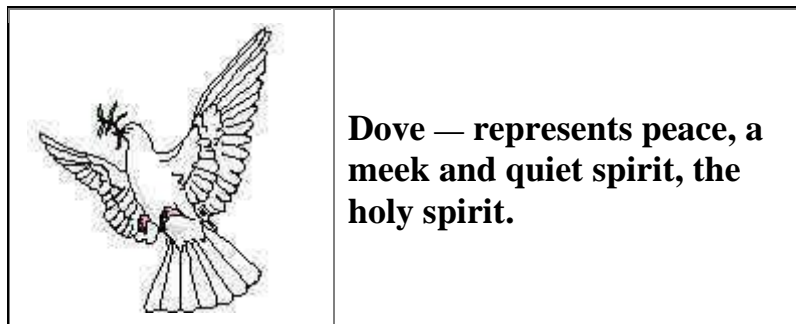
"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalms 23:1

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In the Garden of Eden, Satan used the serpent to influence the downfall of humanity. At the other end of the Bible, the Book of Revelation speaks of "the old SERPENT, the Devil, and Satan." (Revelation 20:2)

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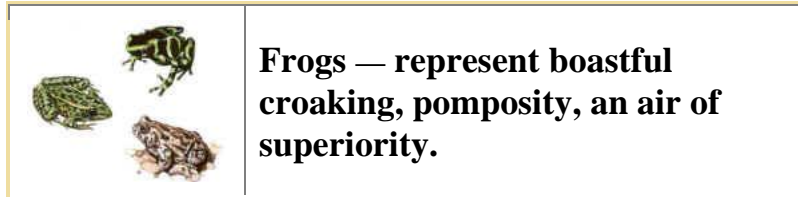
It is common today to speak of a peace-maker, one who will try diplomacy and shun war, as a "dove."

A dove was a favorite figure with the Jews as an emblem of peace and salvation. It represented the meek and quiet spirit of all those who possess the spirit of holiness unto the Lord.

When Jesus was baptized, the holy spirit descended upon him like a dove.

"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him." John 1:32

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The three most prominent characteristics of a frog are pomposity, an air of superior wisdom and knowledge, and a continual croaking. The teachings associated with frogs would be doctrines of bombast and pomposity, an attempt to overawe with dignity and assumed authority.

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Matthew 15:22-28 — Both Jesus and the Canaanitish woman recognized that the term "dog" was used by the Jew to describe a Gentile. Although Jesus' term for dogs was that of a pet, generally the word "dog" meant disrespect, referring to the wild dogs that roamed the country and were pests.

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SYMBOL	MEANING	REFERENCES
Angel	Messenger	Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19,26; Hebrews 1:14
Ark of Testimony	Ark of the covenant/mercy seat where God dwells	Exodus 25:10-22; Psalms 80:1
Babylon	Religious apostasy/confusion	Genesis 10:8-10; 11:6-9; Revelation 18:2-3; 17:1-5
Balaam, Doctrine of	Advancing our own interests, compromise, idolatry	Numbers 22:5-25
Beast	Kingdom, government, political power	Daniel 7:23
Bear	Destructive Power / Medo Persia	Proverbs 28:15; 2 Kings 2:23-24; Daniel 7:5
Binding of Satan	A symbolic chain of circumstances	Isaiah 14:12-20
Black	Moral darkness, sin, apostasy	Exodus 10:21-23; Jeremiah 4:20-28; 8:21; Acts 26:18; John 12:35; Joel 2:1-10
Blood	Life	Leviticus 17:11; Deuteronomy 12:23
Blue (color)	Law	Numbers 15:38-39
Bottomless pit	Earth in chaos, torn up, dark and empty	Genesis 1:1,2; Jeremiah 4:23-28; Isaiah 24:1-4, 19; Revelation 20:1-3
Bow	Success in battle against evil	Psalms 7:11,12; Psalms 45:4,5
Bread	Word of God	John 6:35, 51, 52, 63
Brass, Tin, Iron, Lead, Silver dross	Impure Character	Ezekiel 22:20-21
Corrupt Woman	Corrupt, apostate church	Ezekiel 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hosea 2:5; 3:1
Crowns	Kingship, victory	1 Chronicles 20:2; 2 Kings 11:12; Ezekiel 21:26,27; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:7,8; 1 Corinthians 9:25
Clothing	Character	Isaiah 64:6, Isaiah 59:6
Cup	Meted out suffering and judgments	Psalms 11:6; Isaiah 51:12,22-23; Jeremiah 25:12-17; 49:12
Day	Literal year	Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34
Door	Opportunity/ Probation	2 Corinthians 2:12; Revelation 3:20; Luke 12:24, 25

Dove	Holy Spirit	Mark 1:10
Dragon	Satan or his agency	Isaiah 27:1; 30:6; Psalms 74:13,14; Revelation 12:7,9; Ezekiel 29:3; Jeremiah 51:34
Eagle	Speed, Power, vision, vengeance, protection	Deut 28:49; Habakkuk 1:6-8; Revelation 12:1-4
Eating of the book	Assimilating the message	Ezekiel 3:1-3; Jeremiah 15:16
Egypt	Symbol of atheism	Exodus 5:2
Eyes	Spiritual Discernment	Matthew 13:10-17, 1 John 2:11
Eye salve	Holy Spirit to help us see truth, discernment to understand word, antidote for spiritual blindness	Ephesians 1:12-19; Psalms 119:18; I John 2: 20,27; John 16:7-13
Faithful witness	Christ	John 18:37; John 3:11; Revelation 1:5; 3:14; 19:11
False Prophet	Apostate Protestantism	Revelation 16:13,14; 13:13,14; 19:20
Famine	Dearth of Truth	Amos 8:11
Feet	Your Walk / Direction	Genesis 19:2, Psalms 119:105
Forehead	Mind	Romans 7:25; Ezekiel 3:8,9
Fornication	Illicit connection between church and world	Ezekiel 16:15,26; Isaiah 23:17; James 4:4; Revelation 14:4
Four Beasts of Living Creatures	Heavenly beings with special responsibilities	Revelation 5:8-10; 4:6-9; 6:1-7; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4
Four corners of Earth	Four directions of compass	Jeremiah 49:36
Fire	Holy Spirit	Luke 3:16
Fig Tree	A Nation that should bear fruit	Luke 13:6-9
Field	World	Matthew 13:38, John 4:35
Fruit	Works / Actions	Galatians 5:22
Garments	Covering of righteousness	Genesis 35:2; Isaiah 61:10; 52:1; Zechariah 3:3-5; Romans 13:14
Gold	True riches of heaven, faith, scripture	Psalms 19:7-10; Galatians 5:6; James 2:5; Job 23:10; Isaiah 13:12
Goat	Greece	Daniel 8:21
Hand	Symbol of Deeds / Works / Actions	Ecclesiastes 9:10, Isaiah 59:6
Harvest	End of World	Matthew 13:39
Harlot	Apostate church/religion	Isaiah 1:21-27; Jeremiah 3:1-3; 6-9
Heads	Major powers/rulers/governments	Revelation 17:3, 9, 10; Daniel 7:6; 8:8,22
Healing	Salvation	Luke 5:23-24

Hidden Manna	Christ	John 6:49,50,53; Matthew 13:44
Honey	happy life	Ezekiel 20:6, Deuteronomy 8:8-9
Horn	King or kingdom Power and Strength	Daniel 7:24; 8:5, 21, 22; Zechariah 1:18, 19; Revelation 17:12
Horse	Strength and Power in Battle Special representatives/angel	Job 39:19, Psalms 147:10, Proverbs 21:31; Exodus 15:21; Isaiah 43:17; Jeremiah 8:6 Zechariah 1:8-10; 6:1-8
Image	A likeness	Exodus 20:4; Genesis 1:26; 5:3
Incense	Prayers of God's people	Psalms 141:2; Revelation 5:8
Israel	True Followers of Christ	Romans 9:6-8; 2:28,29; Galatians 3:29
Jar / Vessel	Person	Jeremiah 18:1-4, 2 Corinthians 4:7
Jezebel	Immorality, Idolatry, Apostasy	1 Kings 21:25; 2 Kings 9:22
Jordan	death	Romans 6:4, Deuteronomy 4:22
Key of David	Power to open & close the sanctuary	Revelation 3:7-9; Isaiah 22:22
Keys	Control/jurisdiction	Isaiah 22:22; Matthew 16:19
Lamb	Jesus/sacrifice	John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Genesis 22:7,8
Lamp	Word of God	Psalms 119:105
Lamb's Wife	New Jerusalem	Revelation 19:7-9; 21:2,9,10
Lion	Jesus/Powerful King i.e. Babylon	Rev. 5:4-9, Jer. 50:43-44, Dan. 7:4,17,23
Locusts	Destruction	Joel 1:4; Deuteronomy 28:38
Leopard	Greece	Daniel 7:6
Leprosy / Sickness	Sin	Luke 5:23-24
Lords Day	The Sabbath	Isaiah 58:13; Matthew 12:8; Exodus 20:10
Man Child	Jesus	Psalms 2:7-9; Revelation 12:5
Mark	Sign/Seal/mark of approval or disapproval	Romans 4:11; Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 13:17; 14:9-11; 7:2, 3
Measuring Rod	God's Law God's Word	James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 Isaiah 8:19,20; 2 Timothy 3:16,17
Merchants	Advocates of Babylon's teachings	Isaiah 47:11-15; Nahum 3:16; Revelation 18:3,11,15,23
Moon	Permanence Moses' system of types of sacrifices	Psalms 89:35-37 Hebrews 10:1,11
Morning star	Jesus	Revelation 22:16
Mountains	Political or religion-political powers	Isaiah 2:2, 3; Jeremiah 17:3; 31:23;

