

THE NUMERICAL PRINCIPLE

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1. **Definition:** The principle by which the interpretation of a verse or passage in Scripture containing numbers is aided by recognition of the symbolic significance of the numbers involved.
2. **Amplification:** It is impossible to read the Scriptures without noticing the continuous use of numbers. God Himself is the Divine Creator of numbers, and He has stamped His numerical seal upon the whole of creation. The same seal has been placed upon His book – The Holy Bible.
3. **God and Numbers:**
 - a. Job 14:16 “For now thou numberest my steps..”
 - b. Psalms 90:12 “So teach us to number our days...”
 - c. Psalms 147:4 “He telleth the number of the stars..”
 - d. Matt. 10:30 “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”
 - e. Psalms 90:10 “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years.”
 - f. Daniel 5:26 Dan 5:26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.
4. These few verses and many more point out the fact that God is in the business of numbering. This is seen more clearly in His dealings with Israel. Israel's whole existence was governed by numbers. This was especially evident in the Tabernacle of Moses, the Feasts of the Lord and the Ceremonial and Civil Laws. (Exodus 25-40).

NUMBER ONE

1. **The Number One:** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord (Deut 6:4).

2. Number one is a primary number; all other numbers depend upon the number one. It precedes and produces all other numbers; that every digit is dependent upon number **ONE**.
3. Number ONE is God's number; without Him nothing could exist. "In the beginning, God..." No creator-no creation. No designer – no design. Without a former, there can be no formation. No Saviour can mean only one thing no salvation. **"And He is before all things and by Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17).**
4. **There cannot be two firsts:** The number two confirms that there is a difference. We are admonished to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness'."
 - a. Rev. 1:17-18 "I Am the First and the Last"
 - b. Eph. 4:4-6 "One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God.."
 - c. Col 1:16 "For by Him were all things crested..."
(For by Him was created the universe)

5. **The Number ONE Excludes all other Numbers**

- a. Only He has all power; only He is all knowing and without Him the world would not have been created. No man would have been formed, no heaven prepared for those who are saved.
6. **He Supersedes all who claim to be God:** All the man made god's, and one day He will bring to understanding that He alone is God and His name is Jesus.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

- a. Isaiah 44:6 "I AM the first, and I AM the last, and beside me there is no God."
- b. Isaiah 45:5 "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou has not known me."
- c. Isaiah 45:21 "There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me."

d. Rev. 1:8 “I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was and which is to come the Almighty.

e. Zech. 14:9 “And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.

7. **The Number ONE Stands Alone:** Number one stands alone, independent of all other numbers. God is independent; we are dependent. We need Him, and without Him we are and can do nothing.

Isa 43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

NUMBER TWO AFFIRMS A DIFFERENCE

Lev 20:24 “...I *am* the LORD your God, which have separated you from *other* people.”

1. **Number TWO is a number of Division and separation:**
2. **Genesis Chapter One shows God’s division and separation:**
 - a. The earthly waters are divided from the heavenly waters.
 - b. God divided light from darkness (here lies the principle between the saved and the unsaved. Light and darkness do not mix).
3. **The human race is divided into TWO classes:** Those in Christ and those outside of Christ.

- a. Saved
- b. Unsaved

4. **The difference between the First Man Adam and the Second Man Adam.**

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

- a. The First Man Adam failed and plunged us into sin, the Second Man Adam brought Salvation and eternal life.

5. **A difference between the clean and the unclean:**

Lev 10:10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you.

OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT
EXAMPLES OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE
NUMBER TWO

1. **The Two Birds:** (Lev. 14: 1-7) The Law of the leper, One bird slain, one bird set free.
2. **The Two Goats:** (Lev. 16:15-22) (Scapegoat) One slain one set free.
3. **The Two Masters:** God and Satan
4. **The Two Covenants:** Old and the New
5. **The Two Natures:** Carnal nature and Divine Nature (God in you).

DIFFERENCE OF BIBLE CHARACTERS

1. Cain and Able
2. Jacob and Esau
3. Ishmael and Isaac
4. Queen Vishti and Queen Esther
5. David and Jonathan

PAUL PUTS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AREAS OF SEPARATION

(2 Cor. 6:14)

1. Righteousness and unrighteousness
2. Light and darkness
3. Christ and Belial
4. Believer with an infidel
5. Temple of God and idols

SPIRITUAL ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Law and Grace
2. Christ and Antichrist
3. Good and Evil
4. Leavened and Unleavened
5. Natural Bodies and Spiritual bodies
6. First and Last
7. Mote and the Beam
8. Straight Gate and the narrow way
9. Way of life and the way of death
10. God tree and the Corrupt Tree
11. Wise man and the foolish man

THE LORD PUTS GREAT MEN TOGETHER SETS OF TWO

1. Joshua and Caleb
2. Moses and Aaron
3. Elijah and Elisha
4. Paul and Barnabas

5. Peter and John

TWO PLACES OF ETERNAL SEPARATION

1. Heaven and Hell

NUMBER THREE

The number of union, approval, completeness and perfection and redemption.

1. Body, soul and spirit
2. Blood, water and Spirit
3. Repent, baptism and Holy Ghost
4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
5. Father, Word, and Holy Ghost

1Jo 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: **and these three are one.**

Joh 10:30 I and *my* Father are one.

Joh 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Joh 10:32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Joh 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

THREEFOLD TESTING OF MAN

1. Lust of the Flesh
2. Lust of the Eye
3. Pride of Life

THREE ENEMIES OF MAN

1. World
2. Flesh
3. Devil

JESUS ON THE CROSS

1. Three hours in light
2. Three hours in darkness

THREEFOLD CONSECRATION

1. To Hear God
2. To Serve God
3. To walk with God

THE NUMBER FORTY

Number of probation, testing, and trial.

1. Rained forty days and forty nights
2. Forty days Moses went up to the mount at the giving of the Law
3. Forty days the spies were in the Land
4. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness forty days
5. Jesus was forty days on the earth with His disciples after the resurrection.
6. Forty years after the crucifixion came the destruction of Jerusalem.

THE NUMBER FIFTY

Is the number of salvation, liberation, and is used approximately three hundred times in the Word.

1. **Pentecost was fifty days after the Passover**, when was fully come, 3,000 souls were saved.
2. **The fiftieth year was the year of Jubilee**: The year of liberation and restoration.