

A STUDY OF NUMBERS

- One** stands for Supremacy-Exclusiveness. One is the number of GOD Duet. 6:4 (one Lord “Jehovah, Saviour”) 1Cor. 8:6 (one GOD, one Christ) Eph. 4:4-6 (one Body, one Spirit) 1Tim. 2:5 (one GOD, one Mediator).
- Two** stands for distinctiveness and hence adequate testimony and fellowship when in agreement. Duet. 19:15 (By the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses), Josh. 2:1 (Joshua sent out 2 spies), Mat. 18:20 (Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in My Name), 2 Cor. 13:1 (By the mouths of 2 or 3 witnesses every word shall be established), Heb 6:17-18 (That by 2 immutable things, in which it is impossible for GOD to lie).
- Three** stands for Divine Fullness or Completeness and hence perfection in in testimony. Matt. 3:16-17 (the Father, the Spirit, the Son), Matt. 17:4 (let us make here 3 tabernacles), 1 John 5:7-8 (for there are 3 who bear witness in heaven) Three is also the number of resurrection and newness of life.
- Four** stands for the number of Completeness in that which is created or ordained by GOD. (Definition of ordained = decreed, enacted, destined) 4 Gospels, (Matt. As the Trespass Offering, Mark as the Sin Offering, Like as the Peace Offering, and John as the Burnt Offering. In addition, Matt. presents Christ as King, Mark presents Christ as a Servant, Like presents Christ as the GOD/Man/Saviour, and John presents Christ as the Good Shepherd, the great I AM. Ezek. 1:5-8 (4 living creatures), Rev. 4:6 (4 living creatures), Rev. 20:8 (4 corners of the earth).
- Five** stands for human weakness in it’s appreciation of obligation. Lev. 26:3-46 (the key here is “IF”). Verse 8, (5 will chase 100), verse 14, “But” starts out 5 levels of 7 plaques. (each plaque is multiplied upon another “IF” they don’t obey, up until the 7th time) 1st phase verses 14-17, 2nd phase verses 18-20, 3rd phase verses 21-22, 4th phase verses 23-26, 5th phase verses 27-35. (NOTE: Israel got kicked out of their land 2 times during the Babylonian captivity and at 70 AD. 2 stands for adequate testimony) John 6:9 (5 barley loaves), John 6:10 (5 thousand), 1 Cor. 14:19 (5 words of understanding).
- Six** stands for incompleteness, imperfection, or one short of perfection, thus six is the number of Man. 1 Kings 10:19-20 (steps to Solomon’s throne, man’s throne!), John 2:6 (6 waterpots purified according to the manner of the Jews).
- Seven** stands for spiritual completeness and perfection. Generally for good, but occasionally for evil. Prov. 26:16 (seven men), Rev. 1:4 (seven churches), John 2 (1st of seven signs), John 4 (2nd of seven signs), John 5 (3rd of seven signs), John 6 (4th of seven signs), John 6:15-21 (5th of seven signs), John 9 (6th of seven signs), John 11 (7 of seven signs). Rev. 16 (7 bowls). These numbers don’t always “run” right up to you as a number persay, but leaves you with the responsibility to count

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times or events to see the number and thus get a deeper understanding from the verse or verses.

Eight stands for a new order, a new departure outside of, but connected with creation order, hence in resurrection. 1 Peter 3:20 (eight souls were saved thru water), Rev. 17:11 (the beast which was, and himself going into perdition).

Ten stands for the complete ground of human responsibility. Gen. 14:20 (and gave him a tithe of all), (tithe = 1/10th or 10%), Matt. 25 (parable of 10 virgins).

Twelve stands for completeness administratively, that is what is set forth or displayed toward man. Matt. 19:28 (12 thrones, 12 tribes) Rev. 12:1 (and on her head a garland of 12 stars), Mark 6:43 (12 baskets).

Forty stands for complete probation to bring to light good or evil. It also stands for a time of testing. Gen. 7:12 (rain on the earth 40 days and 40 nights) Gen. 7:17 (flood waters on the earth for 40 days), I'd like to list the following cases in scripture to correlate this;

Forty Days

- 1) Gen 7:17 length of flood
- 2) Gen. 50:2-3 Israel's embalming
- 3) Ex. 24:18 Moses on Mt. Sinai
- 4) Num. 13:25 Spies in Canaan
- 5) Deut. 9:25-29 Moses' prayer
- 6) 1 Sam. 17:16 Philistine arrogance
- 7) 1 Kings 19:2, 8 Elijah's fast
- 8) Jonah 3:4 Nineveh's probation
- 9) Luke 4:1-2 Christ's temptation
- 10) Acts 1:3 Christ's ministry after His resurrection

Forty Stripes

- 1) Deut. 25:3 Limit for scourging
- 2) 2 Cor. 11:24 Paul's, one less than

Forty Years

- 1) Gen. 25:20 Isaac's age at marriage
- 2) Ex. 16:35 Israel's diet
- 3) Num. 32:13 Israel's wanderings
- 4) Deut. 29.5 Wore same sandals for
- 5) Judge's 3:11 period of rest
- 6) Ezek. 29:11-13 Egypt's desolation
- 7) Acts 13:21 Saul's reign
- 8) 1 Kings 2:11 David's reign
- 9) 1 Kings 11:42 Solomon's reign

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As I have listed the last few examples for the number Forty, it makes us aware that there is many more supporting numbers to associate the correlated numbers in this study with additional

scripture verses. I have given only a few to whet your appetite. These numbers can be multiplied and divided by each other to get even a deeper understanding or a wider explanation of the text. These also are not a complete listing of the number system in the Bible but are listed to show that there is another way to study and reveal GOD'S word into a deeper understanding. An example would be $4 \times 10 = 40$. 4 stands for completeness ordained by GOD, and 10 stands for human responsibility. Thus, 40 days in the flood waters reveals it was ordained by GOD in relation to man's responsibility or sin that the flood occurred. Another example is 6 and 7. Prov. 6:16-19 (6 things the Lord does hate, yea 7 is an abomination to HIM). 6 stands for imperfection in man while 7 stands for completeness or perfection. Thus GOD'S TOTAL hatred for man's sin.

Not only may these numbers be added, subtracted, multiplied and divided by each other, but also associated with each other to bring out a greater meaning. May GOD bless your studying of HIS Divine Revelation.

May I offer some great books to use and to study with. F.W. Grant made this study his life's work and he wrote many books on it which may be acquired from Loizeaux Brothers bookstore in Neptune, NJ. First and foremost is his work in a seven (completeness?) volume set called The Numerical Bible. Second is a handbook called The Numerical Structure of Scripture and last is also a hand book called The Numbers in the Bible. His three (Divine fullness or completeness hence perfection in testimony?) works all lead to a deep understanding and I encourage you to study, "Be diligent to present yourselves approved to GOD, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. I also recommend the color chart from the same bookstore called A Course of Time From Eternity to Eternity. This along with the booklet from A.H. Booth explains the 7 day creation with the 7 dispensations theory in the Bible from the beginning of time to the end of time. An excellent study! **Rich Desmond**