		51:24, 25; Ezekiel 17:22, 23; Daniel 2:35, 44, 45
Mystery of God	The gospel	Ephesians 1:9,10, 3:9, 6:19; Colossians 1:26,27
New Jerusalem	The Holy city of Heaven	Revelation 3:12, 21:2
Oil	Holy Spirit	Zechariah 4:2-6; Revelation 4:5 1 Corinthians 16:9; Acts 14:27; John 10:7-9
Open Door	Unlimited Opportunity	Hosea 2:15; Colossians 4:3
Purple	Royalty	Mark 15:17, Judges 8:26
Rainbow	Token of covenant keeping	Genesis 9:11-17
Ram	Medo Persia	Daniel 8:20
Red / Scarlet (color)	Sin/corruption	Isaiah 1:18; Nahum 2:3; Revelation 17:1-4
Reapers	Angels	Matthew 13:39
Reins	Seat of will, affections	Psalms 7:9, 16:7, 26:2, 73:21; Proverbs 23:16; Jeremiah 17:10
Ring	Authority	Genesis 41:42-43, Esther 3:10-11
Rock	Jesus/truth	1 Corinthians 10:4; Isaiah 8:13,14; Romans 9:33; Matthew 7:24
Seal	Sign or mark of approval or disapproval	Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2, 3
Seed	Descendents / Jesus	Romans 9:8, Galatians 3:16
Second Death	Lake of fire	Revelation 21:8; 20:2
Serpent	Satan	Revelation 12:9; 20:2
Seven Candle sticks	7 candlesticks in Holy Place of Sanctuary Seven Churches	Exodus 25:31-40; Revelation 1:20
Seven Heads	Seven Political Powers	Revelation 17:9,10; Isaiah 2:2-4
Seven Lamps	Jesus, Word of God	John 9:5, 1:9; Psalms 119:105; Revelation 4:5
Sickle	Symbol of Harvest-End of world	Matthew 13:39; Revelation 14:14
Silver	Pure Words & Understanding	Proverbs 2:4, 3:13-14, 10:20, 25:11, Psalms 12:6
Sodom	Moral degradations	Ezekiel 16:46-55; Jeremiah 23:14; Genesis 19:4-14
Stars	Angels/messengers	Revelation 1:16, 20; 12:4, 7-9; Job 38:7
Sun	Jesus/the gospel	Psalms 84:11; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12; 9:5
Skin	Christ's righteousness	Exodus 12:5, 1 Peter 1:19, Isaiah 1:4-6
Sword	Word of God	Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

	Bloodshed, Destruction	Isaiah 3:25, 13:15; Acts 12:1,2; Jeremiah 48:2
Testimony of Jesus	Holy Spirit/ gift of prophecy	Revelation 19:10; 22:9; 1 Corinthians 13:2
Thief		1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; 2 Peter 3:10
Thorns / Thorny Ground	Cares of this life	Mark 4:18-19
Tongue	Language / Speech	Exodus 4:10
Time	360 Day (Literal Years)	Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32; 7:25; Daniel 11:13 margin
Times	720 Days (Literal Years)	Daniel 7:25, Revelation 12:6,14, 13:5; 11:1,2
Trumpet	loud warning of God's approach	Exodus 19:16-17, Joshua 6:4-5
Tree	Cross; People / Nation	Deut. 21:22-23, Psalms 92:12, 37:35
Torment	Test, prove by trial	1 Corinthians 3:13; Hebrews 12:29; Isaiah 33:14
Twenty-four elders	A group redeemed from earth	Revelation 5:9-10, 4:4; 7:9-14
Two-edged Sword	God's word	Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 10:34
Two witnesses	Old and New Testaments	John 5:39, Zechariah 4:1-14; Psalms 119:130, 105; John 12:48
Vineyard	Church that should bear fruit	Luke 20:9-16
Waters	Inhabited Area-People/ Nations	Revelation 17:15
Water	Holy Spirit / Everlasting Life	John 7:39, 4:14, Rev. 22:17, Eph. 5:26
White (Color)	Purity	Revelation 12:9; 20:2
White Robes	Victory/righteousness	Revelation 19:8; 3:5; 7:14
Winds	Strife, Commotions, "winds of war"	Jeremiah 25:31-33,49:36,37, 4:11- 13; Zechariah 7:14
Wings	Speed / Protection / Deliverance	Deuteronomy 28:49, Matthew 23:37
Wine	blood/covenant/doctrines	Luke 5:37, Isaiah 5:1-7
Woman, Pure	True Church	Jeremiah 6:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23-27
Woman, Corrupt	Apostate church	Ezk. 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hos. 2:5; 3:1; Rev. 14:4
Wolf	Disguised Enemies that hunt in a time of darkness	Matthew 7:15
Wormwood	Sorrow/bitterness	Jeremiah 9:15, 23:15; Lamentations

Wrath of God Seven Last Plagues

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Animals and their Parts

- **Horse** = Strength and Power in Battle [Job 39:19](#), [Psalms 147:10](#), [Proverbs 21:31](#)
- **Dragon**

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Satan

or his agency [Isaiah 27:1;30:6](#), [Psalm 74:13-14](#); [Rev. 12:7-9](#); [Ezekiel 29:3](#); [Jeremiah 51:34](#)

- **Beast** = Kingdom/government/political power [Daniel 7:17](#), [23](#)
- **Lamb** =

Jesus

/sacrifice [John 1:29](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#)

- **Lion** = Jesus/Powerful King i.e. Babylon [Rev. 5:4-9](#), [Jer. 50:43-44](#), [Dan. 7:4,17,23](#)
- **Bear** = Destructive Power / Medo Persia [Proverbs 28:15](#), [2 Kings 2:23-24](#), [Daniel 7:5](#)
- **Leopard** = Greece [Daniel 7:6](#)
- **Serpent** = Satan [Revelation 12:9](#); [20:2](#)
- **Tongue** = Language / Speech [Exodus 4:10](#)
- **Wolf** = Disguised Enemies that hunt in a time of darkness [Matthew 7:15](#)
- **Dove** = Holy Spirit [Mark 1:10](#)
- **Ram** = Medo Persia [Daniel 8:20](#)
- **Goat** = Greece [Daniel 8:21](#)
- **Horn** = King or kingdom [Daniel 7:24](#); [8:5](#), [21](#), [22](#); [Zechariah 1:18](#), [19](#); [Revelation 17:12](#)
- **Wings** = Speed / Protection / Deliverance [Deuteronomy 28:49](#), [Matthew 23:37](#)

Colors

- **White** = Purity [Revelation 3:4,5](#); [7:14](#); [19:14](#)
- **Blue** = Law [Numbers 15:38-39](#)
- **Purple** = Royalty [Mark 15:17](#), [Judges 8:26](#)
- **Red/Scarlet** = Sin/corruption [Isaiah 1:18](#); [Nahum 2:3](#); [Revelation 17:1-4](#)

Metals, Elements, and Natural Objects

- **Gold** = Pure Character Precious and Rare [Isaiah 13:12](#)
- **Silver** = Pure Words & Understanding [Proverbs 2:4, 3:13-14, 10:20, 25:11, Psalms 12:6](#)
- **Brass, Tin, Iron, Lead, Silver dross** = Impure Character [Ezekiel 22:20-21](#)
- **Water** = Holy Spirit / Everlasting Life [John 7:39, 4:14, Rev. 22:17, Eph. 5:26](#)
- **Waters** = Inhabited area/people, nations [Revelation 17:15](#)
- **Fire** = Holy Spirit [Luke 3:16](#)
- **Tree** = Cross; People / Nation [Deut. 21:22-23, Psalm 92:12, 37:35](#)
- **Seed** = Descendants / Jesus [Romans 9:8, Galatians 3:16](#)
- **Fruit** = Works / Actions [Galatians 5:22](#)
- **Fig Tree** = A Nation that should bear fruit [Luke 13:6-9](#)
- **Vineyard** = Church that should bear fruit [Luke 20:9-16](#)
- **Field** = World [Matthew 13:38, John 4:35](#)
- **Harvest** = End of World [Matthew 13:39](#)
- **Reapers** =

Angels

[Matthew 13:39](#)

- **Thorns / Thorny Ground** = Cares of this life [Mark 4:18-19](#)
- **Stars** = Angels/messengers = [Revelation 1:16, 20; 12:4, 7-9; Job 38:7](#)
- **Jordan** = death [Romans 6:4, Deuteronomy 4:22](#)
- **Mountains** = Political or religio-political powers [Isaiah 2:2, 3; Jeremiah 17:3; 31:23; 51:24, 25; Ezekiel 17:22, 23; Daniel 2:35, 44, 45](#)
- **Rock** = Jesus/truth [1 Corinthians 10:4; Isaiah 8:13, 14; Romans 9:33; Matthew 7:24](#)
- **Sun** = Jesus/the gospel [Psalm 84:11; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12; 9:5](#)
- **Winds** = Strife/commotion/"winds of war"[Jeremiah 25:31-33; 49:36, 37; 4:11-13; Zechariah 7:14](#)

Miscellaneous Objects

- **Lamp** =

Word of God

[Psalm 119:105](#)

- **Oil** =

Holy Spirit

[Zechariah 4:2-6; Revelation 4:5](#)

- **Sword** = Word of God [Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12](#)
- **Bread** = Word of God [John 6:35, 51, 52, 63](#)

- **Wine** =

blood

/covenant/doctrines [Luke 5:37](#)

- **Honey** = happy life [Ezekiel 20:6](#), [Deuteronomy 8:8-9](#)
- **Clothing** = Character [Isaiah 64:6](#), [Isaiah 59:6](#)
- **Crown** = A Glorious Ruler or Rulership [Proverbs 16:31](#), [Isaiah 28:5](#), [Isaiah 62:3](#)
- **Ring** = Authority [Genesis 41:42-43](#), [Esther 3:10-11](#)
- **Angel** = Messenger [Daniel 8:16](#); [9:21](#); [Luke 1:19, 26](#); [Hebrews 1:14](#)
- **Babylon** = apostasy/confusion/rebellion [Gen. 10:8-10](#); [11:6-9](#); [Rev. 18:2, 3](#); [17:1-5](#)
- **Mark** = Sign or seal of approval or disapproval [Ezekiel 9:4](#); [Romans 4:11](#); [Revelation 13:17](#); [14:9-11](#); [7:2, 3](#)
- **Seal** = Sign or mark of approval or disapproval [Romans 4:11](#); [Revelation 7:2, 3](#)
- **White Robes** = Victory/

righteousness

[Revelation 19:8](#); [3:5](#); [7:14](#)

- **Jar / Vessel** = Person [Jeremiah 18:1-4](#), [2 Corinthians 4:7](#)
- **Time** = 360 Day [Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32](#); [7:25](#); [Daniel 11:13](#) margin
- **Times** = 720 Days [Daniel 7:25](#), [Revelation 12:6,14](#), [13:5](#)
- **Day** = Literal year [Ezekiel 4:6](#); [Numbers 14:34](#)
- **Trumpet** = loud warning of God's approach [Exodus 19:16-17](#), [Joshua 6:4-5](#)

