

NUMBERS IN SCRIPTURE

I. **One** is the number of **Divine Unity**.

A. Deut. 6:4 says, "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"

II. **Two** is the number of **Witness**.

A. 2 Cor 13:1 says, "This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES."

B. Luke 10:1 says, "Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come." Mark 14:13-15; Mat 21:1-3;

III. **Three** is the number of **Divine Perfection**.

A. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

B. 1 Thes 5:23 says, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

C. Three angels named in Scripture, Gabriel, Michael and "the star of the morning, the son of the dawn". Isa 14:12 says, "How you have fallen from heaven, **O star of the morning**, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!"

IV. **Four** is the number of the **World**.

- A. Four corners of the earth and four points of the compass.
 - B. Gen 2:10-14 says, "Now **a river** flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became **four rivers**. The name of the **first is Pishon**; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. And the name of the **second river is Gihon**; it flows around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the **third river is Tigris**; it flows east of Assyria. And the **fourth river is the Euphrates**."
- V. **Five** is the number of **Grace**.
- A. 1 Sam 17:40 says, "And he took his stick in his hand and chose for himself **five smooth stones** from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine." (Read entire story of David and Goliath)
- VI. **Six** is the number of **Man**.
- A. Gen 1:27-31 says, "And **God created man** in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the

earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, **the sixth day**.

VII. **Seven** is the number of **Spiritual Perfection**.

- A. Gen 2:2-3 says, "And by the **seventh** day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."
- B. Gen 8:4 says, "And in the **seventh** month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat."

VIII. **Eight** is the number of **Beginning Again**.

- A. In music octave, the eight note is the first note beginning the octave again.
- B. We know that Jesus died on Friday and was raised three days later which was on Sunday. Sunday is the first day of the week and it is the first day of a week as it begins again. **Mat 20:18-19** says, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on **the third day** He will be raised up."

IX. **Nine** is the number of **Spiritual Completion**.

- A. Gen 17:1 says, “Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless.”
- B. Gen 17:24 says, “ Now Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.”
- C. Mat 18:12-13 says, “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.”

X. **Ten** is the number of **Responsibility**.

- A. Exodus 34:28 says, “So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Commandments**.”

XI. **Eleven** is the number of **Disorganization**.

- A. Deut. 1:2-3 says, “It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. And it came about in the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD had commanded him to give to them...” Due to the disorganization and grumbling in following God out of Egypt, the mixed multitude wandered in the desert all dying before entering the land which God had promised Israel with the

exceptions of Joshua and Caleb.

XII. **Twelve** is the number of **Governmental Perfection**.

- A. Twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of the church are examples of this. Gen 17:20 says, “And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of **twelve** princes, and I will make him **a great nation**.”

XIII. **Thirteen** is the number of **Rebellion**.

- A. Gen 14:4 says, “Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the **thirteenth** year they rebelled.”

XIV. **Fourteen** is the number of **Salvation** (or deliverance).

- A. Gen 31:47-55 especially verse 52. Laban and Jacob promised to deliver each other from the others wrath. This is salvation or being delivered harm of the other.

XV. **Fifteen** is the number of **Rest**.

- A. Gen 7:20-22 says, “The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered. And **all flesh** that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, **died**.” This is to cease from the activities of your daily life and to enter rest.

XVI. **Sixteen** is the number of **Love**.

- A. Gen 46:18 says, These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.” Certainly love is part of bearing children for the elect of God.

XVII. **Seventeen** is the number of **Victory**.

XVIII. **Eighteen** is the number of **Bondage**.

XIX. **Nineteen** is the number of **Faith**.

XX. **Twenty** is the number of **Redemption**.

- A. 1 Sam 7:2-3 says, “And it came about from the day that the ark remained at Kiriath-jearim that the time was long, for it was **twenty years**; and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the LORD and serve Him alone; and **He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.**"

XXI. **Twenty two** is the number of **Light**.

- A. Twenty two knobs, knolls and buds on the lampstand in the Holy Place.

XXII. **Thirty** is the number of **Blood**.

- A. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Mat 26:14-16

XXIII. **Forty** is the number of **Judgment/Trial**.

- A. It rained by the judgment of God for forty days and nights upon the earth. Gen 7:4

XXIV. **Fifty** is the number of **Liberty**.

- A. Lev 25:11-13 says, “You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee; you shall not sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in from its untrimmed vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its crops out of the field. On this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property.”
- B. Lev 25:28 says, “But if he has not found sufficient means to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hands of its purchaser until the year of jubilee; but at the jubilee it shall revert, that he may return to his property.”

XXV. **One Hundred** is the number of **Divine Election**.

- A. Judges 20:10 says, “And we will take 10 men out of **100** throughout the tribes of Israel, and **100** out of 1,000, and 1,000 out of 10,000 to supply food for the people, that when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, they may punish them for all the disgraceful acts that they have committed in Israel. Thus all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united as one man.”
- B. 2 Sam 8:4-6 says, “And David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers; and David hamstringed the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for **100 chariots**. And when the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David killed 22,000 Arameans. Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to David, bringing tribute. **And the LORD helped David wherever he went.**

XXVI. **One Thousand** is the number of **Divine Rest**.

- A. Gen 20:14-18 says, “Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and **restored his wife Sarah to him**. And Abimelech said, ‘Behold, my land is before you; settle wherever you please.’ And to Sarah he said, ‘Behold, I have given your brother **a thousand pieces** of silver; behold, it is your vindication before all who are with you, and before all men you are cleared.’ And **Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids**, so that they bore children. For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.” Abimelech experienced rest from the judgment of God by restoring Sarah to Abraham. This rest was granted to him from God.

I will leave the above numbers without Scripture references for you to study out as it will be good training exercise. Remember you must see the number in the context of what is happening in the text in which you find the number.