

THE NUMERICAL PRINCIPLE (LESSON #3)

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REVIEW

1. The number SIX is man's number and brings to light the sad state of human incompleteness. Man was created on the sixth day. God said that six days would mark the number of man's labor. Six is significant of man as trusting in his own powers and believing that he can get along without God's help.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

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For all have sinned : - And consequently are equally helpless and guilty; and, as God is no respecter of persons, all human creatures being equally his offspring, and there being no reason why one should be preferred before another, therefore his endless mercy has embraced All.

And come short of the glory of God - These words have been variously translated. Failed of attaining the glory of God: Have not been able to bring glory to God: Stand in need of the glory, that is, the mercy of God. The simple meaning seems to be this: that all have sinned, and none can enjoy God's glory but they that are holy; consequently both Jews and Gentiles have failed in their endeavors to attain it, as, by the works of any law, no human being can be justified.

THE NUMBER SEVEN IN SCRIPTURE

1. The number SEVEN is a number of divine fullness, perfection, and completeness. It is one of the perfect numbers and comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to be complete," "to be full," "to be satisfied," "to have enough."

HUMAN BODY

1. It is interesting to note the number seven in the body. The human body is composed of seven tissues: brain, nerve, blood, etc. There are seven parts to the body: four limbs, head, neck and trunk. Seven holes in your head: two ears, two eyes, two in the nose, and one in the mouth. There are seven ribs connected to the breastbone one each side. There are seven bones in each wrist, seven muscles between the bones in the hands and feet. When we were seven months old we began to cut our teeth. When we were seven years old we began to lose them. The list goes on.

WHAT THE SCRIPTURE HAS TO SAY ABOUT SEVEN?

1. The book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible, which fills up and completes the Scripture. It fills the Word of God full and nothing can be added.
2. In the Book of Revelation we find seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven vials, seven dooms, and seven new things. There are seven glories of the glorified Christ. His head, his hairs, eyes, feet, hands, mouth and countenance.

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Rev 1:14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.

3. **Seven Blessings:** (Rev. 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14).

- a. Rev 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.
 - b. Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.
 - c. Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
 - d. Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.
 - e. Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
 - f. (Rev 22:7) Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the saying of the prophecy of this book.
 - g. Rev 22:14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
4. The word “Jesus” is found seven times in the Book of Revelation
 5. The vengeance and wrath of God are found seven times, the word “Dragon” is found thirteen times, and that is the number of evil.
 6. **The Keyword to the book of Hebrews is “better.”** There are seven better things in Hebrews: covenant, promise, substitute, hope, sacrifice, word, and resurrection.

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

7. Seven Walks in Ephesians, Seven precious things in Peter, Naaman had to dip seven times in the Jordan. Seven miracles are recorded in John's Gospel

8. In Isaiah 11:2, there is a seven-fold description of the Spirit of the Lord resting upon our Lord

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

9. Seven Gifts are given in Romans 12:6-8: prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhorting, giving, ruling, and showing mercy.

10. There are seven men in the bible who lived to be over 900 years of age. Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Jared, Methuselah, and Noah, the perfect man as seventh. Lamech, the father of Noah, is marked by an age of 777 years.

THE NUMBER EIGHT

1. Number EIGHT is the number of resurrection.

2. Noah's Ark, a type of Christ, passed through the water, a picture of death. When the ark rested on Mt. Ararat there came out eight people – that is resurrection. Water is also a type of Baptism, death to the old life, and Holy Ghost resurrection into a new life.

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

3. The number EIGHT is also a number of new beginnings:
4. The sign of circumcision was placed on a Jewish child on the eighth day, the sign of separation and new beginnings.
5. In reading through the Word we find eight cases of resurrection mentioned, apart from our Lord's resurrection and those saints that came out of their graves at that time. There are three references in the Old Testament, three in the Gospels, and two in the book of Acts.
6. There are many more beautiful uses of the number eight which you will discover on more of your studies of the Bible. For example – David was the eighth son of Jesse, while Solomon was the eighth son of David. Both of these are pictures or types of Christ. Who is the Resurrection and the Life. Bethlehem, where Christ was born, is mentioned exactly eight times in the New Testament.