Actions, Activities, and Physical States

- **Healing** = Salvation [Luke 5:23-24](#)
- **Leprosy / Sickness** = Sin [Luke 5:23-24](#)
- **Famine** = Dearth of Truth [Amos 8:11](#)

People and Body Parts

- **Woman, Pure** =

True Church

[Jeremiah 6:2](#); [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:23-27](#)

- **Woman, Corrupt** =

Apostate church

[Ezk. 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hos. 2:5; 3:1; Rev. 14:4](#)

- **Thief** = Suddenness of Jesus' coming [1 Thessalonians 5:2-4](#); [2 Peter 3:10](#)
- **Hand** = Deeds / Works / Actions [Ecclesiastes 9:10](#), [Isaiah 59:6](#)
- **Forehead** = Mind [Deuteronomy 6:6-8](#), [Romans 7:25](#); [Ezekiel 3:8](#), [9](#)
- **Feet** = Your Walk / Direction [Genesis 19:2](#), [Psalm 119:105](#)
- **Eyes** = Spiritual Discernment [Matthew 13:10-17](#), [1 John 2:11](#)
- **Skin** =

Christ's Righteousness

[Exodus 12:5](#), [1 Peter 1:19](#), [Isaiah 1:4-6](#)

- **Harlot** = Apostate church/religion [Isaiah 1:21-27](#); [Jeremiah 3:1-3](#); [6-9](#)
- **Heads** = Major powers/rulers/governments [Revelation 17:3](#), [9](#), [10](#)

- See more at: <http://www.bibleuniverse.com/articles/keys-to-bible-symbols#sthash.Du3yCFk4.dpuf>

SYMBOLIC REFERENCES TO NUMBERS

1	singularity; God in monotheism (Deut 6:4); unity for humans (John 10:16; Eph 4:4)
2	duality: contrary (light/dark, good/evil) or complimentary (material/spiritual; human/divine)
3	God's actions: 3 "visitors" (Gen 18:2); "third day" (Exod 19:11); later "Trinity" (Matt 28:19)
3½	half of seven; thus things in process, still incomplete
4	earth, directions, winds, empires; later the four Gospels or four Evangelists
6	human work/effort (Luke 13:14); incompleteness, imperfection, lack (not yet 7)
7	days in a week, sabbath rest (Gen 2:1-3); thus natural & divine completeness/perfection
8	Jewish day of Circumcision (Exod 22:30); Christian day of Resurrection (John 20:26)
10	completion; basis of many number systems (# digits on fingers/toes!)
11	incompletion; only eleven apostles remain after Judas' death
12	months per year, tribes of Israel, apostles of Jesus; human completion
[13]	<i>[used in later superstition; based on Judas, but not used in Bible itself]</i>
14	value of the name "David" in Hebrew <i>gematria</i> (a type of numerology popular in ancient Judaism) obtained by summing the value of its three consonants (<i>dalet</i> =4, <i>vav</i> =6; thus D+V+D = 4+6+4)
24	Christian number for completion/restoration: OT tribes + NT apostles
30	days in month in ancient lunar calendars
40	very long time: years of Israel's Exodus, days of Jesus' temptation
42	number of months in 3½ years (half of seven years; see also 1260 days)
100	= 10x10
144	= 12x12, thus perfect completion
360	number of days in a lunar year
365	number of days in a solar year (cf. Gen 5:23)
666	number of the beast (Rev 13:18 only; variant reading is 616)
1000	= 10x10x10
1260	number of days in 3½ years (thus incompletion)
10,000	"myriad" ; highest ancient number with its own name

NUMEROLOGY

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBERS IN SCRIPTURE

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*Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand;
and meted out heaven with a span;
and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales,
and the hills in a balance?*

[Isaiah 40:12](#)

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

[Psalms 90:12](#)

As for God His way is perfect.

[Psalms 18:31](#)

All God's ways are perfect. His works are perfect and His words are perfect. Can there also be perfection in His use of numbers? The Jews and Jewish Christians of the Old and New Testaments thought so and so did the Fathers of the Catholic Church. St. Jerome, St. Augustine, and Pope St. Gregory I (the Great) all wrote extensively of God's design and the significance in His plan of salvation in the use of numbers.

In sacred Scripture numbers usually have more significance than their quantitative indicators. More often than not even when a number is used to indicate a certain quantity the individual number given may point beyond the numerical value to a symbolic significance. At other times the number given is not to be taken literally and may represent an approximate value, a symbolic value, or may indicate the use of hyperbole—an exaggeration or amplification to illustrate a teaching point in the Biblical text. For example:

- The six day period of Creation may be literal but it might also not be literal, representing a symbolic period of time that was perfected on the seventh day when God rested—seven being one of the four "perfect" numbers.
- The number of the 144,000 heavenly souls were marked with the "seal of the living God" in [Revelation chapter 7](#). Bible scholars both ancient and modern have interpreted this number as reflecting the symbolic perfection of redeemed man in terms of the "perfect" number 12 which signifies perfection of government in Scripture multiplied by divine order (the number ten signifies divine order in scripture). 144,000 is the square of 12 times the cube of 10.
- In [Matthew 18:22](#) Simon-Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive a brother who has sinned against him. Peter asks, *As many as seven times?* Jesus' response is, *I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times*, indicating not a literal seventy-seven times but that Peter's forgiveness is to be given without limit—an abundance of forgiveness

using the "perfect" number 7 which represents fullness, perfecting, covenant union and spiritual perfection.

In addition to the study of the symbolic significance of numbers in Scripture, there is also the study of the number equivalents of alphabetical symbols and numerical value of the words formed by the letters, which is known by the Greek word *gematria*. The Hebrews, Greeks, Romans, and many other ancient peoples used their alphabets for numbers. The Hebrews used all 22 letters of their alphabet plus 5 *finals*. The Greeks used a 24 letter alphabet and 3 additional *finals*. The Romans only used 6 letters of their alphabet and their combinations to form numbers: I= 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100, D = 500. The number 1,000 was formed by two D's (combined to form an M like figure). The Apostle John, writing during the time of the first great Roman persecution of Christians, recorded in the Book of Revelation that the number of the Beast was 666. Most ancient MSS (hand-written manuscripts) of the book of Revelation record 666 as this significant number while others manuscripts record the number as 616. Is it a coincidence that all the Roman numeral added together total 666 (excluding the symbol for 1,000 which was not a separate letter/ number but two "D"= 500 placed back to back)? Is it also a coincidence that the gematria for Neron Caesar (an alternate Hebrew spelling of the Emperor's name in wide use in the 1st century AD) totals 666 while the Greek spelling of Nero Caesar totals 616? Six is the number of the beasts and of man (both created on the 6th day). It is also the number which is symbolic of man's nature to rebel against the sovereignty of God.

According to ancient tradition each number has significance, for example:

- Three is the number of perfect completion for the Jews, and for Christians the number three symbolized the perfection of the Godhead—the Most Holy Trinity.
- Eight is the number of salvation. It is the number of Christ, of the resurrection, and of the Second Coming. The gematria of the name Jesus in Greek (the language of the New Testament) is 888: a trinity of eights, the fullness of salvation! As a matter of fact, every name identifying the second person of the Trinity is a multiple of 8 in Greek: Jesus Christ = 1480 (8 x 185); Lord = 800 (8 x 100); Savior = 1,408 (8 sq. x 32); Emmanuel = 25,600 (8 cubed x 50); Messiah = 656 (8x 82); Son 880 (8 x110).

The study of the significance of the use of numbers in Scripture requires a lifetime of study and reflection, but a brief summary of some of the most significant numbers may be enough to wet one's appetite for future study.

ONE: In sacred Scripture "one," *ehad*, in Hebrew, represents unity and is the quintessential number of monotheism, the worship of one God.

- This concept of one as a unity of one God is expressed in the opening lines of the first profession of faith found in Scripture, the Shema: *Hear O Israel, Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One* [[Deuteronomy 6:4](#)].
- *One* as a cardinal number symbolizes Unity. The number One is indivisible and not made up of any other number representing the unity of the One true God in which there is no division

- *One* as an ordinal number denotes primacy, sovereignty, divine completeness or perfection.
- Christians recognized the number "one" in Scripture as symbolic of the First Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God the Father.

TWO: This number can mean difference, division or double portion.

- In the Creation event, God separated light and darkness. [[Genesis 1:3-4](#)]
- The Ten Commandments were inscribed on two tablets of stone. [[Exodus 31:18](#); [32:15](#); [34:1](#), [4](#), [29](#)]
- The children of Israel were forbidden to collect manna on the Sabbath and therefore were permitted to collect **a double portion** of manna on Friday. [[Exodus 16:5](#)]
- On the 6th day of Creation God created two—male and female—of every species in order that fertility might be a blessing to the earth. [[Genesis 1:24-31](#)]
- In the New Testament, Christians also saw this number as a symbol of the second person of the Trinity, the Incarnation of God the Son in the perfection of His humanity and divinity.

THREE: In sacred Scripture the number three represents that which is solid, real, substantial, and something in its completeness. This number usually indicates something of importance or significance in God's plan of salvation by identifying an important event in Salvation History. This number operates as a "sign-post" in Scripture study for the reader to "pay attention" to the significance of the next event.

In the Old Testament:

- It is the first of the 4 perfect numbers which are 3 (divine perfection); 7 (spiritual perfection); 10 (ordinal perfection); and 12 (governmental perfection).
- The earth was separated from the waters on the 3rd day [[Genesis 1:9-13](#)]
- There were three Patriarchs of the children of Israel: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob/Israel
- There are three verses in the Priestly Blessing in which the Tetragrammaton, YHWH, God's holy covenant name, appears three times [[Numbers 6:24-26](#)].
- Three times the angelic Seraphim cry "Holy, Holy, Holy" [[Isaiah 6:3](#) and [Revelation 4:8](#)].
- After the Great Flood mankind descended from the three sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [[Genesis 10:1-32](#)]
- Three "men" announced to Abraham that his barren wife would bear a son [[Genesis 18:14](#)].
- Abraham was commanded to sacrifice his son after a three-day journey to Mt. Moriah [[Genesis 22:1-4](#)].
- Baby Moses was hidden by his mother for three months [[Exodus 2:1](#)] and the adult Moses requests of Pharaoh that he let Moses take his people on a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifice to their God [[Exodus 3:18](#)].
- There were three divisions of the desert Tabernacle and later the Temple in Jerusalem: the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies [[Exodus 27:9](#); [26:1-30](#), [35-37](#); [31-34](#); [38:9-20](#); [21-31](#); [40:1-33](#); [1 Kings 6: 1-37](#)].

