

## Are Numbers in the Bible Important?

### Numerology

- places meaning on numbers - some deeper or secret meaning
- Assign symbolic reference to the numbers - distort or twist Scripture and make it say things that the Scripture was never intended to say
- Look for hidden messages and don't study the Bible - divination
- Use it to decide what they should do in certain situations

### What are they talking about?

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- independent of any other number - isn't prime but it's not compound either - stands on its own
- Unity and primacy (coming first)
- Oneness of Godhead (Dt 6:4)
- Unity of God and Jesus (Jn 10:30)
- Jesus was a singular sacrifice for our sins - once for all
- One mediator between God and man (I Tim 2:5)

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- used 467 times
- Completeness
- 3 wisemen's gifts
- Jesus in grave 3 days
- Jonah - 3 days in the belly of fish
- Satan, Antichrist, false prophet
- 3 on the Road to Emmaus
- 3 on the crosses
- 3 temptations in wilderness
- 3 in the trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- 3 times Peter denied Jesus
- 3 times Jesus called Peter to task
- Job 3 friends
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- James, John, Peter (Mt of Transfiguration)
- 3 books
- 3 unclean spirits that would deceive the world
- 2 witness laid in the streets 3 days
- 3 heavens
- 3 feast times that the Jews needed to go to Jerusalem
- 3 sieges of Jerusalem by Babylon
- 3 men thrown into fire

- Jesus prayed in the garden 3 times
  - placed on the cross in the 3rd hour of the day (9 AM)
  - Died on the 9th hour of the day (3 PM)
  - From hour 6-9 there was darkness - 3 hours
- Paul prayed 3 times for the thorn to be removed
- 3 women named at the feet of Jesus
- Sheets came down 3 times and 3 men looking for Peter
  - Cornelius prayed 3 days ago
  - Prayed at 3 in the afternoon
- Daniel waited 3 weeks for answer - prayed 3 times a day
- 3 yr old animals for sacrifice
- Esther fasted for 3 days

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- used 860 times in the Bible
- Completeness and perfection
- Tied to the creation week
  - Jewish tradition places creation on 1st day of 7th month
  - Created is used 7 times in the creation account
  - 7 days in the week
  - 7th day was the Sabbath
- 7 churches in Revelation (lamp stands)
  - 7 seals, trumpets, bowls, plagues, angels
- Forgive 7 times 70
- Jacob served for 7 years
- 7 years of tribulation
- 7 feast days
- Joshua marched around 7 days, 7 times on the 7th day
- Naaman dipped in Jordan 7 times
- Nebuchadnezzar's time as a wild beast
- 7 spirits - Rev 5:6
- Mary Magdalene 7 spirits cast out
- Cain - if you touched him you would be punished 7 times
- 7 heads on the beast
- 7 clean animals taken into the ark
- Prov 6:16-19 - 7 things the Lord hates

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- used 321 times
- Testimony, law, responsibility, completeness of order
- 10 commandments
- 10 horns on the beast in Daniel

- 10 talents
- Day of Atonement - 10th day of 7th month
- 10 plagues of Egypt
- Passover Lamb selected on the 10th day of the 1st month
- 10 kings, 10 toes
- 10 generations before the flood
- Gen 1 - God said shows up 10 times

## 12

- 187 places
- Perfection, God's power and authority, perfect governmental foundation
- 12 tribes of Israel (12 sons)(12 stars)
- 12 gates - New Heaven
- 12 disciples
- 12 months
- 12 stones on the ephod
- 12 loaves
- 12 sheathes
- 12 baskets of left overs
- Jesus was 12 when they went to Jerusalem
- 12 princes of Ishmael
- 12,000 for 12 tribes = 144,000
- 12 spies

## 40

- 146 times
- Period of testing, trial, probation
- Flood - 40 days and 40 nights
- 40 years in wilderness - Israel
- Jesus' temptation - fasted 40 days
- Moses - 40 years in Egypt, 40 years with the sheep, 40 years wandering, on mountain 40 days and 40 nights, spied out land for 40 days
- Jesus appeared to people after resurrection for 40 days
- Saul, David and Solomon - reigned 40 years
- Other kings and judges - ruled 40 years
- Elijah fasted for 40 days
- Ezekiel laid on his side for 40 days
- Goliath came against Israel for 40 days

## 666

- incompleteness and imperfection
- Number in man
- Mark of the beast - 666 - anti-christ
- Adversaries of God
  - Goliath
    - Height was 6 cubits
    - 6 pieces of armor
    - Spear head was 600 shekels of iron
  - Nebuchadnezzar
    - 60 cubits high
    - 6 cubits wide
- Three 6's
  - 1st 6 - False religion under Satan's lead
  - 2nd 6 - false government of the world
  - 3rd 6 - mankind's self-centered economical system