- God is mentioned three times in the Shema, the Old Covenant profession of faith [[Deuteronomy 6:4](#)] and three times in the priestly blessing [[Numbers 6:24-26](#)].
- The three attributes of God mentioned in [Exodus 33:18-19](#) are *hen*, *rachum*, and *hesed* (gracious, compassionate /merciful, and loving kindness).
- Of the seven annual Holy Feasts of the Sinai Covenant, three are "pilgrim feasts" in which every man 13 years or older must present himself before God at His Sanctuary and later at the Temple in Jerusalem. This command is repeated three time in scripture [[Exodus 23:14-17](#); [34:18-23](#); [Deuteronomy 16:16](#)]
- Jonah spent three days in the belly of the great fish [[Jonah 1:17](#)]; Jonah took three days to journey across the city of Nineveh [[Jonah 3:3](#)]

In the New Testament:

- Jesus' ministry lasted three years, covering three Passovers [John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55-12:1].
- Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months [[Luke 1:56](#)]
- Jesus was missing for three days when He was 12 years old [[Luke 2:46](#)]
- Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the Mt. of Transfiguration [[Matthew 17](#)]
- Jesus arose from the dead on the third day. [[Genesis 1:9-13](#)]
- Saul was blinded for three days [[Acts 9:9](#)]
- The theological virtues are faith, hope and charity [[1 Corinthians 13:13](#)]
- The heavenly Jerusalem has three gates on each of its four sides [[Revelation 21:13](#)]
- Christians saw three as symbolic of the Trinity, the triune nature of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Three is also recognized as the number of the Holy Spirit.

In Addition:

- There are three divisions of time: past, present, and future
- There three persons in grammar
- Thought, word, and deed complete the sum of human capacity.

FOUR: The number four represents God's creative works, especially works associated with the earth:

- Four cardinal directions N, S, E, W. with four Angels keeping watch at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the world [[Revelation 7:1](#)]
- The Covenant People of God had four divisions of the day associated with the daily liturgical sacrifice of the Tamid (Dawn - 9AM; 9AM-Noon; Noon - 3PM; 3PM - Sunset)
- Four lunar phases
- Four seasons
- Four rivers flowed out of Eden [[Genesis 2:10](#)]
- Four consonants formed God's Divine Name YHWH
- Four cherubim [[Genesis 3:22-24](#); [Ezekiel 1:10](#)]
- In Ezekiel's vision of the heavenly throne/chariot the cherubim each had four faces and bodies with four wheels [[Ezekiel 1:10-12](#)]
- Four women gave birth to the fathers of the 12 Tribes of Israel

- The tallit/outer cloak covenant men were required to wear had four corners with four tassels [[Numbers 15:38-39](#)]
- Four heavenly creatures surround God's heavenly throne. [[Revelation 4:6-8](#)]
- The Israelite camp was divided into four parts when camping around the Tabernacle [[Numbers 2:1-34](#)]
- The fourth book of the Bible is Numbers, in Hebrew *B'Midbar* = gematria 248 or 4 x 62
- The ancients considered there to be four elements: earth, fire, air and water
- Bible has four-fold division of mankind: lands, tongues, families and nations [[Revelation 13:7](#)]
- Four cups of wine are used in the ritual of the Passover Seder.

FIVE: This is the number of power and Divine grace.

- Five kinds of animals were sacrificed under the Old Covenant Law of sacrifice: goats, sheep, cattle, pigeons and doves [[Genesis 15:9](#); [Exodus 29:38](#); [Leviticus 1:1-17](#); [3:1](#); [4:3](#), [14](#), [23](#), [28](#); [5:6-7](#)]
- God changed Abram's name to Abraham by adding the letter/number five to his name [[Genesis 17:5](#)]. He changed Sarai's name by adding the same letter/number with the value of "grace" to form the name Sarah [[Genesis 17:15](#)]. Abraham and Sarah were transformed by grace to become the parents of a family from which the Messiah would be born
- The Tabernacle was measured in multiples of five [[Exodus 25 - 27](#)]
- There are five books of the Torah (first 5 books of the Old Testament)
- Matthew's Gospel is divided into five "books" composed of five narratives and five discourses.
- Jesus bled from five wounds on the altar of the Cross: His two hands, his two feet and His head.
- Daniel proclaimed the Fifth Kingdom to be an Everlasting Kingdom [[Daniel 2:37-44](#)].

Five Greek words form the acrostic phrase "Jesus Christ, God's Son Savior," taking the first letter in Greek from each word forms the Greek word for "fish": Iota, Chi, Theta, Epsilon, Sigma = (ichthys) "**FISH**", which became a symbol for Christ and a secret symbol for identifying Christians.

SIX: Both man and the serpent were created on the sixth day, therefore, the number six represents both man and rebellion. In the Greek alphabet the number six is not represented by an alphabetic letter but is instead represented by a symbol called the "stigma." In Revelation 13:18 the number of the Beast is written not as 666 but is instead is written with the Greek symbols for 600 and 60 and 6. In his book *Numbers in Scripture*, E.W. Bullinger observes that these three symbols correspond to first and last letters of the Greek word for Christ = CHRISTOS, with the symbol of the serpent in between the two other numbers of 666 [see *Numbers in Scripture* page 49]. Perhaps this arrangement can be seen to be Christ the Messiah crushing the serpent as God told the serpent in Genesis 3:15: *I shall put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he will crush your head and you will strike its heel.*

- 666 is the number of the Beast: *There is need for shrewdness here: anyone clever may interpret the number of the beast; it is the number of a human being, the number is 666* [Revelation 13:18].
- Man is commanded to labor six days [[Exodus 31:15](#)]
- The sixth commandment in the Ten Commandments is the sin of murder [[Exodus 20:13](#)]
- The sixth clause in the prayer of the "Our Father/ Lord's Prayer" petitions that we not be led into sin and be delivered from evil. [[Matthew 6:13](#)]
- The world turned dark beginning at the sixth hour Hebrew time (noon) when Christ was on the cross [Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44]. In Roman time the sixth hour is 6-7AM when Jesus was being tried by the Roman governor Pilate [[John 19:14](#)].
- Jesus suffered on the cross for six hours (as he suffered that man might be saved); from 9 AM, (see [Mark 15:25](#)) the hour of the first daily sacrifice in the Temple to 3 PM, (see [Mark 15:33-34](#); [Matthew 27:45](#); [Luke 23:44](#)) the hour of the last sacrifice, and gave up His life at the beginning of the 7th hour (the number of completion and fulfillment).
- All six of the letters which represent the number system of the Roman Empire added together yield the number 666: I = 1; V = 5; X = 10; L = 50; C = 100; D = 500 [there is no letter/number M. 1000 was two Ds back to back which resembled an M].

SEVEN: Spiritual perfection and fullness or completion. It is the number of Covenant and of the Holy Spirit.

- Seven is the second perfect number.
- In Hebrew seven is *shevah (shebah)* from the root *shava (shaba or sheba)*, meaning "to be full."
- God rested on the seventh day (Saturday) after Creation [[Genesis 2:2](#)]
- To swear an oath in Hebrew is "to seven oneself."
- There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (CCC#1831; [Isaiah 11:1](#))
- The sacred Menorah has seven branches (six on each side of a central shaft) and seven cup shaped lamps for the olive oil
- There were seven classes of furniture in the Tabernacle: Bronze sacrificial Altar, Bronze Laver, Golden Menorah, Golden Table of the Bread of the Presence, Golden Altar of Incense, Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy-seat/Seat of Atonement.
- The Tabernacle was built in six days and dedicated on the seventh [[Exodus 40:17](#)]
- It took Solomon seven years to build the Temple in Jerusalem. [[1 Kings 6:37-38](#)]
- There are seven annual holy feast days observed under the Law of the Sinai Covenant [[Leviticus 23:1-44](#)]
- The Feast of Passover is the 1st month of the liturgical year but the seventh month of the civil year. [[Exodus 12:1-2](#)]
- The Feast of Tabernacles completes the cycle of Holy Days in the seventh month of the liturgical year. [[Leviticus 23:33-43](#)]
- There are multiple sevens in the Book of Revelation: There are 55 sevens and 5 sevenths, 5x7 (35) phrases of sevens in the Book of Revelation. List of "sevens" in the Book of Revelation:

Churches	1:4 ; 2:1-3:22
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Letters	2:1- 3:22
Spirits	1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6
Golden lampstands	1:12, 20; 2:1; 4:5
Stars	1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1
Seals	5:1; 5:5; 6:1
Horns	5:6
Eyes	5:6
Angels	8:2, 6; 15:1, 6, 7; 15:8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
Trumpets	8:2, 6
Thunders	10:3, 4
7 Thousand people	11:13
Heads	12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9
Crowns	12:3
Plagues	15:1, 6, 8; 21:9
Golden bowls	15:7; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
Hills	17:9
Kings	17:10, 11
Last 7 visions	Chapters 20-21

Seven is a significant number in the natural world:

- mammals and birds have a gestation of multiples of 7:

mouse: 21 days (3 x 7)	cat 56 (8 x 7)	Sheep 147 (21 x 7)
hare & rat, 28 (4x7)	dog 63 (9 x 7)	hen 21 (3 x 7)
humans 280 days (40 x 7)	lion 98 (14 x 7)	duck 42 (6 x 7)

- With insects the ova are hatched in seven half-days (the wasp, bee, etc). But with other insects it is seven whole days. The majority of insects require from 14 (2x7) to 42 (6x7) days and the same applies to the larva state.
- Man's pulse beats on the seven-day principle. For six days out of seven it beats faster in the morning than in the evening while on *the seventh day* it beats slower. The seventh day is the day of rest!
- 7 days in a week
- 7 colors in the spectrum - the seven colored rainbow was the sign of the covenant with Noah
- There are 168 hours in a week = 7 x 24

EIGHT: *sh'moneh* in Hebrew, from the root *shah'meyn* "to make fat" or "to cover with fat" which means to super-abound. The first of a new series: there are seven days in a week; the 8th day is the beginning of a new series of days. It is the number of salvation, resurrection, and new birth/regeneration.

- Eight is the first cubic number (2 x 2 x 2). This is significant because the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and in the Jerusalem Temple was the same height, length and breadth-- a perfect cube [[1 Kings 6:20](#)].
- Eight is the number of our salvation and the Second Coming. It is the day Christ arose from the dead [[Matthew 28:1-8](#); [Mark 16:1-8](#); [Luke 24:1-8](#); [John 20:1-10](#)].
- Eight (*okto* in Greek) days after the resurrection (in the literal Greek translation) Jesus appeared to his disciples a second time; this time with Thomas [[John 20:26](#)].
- The eighth day, which is Resurrection Sunday (the day after the seventh day Jewish Sabbath), is the first day of the New Covenant.
- Eight people were saved in the ark during the Great Flood including Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives [[Genesis 7:13](#)].
- On the 8th day of an Israelite male child's birth, he entered the Sinai Covenant by the ritual of circumcision [[Genesis 17:10-12](#); [Exodus 22:29-30](#); [Leviticus 12:3](#)].
- On the eighth day of the dedication of the desert Tabernacle, during the morning liturgical service, God lit the fire of the sacrificial altar. This day was commemorated in the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth) which was an eight day feast [[Leviticus 23:36-39](#)].
- The feasts of Passover (Nisan 14th) and Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15th -21st) lasted 8 days and marked the beginning of the Liturgical year [[Leviticus 23:5-8](#)], while the Feast of Tabernacles lasted 8 days and marked the end of the Liturgical year.
- The priesthood of Aaron and his sons was consecrated on the eighth day [[Leviticus 9:1](#)].
- David, God's anointed, is the eighth son of Jesse [[1 Samuel 16:10-13](#)].
- There were eight classes of furniture in the Jerusalem Temple [[1 Kings 6:15-8:9](#)].
- Solomon finished building the Temple in the eighth month of the seventh year [[1 Kings 6:37-38](#); [8:1-2](#)]. The celebration and dedication lasted eight days [[1 Kings 8:66](#)].
- The dimensions of the Temple are based on the number eight [[1 Kings 7:10](#)].
- The prophet Elijah performed eight miracles [[1 Kings 17](#) - [2 Kings 13](#)].
- Jesus rose from the dead on the eighth day of His week of Redemptive Passion (Sunday is both the first day of the week and the day that follows the seventh day the old covenant Sabbath-- the eighth day) [[Matthew 28:1](#); [Mark 16:1-2](#); [Luke 24:1-3](#)].

- There are seven or eight petitions in the Lord's Prayer depending on how they are counted [[Matthew 6:9-13](#)].
- There are seven or eight Beatitudes depending on how one counts them [[Matthew 5:1-12](#)].
- The gematria of Jesus in Greek, *Iesous*, is 888 (I = 10, e= 8, s=200, o=70, u=400, s=200). All the names for Jesus are multiples of 8
- Scientists have identified eighty-eight constellations
- Scientists now believe there are only eight planets (Pluto's erratic orbit suggests it was once a moon of Neptune)
- In the Book of Revelation:
 - There are twenty-four elders around the throne of God (3 x 8) [[Revelation 4:4](#)].
 - There are four beasts with six wings each = 24 (3x8) [[Revelation 4:6-8](#)].
 - Twelve thousand from each tribe of Israel 144,000 = (8x15x100) [[Revelation 7:4-8](#)].

SEVEN AND EIGHT: together these numbers form a remarkable connection. As we have noted seven, according to its etymology, means that which is spiritually complete, while eight denotes that which is superabundant. God's holy covenant name is expressed in Hebrew by the four consonants YHWH which have a value of 10, 5, 6, and 5. Added together their total is 20 + 6 but multiplied by 3 (the Triune God) their value is 70 (7x10) + 8 or spiritual perfection times perfection of order plus superabundant salvation.

Yahweh's covenants are also seven and eight: Seven covenants are revealed in the Old Testament and the eighth covenant in the New Testament, in the New Covenant in Christ:

1. Covenant with Adam [[Genesis 1:28-30](#); [2:15-17](#); [Hosea 6:7](#)]
2. Noah and the earth [[Genesis 6:18](#); [9:9-17](#); [Sirach 44:17-18](#)]
3. Abraham [[Genesis 12:3](#); [15:1-18](#); [18:18](#); [22:18](#); [Sirach 44:19-20](#)]
4. Sinai Covenant [[Exodus 19-24](#); [34:10](#), [27](#), [28](#); [Deuteronomy 5:2-3](#)]
5. Aaron & Sons high priestly covenant [[Exodus 40:15](#); [Leviticus 2:13](#); [Numbers 18:19](#); [Sirach 45:7](#); [Jeremiah 33:21](#)]
6. Phinehas: perpetual priesthood [[Numbers 25:11-15](#); [Sirach 45:24](#)]
7. David & descendant [[2 Samuel 7:11](#); [23:5](#); [Sirach 45:25](#)]
8. Jesus the Priest-King of the New Covenant [[Luke 22:20](#); [1 Corinthians 11:25](#); [Hebrews 7:22-24](#); [8:6](#); [9:15-20](#); [12:24](#); [13:20](#)]

The classes of furniture in the desert Tabernacle and in the Temple reflected both the numbers 7 and 8.

Desert Tabernacle Exodus 25:10-30:21 ; 37:1-40:33	Solomon's Temple 1 Kings 6:1-13 ; 2 Chronicles 3:1-5:14
1. Ark of the Covenant	1. Ark of the Covenant
2. Seat of Atonement (Mercy Seat)	2. Seat of Atonement (Mercy Seat)

3. Golden Alter of Incense	3. Golden Alter of Incense
4. Golden Menorah	4. Golden Menorah
5. Golden Table for the Bread of the Presence	5. Golden Table for the Bread of the Presence
6. Bronze Sacrificial Altar	6. Bronze Sacrificial Altar
7. Laver for the holy water	7. Laver for the holy water
	8. Bronze Sea for ritual cleansing

The seven/eight pattern is often repeated in the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament texts of the Bible (repeated word patterns are sadly ignored in the English translations of the Bible). For example the seven/eight pattern is found in chapter two of the Book of Exodus. In the Hebrew text of [Exodus 2:3-10](#) the word *yeled*, "child," is repeated seven times in verses [3](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), [9](#) (twice), and [10](#). In addition the plural "children" (*yalde*) is used in [verse 6](#), resulting in the combination of a seven/eight pattern in the passage that addresses Moses' childhood. The same seven/eight pattern found in [Exodus 2:3-10](#) that describes the childhood of Moses is repeated in the Hebrew text of [Exodus 2:11-21](#) describing Moses' life as an adult in Egypt. The word *ish*, "man," is repeated seven times in verses [11](#) (twice), [12](#), [14](#), [19](#), [20](#), and [21](#), with the addition of the plural '*anasim*, "men," in [verse 13](#), yielding a second seven/eight repetition in describing events in Moses' adult life (*Interlinear Bible: Hebrew-English, vol. I*, pages 143-144; *Exodus, vol. I*, William Propp, The Anchor Bible, Doubleday, page 146). It is unlikely that the repeated seven/eight pattern in describing both Moses' childhood and his adulthood is a coincidence. Seven is one of the "perfect" numbers, representing the perfection or fullness of God's plan, spiritual perfection, and the number of covenant. Eight is the number representing God's "superabundance" and symbolizes redemption, salvation, re-birth, and restoration. In his childhood and as an adult, God is present and His plan is at work in Moses' life. It is a Divine plan in which the "lost" child Moses will be fully restored to his people as an adult and in which Moses, as God's agent, will bring about the salvation of his people.

Another example of the seven/eight pattern is found in the Book of Revelation in which the last seven visions of St. John are introduced by the Greek words *kai eidon*, "and I saw," in [Revelation 19:11](#) (vision #1 = [19:11-16](#)), [19:17](#) (vision #2 = [19:17-18](#)), [19:19](#) (vision #3 = [19:19-21](#)), [20:1](#) (vision #4 = [20:1-10](#)), [20:4](#) (vision #5 = [20:4-10](#)), [20:11](#) (vision #6 = [20:11-15](#)), and [21:1](#) (vision #7 = [21:1-8](#)). However, in the description of the seventh vision the words *kai eidon* are used an eighth time in [21:2](#), yielding the seven/eight pattern for the final time in Sacred Scripture.

NINE: This number is related to the number six, being the sum of its factors ($3 \times 3 = 9$, and $3 + 3 = 6$). It is significant of the end of man and the sum of all man's works. Nine is therefore the number of finality or judgment.

- It was in the ninth year of the prophet Hosea that the king of Assyria destroyed the capital city of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and carried the people away into exile [[2 Kings 17:6](#)].
- It was in the ninth year of King Zedekiah's reign that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon conquered the Southern Kingdom of Judah, destroying the city of Jerusalem and the Temple [[2 Kings 25:1](#)].
- It was the ninth hour, Jewish time (3PM) when Jesus gave up His life on the cross for the sins of the world [[Matthew 27:46](#)].

TEN: Perfection of divine order

- Noah was the tenth generation from Adam [[Genesis 5:1-32](#)].
- Abraham was the tenth generation from Shem, son of Noah [[Genesis 11:10-26](#)] (the ancients counted every series with the first in the series as #1 - there was no concept of 0 as a place value).
- Ten Commandments [[Exodus 20:1-17](#); [Deuteronomy 5:6-21](#)].
- God said the Northern Kingdom was to be formed from ten tribes [[1 Kings 11:31](#)].
- Ten clauses in the Lord's Prayer [[Matthew 6:9-13](#)].
- Ten plagues on Egypt [[Exodus 7:14-12:30](#)].
- Ten virgins in Jesus' kingdom parable [[Matthew 25:1-13](#)].

ELEVEN: disorder: 10 + 1 or 12 - 1; also disorganization, lack of fulfillment, imperfection.

- At Kadesh-Barnea the Children of Israel traveled eleven days from Mt. Sinai. In one more day they could have been in the Holy Land but their faith failed them [[Deuteronomy 1:2](#)].
- The last two Kings of Judah each reigned eleven years before the Babylonian conquest of Judah: Jehoiakim [[2 Kings 23:36](#); [24:1](#); [2 Chronicles 36:5-6](#)] and Zedekiah [[2 Chronicles 36:11](#); [Jeremiah 52:1](#)].
- When Judas died there were only eleven Apostles - their number was incomplete; to complete the order of twelve, a twelfth Apostle was chosen by lot [[Acts 1:15-26](#)].

TWELVE: Perfection of government. Twelve is the number of the Church, both the Old Covenant Church of Israel founded by twelve physical fathers (the twelve sons of Jacob-Israel) and the New Covenant Church founded by twelve spiritual fathers (the twelve Apostles). This number also has a relationship with multiples of twelve.

- Twelve signs of the zodiac (these ancient symbols are found in Jewish synagogues of the 1st century AD.)
- The circle of the heavens = 360' (12 x 30).
- The product of the number three (perfection of divinity) x four (the number of the earth).
- Twelve months in a year.
- Twelve tribes of Israel [[Genesis 49:28](#)].
- Twelve pillars were erected at Mt. Sinai [[Exodus 24:4](#)].
- Twelve pillars were erected in the Promised Land [[Joshua 4:1-9](#)].
- Twelve statues of oxen held up the water basin in Solomon's Temple [[1 Kings 7:25](#)].

- Twelve men were selected by God to conduct the census of the tribes [[Numbers 1:2-16](#)].
- Twelve princes of Israel brought gifts to the Sanctuary on twelve days [[Numbers 7:10-83](#)].
- Twelve spies sent to reconnoiter Canaan [[Numbers 13:1-15](#)].
- Jesus is twelve years old when He questions the scholars in the Temple [[Luke 2:41](#)].
- Twelve legions of angels [[Matthew 26:53](#)].
- Twelve Apostles [[Matthew 10:2-4](#); [Mark 3:13-19](#); [Luke 6:13](#)].
- 144,000 servants of God (12 times 12) [[Revelation 7:4](#)].
- Twelve gates of the New Jerusalem [[Revelation 21:12](#)].
- Twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem [[Revelation 21:16](#), [17](#)].
- The Trees of Life in the new creation will bear twelve kinds of fruits [[Revelation 22:2](#)].

THIRTEEN: Often seen as an ill omen representing hostility, rebellion, apostasy, defection, corruption.

- Thirteen is the 6th prime number.
- Judas is considered to be the thirteenth; Jesus is #1 plus the 12 holy Apostles; Judas is always named last in the list of Apostles [[Matthew 10:2-4](#); [Mark 3:16-19](#); [Luke 6:13-16](#)].
- The Israelites marched around the city of Jericho thirteen times before the city collapsed ([Josh 6:2-5](#)).
- Ishmael, the illegitimate son of Abraham, was thirteen years old when he was circumcised. [[Genesis 17:23](#)]
- Leaven is a sign for sin. The gematria for leaven, *zume* in Hebrew, is thirteen.
- The Virgin Mary often appears on the thirteenth day of the month. This number obviously has no power over her. Remember it was prophesied that her son would crush the head of the serpent in [Genesis 3:15](#) and that the Serpent would make war on her children [[Revelation 12:17](#)]. She defies the devil and defends her son's Church and her children, Jesus' faithful disciples.

FOURTEEN: $7 \times 2 =$ double measure of spiritual perfection. Seven is the number of covenant and divine perfection and two is the number of the Incarnation.

- The genealogy of Jesus in St. Matthew's Gospel is divided into three sets of fourteen generations [[Matthew 1:1-17](#)].
- The gematria of David's name is the number fourteen.

FIFTEEN: 3×5 ; 5 = grace and 3 = Divine perfection of the Godhead. This number symbolizes acts wrought by the energy of Divine grace.

- Fifteen is $7 + 8 =$ Covenant (7) and Resurrection (8); when Jesus manifest himself as God and defeated death and Satan (Resurrection was on Sunday, the 8th as well as the 1st day).
- Fifteen is a special mark of the energy of divine grace issuing in glory.
- The fifteenth day of the 1st month was designated the Feast of Unleavened Bread which begins at sundown after the Passover sacrifice (sundown begins the next day for the Israelites). It is the day of the Last Supper [[Leviticus 23:6](#)].

- The fifteenth day of the 7th month is the beginning of the final feast of the liturgical year, the Feast of Tabernacles. [[Leviticus 23:34](#)]

SEVENTEEN: Perfection of spiritual order

- The seventh prime number.
- Jacob lived seventeen years in Egypt [[Genesis 47:28](#)].
- Seventeen can mean double spiritual perfection plus the completion of Divine will = $2 \times 7 + 3$.
- Seventeen is also the sum of two perfect numbers $7 + 10$ = perfection of spiritual order. For example, see [Romans 8:35-39](#) and the series of seven blessings in the form of questions followed by ten answers. Also see [Hebrews 12:18-24](#) where the Old Covenant and New are contrasted. Seven statements refer to Old Covenant and ten to the New. In both these New Testament passages, the New (10) is superior to the Old (7).
- The seventeenth of Nisan during Passion Week was the Old Covenant Feast of Firstfruits. It was also the day of Jesus' Resurrection when He defeated sin and death [[Leviticus 23:11-14](#); [Matthew 28:1-6](#)].

TWENTY: This number is the double of ten, and may in some cases signify its concentrated meaning. But its significance seems to be connected with the fact that it is one short of twenty-one. That is to say, if twenty-one is the three-fold seven, and signifies divine (3) completion as regards spiritual perfection (7), then twenty, being one short of twenty-one would signify *expectancy*. There are numerous illustrations in Scripture to support this explanation

- Twenty years Jacob waited to get possession of his wives and property [[Genesis 31:38-41](#)].
- Twenty years Israel waited for a deliverer from Jabin's oppression [[Judges 4:3](#)].
- Twenty years Israel waited for deliverance until Samson [[Judges 15:20](#); [16:31](#)].
- Twenty years the Ark of the Covenant waited at Kirjath-jearim [[1 Samuel 7:2](#)].
- Twenty years Solomon was waiting for the completion of both the Temple and his Palace [[2 Chronicles 8:1](#)].
- Twenty years Jerusalem waited between its subjugation and its destruction [[Jeremiah 52:4](#); [2 Chronicles 36:1-10](#)].
- Twenty years Jeremiah prophesied concerning the destruction of Jerusalem [[Jeremiah 52:4-13](#)].

THIRTY: Being 3×10 this number denotes in a higher degree the perfection of divine order, as in marking the right moment in God's Divine plan.

- Joseph was thirty when he became the Vizier of Egypt. [[Genesis 41:6](#)].
- David was also thirty when he began his reign over Israel [[2 Samuel 5:4](#)].
- A man was eligible for military service at thirty and Levites began their service in the Sanctuary at age thirty [[Num 4:3](#), [23](#), [30](#), [35](#), [39](#)].
- The people mourned the deaths of Aaron and Moses for thirty days [[Numbers 20:29](#); [34:8](#)].

- Jesus was about thirty years of old at the commencement of His ministry [[Luke 3:23](#)].

FORTY: This number is recognized as an important number both on account of the frequency of its occurrence and with the uniformity of its association as a time of consecration and as a period of trial.

- Forty day epic periods during the great flood [[Genesis 7:4, 12, 17,8:6](#)].
- Forty years was the age of Isaac when he married Rebekah [[Genesis 25:20](#)].
- Forty years of Moses in Egypt [do the math, see [Ex 7:7](#); [Dt 34:7](#); [Acts 7:30](#)].
- Forty years of Moses in Midian before his return to Egypt [[Acts 7:30](#)].
- Forty years from the Exodus until Moses' death [[Dt 1:3](#); [34:7](#)].
- Forty years Israel ate manna [[Exodus 16:35](#); [Deuteronomy 29:5](#)].
- Forty days Moses was on the Mountain to receive the Law of the Sinai Covenant [[Exodus 24:18](#)].
- Forty days the children of Israel were tested while Moses was on the mountain [[Exodus 32:1](#)].
- Forty days Moses was on the Mountain after the golden calf [[Exodus 34:28](#)].
- Forty days after his birth a male child of Israel was dedicated to God at the Sanctuary [[Leviticus 12:1-4](#)].
- Forty days the Israelite spies reconnoitered the land of Canaan [[Numbers 13:25](#)].
- Forty years was Caleb's age when Moses sent him to reconnoiter Canaan [[Joshua 14:7](#)].
- Forty years that Israel spent in the wilderness before they camped by the Jordan River [[Numbers 14:33](#); [Deuteronomy 1:1-3](#); [8:2](#)].
- Forty years from the giving of the Law at Sinai to the conquest of the Promised land [[Joshua 5:6](#)].
- Forty year intervals of peace in the age of the Judges ([Judges 3:11](#); [5:31](#); [8:28](#))
- Forty years Eli judged Israel [[1 Samuel 4:18](#)].
- Forty years of war between Israel and the Philistines.
- Forty years David ruled as King of Israel [[2 Samuel 5:5](#); [1 Chronicles 29:26-27](#)].
- Forty years Solomon ruled Israel [[2 Chronicles 9:30](#)].
- Forty days and nights Elijah traveled to Mt. Horeb/Sinai [[1 Kings 19:8](#)].
- Forty days Jonah was in the Assyrian city of Nineveh [[Jonah 3:4](#)].
- Forty years Josiah ruled Judah [[2 Kings 12:2](#)].
- Forty days Ezekiel lay on his right side to symbolize the 40 years of Judah's transgressions [[Ezekiel 4:6](#)].
- Forty years of judgment that Ezekiel prophesied for Egypt [[Exodus 29:11-13](#)].
- Forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness before His temptation [[Matthew 4:2](#); [Mark 1:13](#); [Luke 4:2](#)].
- Forty days Jesus taught His disciples after the Resurrection. On the fortieth day He ascended to the Father [[Acts 1:3](#)].

FORTY-TWO: The number forty-two is the product of six times seven. Seven is one of the "perfect" numbers, signifying fullness and perfection, especially spiritual perfection. However, six is the number of man and of man's opposition to God's plan for mankind's salvation. In Scripture the number forty-two appears to symbolize a connection to or a conflict between man

and the Spirit of God. Examples of the symbolic nature of the number forty-two can be applied to these passages:

- It is the number of the sum of the knobs, flowers, and branches of the golden Menorah, ordained by God but fashioned by a human craftsman [[Exodus 25:31-40](#)].
- Balaam offered three sets of sacrifices on seven altars each with two animals sacrificed on each altar for three sets of fourteen sacrifices totaling forty-two animal sacrifices prior to God providing the prophetic oracle [[Numbers 23:2, 14, 29](#)].
- The deliberately structured forty-two stages of the Israelites' from Sinai to the Plains of Moab - it was a journey marking their conflict with the will of God for Israel's future [[Numbers 33:1-49](#)].
- The forty-two young men who mocked God's choice after the ascension of Elijah and the transfer of his authority to Elisha [[2 Kings 2:23-24](#)].
- St. Matthew's genealogy of Jesus is a deliberately structured list of forty-two names ending with Jesus' name and reveling that He is both man and God [[Matthew 1:1-17](#)].
- In the Book of Revelation the number forty-two signifies the conflict of the Beast together with his offspring, "the seed of the serpent" [[Genesis 3:15](#)], that stand in opposition to Christ and His Church for a symbolic forty-two months [[Revelation 11:2; 13:5](#)].

This number is connected with "the Beast" in the book of Revelation. An important part of his career is to last forty-two months [[Revelation 11:2; 12:5](#)] or three and ½ years. In Scripture the number forty-two, or the relationship between forty-two (months) and three and ½ (years/ days or days of years), seems to be associated with God's Divine plan, especially climaxing in a short but intense period of tribulation/judgment as the numbers are used in the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation [see [Daniel 7:25 & 12:7](#), and [Revelation 11:2, 11; 12:14; 13:5](#)]. This number is also associated with the number 1,260: 3 ½ years = 42 months = 1,260 days, in [Revelation 11:3 & 12:6](#). In the book of Revelation there is a chiastic pattern formed with these numbers:

A. 42 months = [Revelation 11:2](#)

B. 1260 days = [Revelation 11:3](#)

C. 3 ½ days = [Revelation 11:9](#)

C* 3 ½ days = [Revelation 11:11](#)

B* 1260 days = [Revelation 12:6](#)

A* 42 months = [Revelation 13:5](#)

FIFTY: is the number of jubilee or deliverance. It is the issue of $7 \times 7 + 1$ or 7 squared + 1, and it points to deliverance and rest following on as the result of the perfect consummation of time.

- On the fiftieth day after leaving Egypt, God met Israel at Sinai, = the first Pentecost (this Greek word means "50th day") [[Exodus 19:1; 14-16](#)].

- Fifty is grace = 5 multiplied by perfect order = 10.
- In the fiftieth year, known as a Jubilee year, all debts were to be forgiven, all Hebrew slaves were to be freed, and all land returned to the original owner. [[Leviticus 25:8-19](#)].
- On the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the Upper Room; it was the second great Pentecost (the first was the Theophany of God at Mt. Sinai [[Acts 1:3](#); [2:1](#)]).

SEVENTY: is another combination of two of the perfect numbers 7 and 10, and it signifies perfect spiritual order carried out with all spiritual power and significance.

- There were seventy nations before the Tower of Babel. [[Genesis 10:1-32](#)].
- Seventy men built up the nation of Israel when the Israelites first entered Egypt. [[Genesis 46:27](#)].
- Seventy elders were chose to meet with God on Mt. Sinai and ate a sacred meal in His presence; they represented the hierarchy of the Old Covenant Church [[Exodus 24:9-10](#)]
- Seventy elders of Israel comprised the Great Sanhedrin (Israel's Supreme Court of law).
- Jesus chose seventy disciples [[Luke 10:1](#)].

ONE HUNDRED-TWENTY: is made up of 3 forties (3x40 = 120). Applied to time therefore it signifies a divinely appointed period of probation. Applied to persons it points to a divinely appointed number during a period of waiting.

- One hundred-twenty priests were present at the dedication of Solomon's Temple. [[2 Chronicles 5:12](#)].
- According to the oral law one hundred-twenty people were required to form a congregation [Jewish Talmud].
- One hundred-twenty disciples were present in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit descended [[Acts 1:15](#)].
- One hundred-twenty is a factor in the number of those who returned from Babylon, 42,360 (120 x 353). [[Ezra 2:8-66](#)].
- One hundred-twenty is a factor of the number 144,000. It is the number of those who will be sealed from the twelve Tribes of Israel in the book of Revelation (120 x 1200 = 144,000). [[Revelation 7:4](#)].
- The Great Synagogue was composed of One hundred-twenty members [[Nehemiah 10:1-10](#)].

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THREE: An abundance of ink has been spilled in an attempt to discern the significance of this number. It is a number which has taxed the minds of some of the greatest Biblical scholars. All have believed that there must be something deeply significant and mysterious in this number from the solemn way in which it is introduced in [John 21:11](#): *Simon Peter went and drew the net to land full of great fishes, one hundred and fifty three.* St. Augustine has pointed out the comparison and contrast between the two miraculous catches of fish, one at the beginning and the other at the end of Christ's ministry (after his Resurrection). He and other scholars see in this number some connection with the "saved" who are "caught up" in Peter's "net", a symbol of the Church. St. Jerome also saw that there was some deeper meaning in the number, and records that there were 153 sorts of fish in the Sea of Galilee which

he believed symbolized all kinds of men enclosed in the Gospel net. Both St. Augustine and Pope St. Gregory the Great noticed that 17 is the sum of the perfect numbers 10 (perfect order) and 7 (spiritual perfection). St. Gregory multiplied 17 by 3 and again by 3 to get 153. Augustine used addition and took the sum of all the digits up to and including 17 as amounting to exactly 153. They also noted that the expression "Sons of God" occurs 7 times, and that the gematria of this expression in Hebrew is exactly 153. In Greek the gematria of "*Sons of God*" is 3,213 or $3 \times 7 \times 153$. The gematria in Greek for the word *fishes* is 1,224 or 8×153 . The gematria for "*the net*" is 1,224 or 8×153 .

Numbers in Scripture also contain patterns that point to God's providence. The ages of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are an example:

Genesis 47:28: *Jacob lived seventeen years in Egypt; thus Jacob's total age came to a hundred and forty-seven years.*

It is interesting to note the factorization of the life spans of the patriarchs follows a pattern. Each squared number increases by one each time while the coefficient decreases by two:

- Abraham: $175 = 5 \times 5 \times 7$
- Isaac: $180 = 6 \times 6 \times 5$
- Jacob: $147 = 7 \times 7 \times 3$

Within these factors there is another pattern. The sums of the factors that total Abraham's life span equal the number seventeen, as do the sums of the factors that equal the life spans of the other two patriarchs.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE USE OF NUMBERS IN ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

According to tradition, the Apostle Matthew was a Levitical priest who was also called Levi [[Matthew 9:9](#); [10:3](#); [Mark 2:14](#); [Luke 5:27, 29](#)]. If so, the Apostle Matthew was intimately aware of the symbolic link between letters and numbers. In his Gospel, Matthew manipulated the genealogy of Jesus of Nazareth to reflect the significance of the Hebrew gematria of King David's name which was the number fourteen [D = 4, V = 6, D = 4; Hebrew was written only in consonants] and the significance of number symbolism in his division of the forty-two generations from Abraham to David to Jesus the Messiah. Matthew's manipulation of the genealogy is reflected in the fact that he dropped the names of several Judahite kings in Jesus' line: Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim and Zedekiah [see [2 Chronicles 36:1-13](#)], doubled the use of the name of both King David in [verse 6](#) and King Jechoniah in [verses 11](#) and [12](#) in the beginning of his 2 and 3 sets, and added the name of Tamar's other son Zerah (not in the line of descent) to make his list reflect the symbolism he desired in the total number of names/ males, and to produce 3 sets of 14 generations for a total of 42 generations from Abraham to Jesus of Nazareth.

-The Hebrew gematria for David's name is 14 (double spiritual perfection)

-The Greek gematria for Jesus' name (language of New Testament) is 888 (8= salvation)

-Abraham's name is mentioned 7 times the Gospel of Matthew (spiritual perfection) and 3 times in Matthew's chapter 1 toledoth (generational list). 3 is fullness and completion and for Christians represents the mystery of the Trinity.

-David's name is mentioned 5 times in Matthew's toledoth. 5 is the number symbolizing power and grace.

Matthew's manipulation of the list of Jesus' ancestral line

Matthew manipulates the names of Abraham's descendants into 3 sets of 14 individual male descendants or as he tells us in [Matthew 1:17](#): *The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.* He manipulates the list to get 3 sets of **14** generations each to create **42** names of the list of the descendants of Abraham to bring attention to the link between the names and the covenant promise to Abraham and David by Yahweh. David's name is # **14** in the list and the gematria of his name is the number **14**. The number 42 also has significance. 42 divided by 12, the number of Israel, yields 3 ½. This is a prophetic number in both Daniel chapter 12 and in Revelation. See [Daniel 12:1-13](#) (focus on [verse 7](#) which adds up to 3 ½). 3 ½ is half of 7. It is an imperfect number. Note: both St. Jerome and Pope St Gregory the Great wrote extensively about and gematria its significance in Scripture. Sir Isaac Newton wrote more about gematria and numbers in Scripture than he did about the theory of gravity.

Set #1 List of generations in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 1's genealogy of Jesus of Nazareth:

1. Abraham	fathered	Isaac	
2. Isaac	fathered	Jacob	
3. Jacob	fathered	Judah	
4. Judah	fathered	Perez	
			additional names of Zerah and Tamar (woman #1)
5. Perez	fathered	Hezron	
6. Hezron	fathered	Ram	

7. Ram	fathered	Amminadab	
8. Amminadab	fathered	Nahshon	
9. Nahshon	fathered	Salmon	
10. Salmon	fathered	Boaz	
			Rahab (woman #2)
11. Boaz	fathered	Obed	
			Ruth (woman #3)
12. Obed	fathered	Jesse	
13. Jesse	fathered		
14. David			

There are 14 generations

There are 27 total male names (repeats and counting Zerah's name)

There are 3 names of gentile women

Total names: 30 names (note: it was necessary to add Zerah's name to make 30 names)

Set #2

David	fathered	Solomon	Uriah's wife (note: David's name is repeated)
1. Solomon	fathered	Rehoboam	
2. Rehoboam	fathered	Abijah	
3. Abijah	fathered	Asa	
4. Asa	fathered	Jehoshaphat	
5. Jehoshaphat	fathered	Joram	
6. Joram	fathered	Uzziah	(3 missing kings)
7. Uzziah	fathered	Jotham	

8. Jotham	fathered	Ahaz	
9. Ahaz	fathered	Hezekiah	
10. Hezekiah	fathered	Manasseh	
11. Manasseh	fathered	Amon	
12. Amon	fathered	Josiah	
13. Josiah	fathered	[see #14]	
14 Jechoniah			[deportation of Judah to Babylon]

There are 14 generations (no repeats)

There are 29 names of males total if you include Uriah

There is 1 female mentioned but not counted because unnamed (the wife of Uriah- 4th gentile woman. 4 is the number of the earth)

Set #3 (after the deportation to Babylon; notice no **restoration** is mentioned)

1.Jechoniah	fathered	Shealtiel	
2.Shealtiel	fathered	Zerubbabel	
3. Zerubbabel	fathered	Abiud	
4. Abiud	fathered	Eliakim	
5. Eliakim	fathered	Azor	
6. Azor	fathered	Zadok	
7. Zadok	fathered	Achim	
8. Achim	fathered	Eliud	
9. Eliud	fathered	Eleazar	
10. Eleazar	fathered	Matthan	
11. Matthan	fathered	Jacob	
12. Jacob	fathered	Joseph	

13. Joseph	husband of	Mary	(the 5 th women) mother of
14. Jesus the Christ			(bringing true restoration to Israel)

Matthew manipulates the list by counting Jechoniah twice in order to get 14 generations in the final set. Jesus' name is the 14th generation but if you count all the names without repeats Mary's name is the 14th name with Jesus name coming after 6 sets of 7 as the 7th 7. There are 27 names total in this set.

The total of all the names given in each set is 86. 8 is the number of salvation, 80 the number of salvation times divine order (10), and 6 is the number of man. Matthew's message is that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of David and the King of Kings who has come to bring salvation to Israel and to mankind.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBERS IN ST. MARK'S GOSPEL

In St. Mark's Gospel Jesus is the authoritative Son of God and God's triumphant envoy come to suffer and die in order to claim victory over sin and death. Mark continually focuses on the immediacy of the proclamation of Jesus' message of salvation and his accounts of Jesus' teachings are often presented in a central theme sandwiched between two related or concurrent events. An example of Mark's skillful telling of the events of Jesus' teaching coupled with word repetition and the symbolism of numbers is found in the account of the healing of Jairus' daughter and the woman with an issue of blood in [Mark 5:21-43](#). The account begins with the petition of Jairus, the president of the local synagogue. Jairus' **12 year** old daughter [[Mark 5:42](#)] is at the point of death and he pleads with Jesus to come to his house to heal his **daughter** [[Mark 5:23; 35](#)] before it is too late. As Jairus leads the way, Jesus follows with a large crowd pressing upon Him. Suddenly Jesus feels a surge of His healing power pass from Him. He stops, turns to the crowd and demands *Who has touched my clothes?* A woman in the crowd has suffered from an issue of blood which has rendered her ritually unclean for **12 years**. She confesses that she has touched Jesus' garment - probably touching one of the tassels of his prayer shawl, one of the *tzitziyoth* of His talit [[Numbers 15:37-39](#)] - believing if only she could touch Him she would be healed. Jesus replies to the woman: *My **daughter**, ...your **faith** has restored you to health; go in peace and be free of your complaint* [[Mark 5:34](#)].

While Jesus was speaking to the woman some people from Jairus' house arrived with the distressing news that the child has died, but Jesus urges Jairus to have **faith**. Arriving at Jairus' home Jesus only allows **3** Apostles to accompany Him: Peter, James and John Zebedee. Addressing the weeping relatives Jesus insists that the child is not dead but only asleep. When the assembled relatives ridicule Jesus He turns them out of the house, only permitting the 2 parents and His **3** Apostles - **5** people, to remain with Him. Together with the child and Jesus there are **7** in the room when Jesus commands the child to "get up!" Mark records: *The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was **12 years** old.*

Do not miss the other significant repetitions. In addition to the number twelve, and the word "daughter" applied to both the child and the woman, the words "**may be saved [cured]**" are applied to the daughter in [5:24](#) and in are spoken by the woman in [5:28](#), and the word "**faith**" is spoken by Jesus to the woman in [5:34](#) and to Jairus in [5:36](#).

The central theme which unites both these stories is healing, purification, restoration, and new life - not just of these two **daughters** of Israel but of the healing and restoration Jesus is bringing to all of Old Covenant Israel. **Twelve** is the number of perfection in government and, therefore, the number which signifies the Church. Just as Jesus raised the child of Jairus to new life, so will He raise up the faithful remnant of Old Covenant Israel to become the faithful New Covenant people of God. The selection of the **three** Apostles is a sign that what is about to happen is of theological significance; the **five** people invited by Jesus to come into the room when the child is healed signifies the gift of God's grace applied through the faith of the believers, and the **seven** gathered together, including Jesus and the child, signifies the healing and regenerative power of God the Holy Spirit - **seven** is the number of spiritual perfection. In St. Mark's Gospel the healing and restoration of these two daughters of Israel signified the healing and restoration of the faithful covenant people of God who embraced Jesus as the promised Messiah. It is through this faithful remnant that Jesus will establish the New Covenant and the Universal Church through will the whole world "may be saved".

GEMATRIA FOR THE NUMBER 666 IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

"There is need for shrewdness here: anyone clever may interpret the number of the beast: it is the number of a human being, the number is 666." [Revelation 13:18](#)
 [Some ancient manuscripts record the number 616 instead of 666]

TABLE 1

Examples of Gematria for Neron Caesar and Nero Caesar in Hebrew and Jesus in Greek
 [Hebrew letters are read from right to left]

nwrn rsq - (Neron Caesar)	wrn rsq - (Nero Caesar)	Iesous - Jesus
Q = 100	Q = 100	I = 10
S = 60	S = 60	E = 8
R = 200	R = 200	S = 200
N = 50	N = 50	O = 70
R = 200	R = 200	U = 400
W = 6	W = 6	S = 200
<u>N = 50</u>		
Total 666	Total 616	Total 888

TABLE 2

The gematria of Roman numerals

I	1
V	5
X	10
L	50
C	100
D	<u>500</u>
Total	666

The total of the Roman numbers is 666 [the 'M' for 1,000 is two 'Ds' back to back; there are only 6 Roman numerals]. 666 is the number of the Beast. Caesar was Rome and Rome was Caesar and Caesar claimed to be a god. The word for "god" in Greek is *theos*. Caesar god in Greek is kaisar theos. The gematria is:

K	20
A	1
I	10
S	200
A	1
R	100
TH	9
E	5
O	70
S	200
Total	616

- 666 is a trinity of 6s; never to be a 7
- 6 is the number of man, especially as man in rebellion against God:

- Goliath was 6 cubits and a span ([1 Samuel 17:4](#))
- King Nebuchadnezzar erected a statue of himself to be worshipped. It was 60 cubits high and 6 cubits across ([Daniel 3:1](#))

The number seven, however, represents perfection, fullness and completion - especially perfection through the work of the Holy Spirit. In [Revelation 19:16](#) there are two titles for Christ which St. John reveals to us form one "name." Is he telling us to add the words together to determine the gematria of the titles? The gematria of "King of kings, Lord of lords" in Aramaic (leaving out the "and") equals 777 - a trinity of perfection in contrast to the Beast's number 666 which will never achieve perfection.

The significance of numbers in Holy Scripture is far greater than just the numerical value of each individual number. Deciphering and discerning that significance only adds to the mystery and wonder of the study of Sacred Scripture. But Sacred Scripture, the written word, cannot be separated from the Living Word, Jesus Christ. In the study of the words of God written down for us in human terms that we can understand, we cannot begin to understand the spiritual meaning of the one without a living union with the other, our Savior Jesus the Christ. And it is through the great and true teacher God the Holy Spirit, who was sent to us by God the Son, that the truth and wonder of God's works will be revealed to us.

*Great are the works of Yahweh,
to be treasured for all their delights.
-[Psalms 111:2](#)*

APPENDIX:

Greek Letter Number Equivalents

There are 24 letters in the Greek alphabet and there are an additional three symbols that are finals not letters.

There are 24 Greek letters but to make up for the necessary number equivalents the final 's', called "stigma", was designated for the number 6. For some unexplained reason it was taken as a number symbol for 6 out of the letter sequence. Two arbitrary symbols were also added called respectively Koppa, for 90, and Sampi, for 900.

Qoppa (uppercase **Q**, lowercase **q**) is an obsolete letter of the Greek alphabet and had a numeric value of 90. It has been attested in early Aeolic and Boeotian scripts, but became altogether extinct by pre-Classical times. There are two very different glyphs for qoppa: "archaic Qoppa" (Q q) used to write words and "Numeric Qoppa" (Ϟ ϟ) used in modern Greek legal documentation. Qoppa was originally borrowed from the Phoenicians, who had /q/ in their language. It was later imported into the Etruscan alphabet, and was eventually adopted into the Latin alphabet in its current form, 'Q'. It was also adopted into the early Cyrillic alphabet as koppa (Ϙ, ϙ).

Sampi is an obsolete letter of the Greek alphabet that had the numerical value of 900 when used as a mathematical character. The name "sampi" seems to come from *[o]sàn pî*: "like pi." Another name formerly used for this archaic letter was **Disigma** because of the phoneme it represented, /ss/ or /ks/.

Hebrew Letter Number Equivalent

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

* last 5 symbols are finals not letters. The Hebrew alphabet consists of 22 letters. The 5 finals were added to make up three series of 9 or 27 symbols to provide adequate number equivalents.

5 is the number of "grace" in the symbolism of numbers in Scripture. The 5 Greek words form the acrostic phrase "Jesus Christ, God's Son Savior," taking first letter of each Greek word yields the word "fish" in Greek: Iota, Chi, Theta, Epsilon, Sigma = ichthys, **FISH**, an early Christian symbol.

GOD'S ACCURACY

How lovely to think about the way our Creator God planned everything so carefully and perfectly, everything with a plan.

As His highest creation, "we are fearfully and wonderfully made."

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example, the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;

Those of the canary in 14 days;

Those of the barnyard hen in 21 days.

The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;

Those of the mallard in 35 days.

The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven).

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant.

The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of strips on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

The Lord specified thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold --all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linneus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of

soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence. Only the God-planned life is successful.

Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe (E. W. Bullinger).

Recommended Reading:

1. The Handbook of Biblical Chronology, Jack Finegan; Hendrickson Publishers
2. Numbers in Scripture: Its Supernatural Design and Spiritual Significance, E.W. Bullinger; Kregel Publications.
3. The Stromata, Clement of Alexandria; Ante-Nicene Fathers: Volume 2; Hendrickson Publishers.

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