

Intro to Dreams, Visions, Tattoos, and Strange Events

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Week 3: Biblical Numerology

Numbers are important in God's world. His Word is filled with detailed descriptions of events, prophecies, visions, dreams, and more... and most of these include numbers. If numbers weren't important, God wouldn't have included so many of them in His Word!

The fact is that God's Kingdom is very orderly. We don't always understand His order, but we study it anyway and ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand. We always want to be moving from glory to glory and from faith to faith. As the Holy Spirit brings us into greater understanding of His Kingdom principles, we begin to emulate His order in our lives.

Because God's Kingdom is an orderly Kingdom, His numbers have specific meanings. You will find that every time a specific number is used in the Bible, it means a certain thing.

As we discussed last week, there's an unholy substitute for every holy thing. The world plays with numerology in an unholy way. We're not going to get into New Age numerology, but we will learn God's language of numbers so we can hear from God better.

How do we know we'll be learning numbers God's way? What's our Test—our True North? God's Word! (Encourage the class to memorize this verse!)

"To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

How to handle numbers:

1. **Each number could have an individual meaning.**
2. **You could arrive at the meaning by adding the numbers together.**
 - 2.1. (Example: 18 = established blessings because it's 2, multiplication, times 9, which is the number of the Holy Spirit)
3. **A number could represent a Scripture verse.**
 - 3.1. Tell Bill Johnson's story about Isaiah 30:8 here. *Isaiah 30:8: "Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for time to come, forever and ever:"*
 - 3.2. My dream about the Guild; 7:17: *Luke 7:16-17, which talks about the widow of Nain and how Jesus raised up her son: "Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region."* God spoke that Scripture to me to tell me about raising up His sons and daughters to send the report of His greatness abroad through media (writing).
 - 3.3. 333 could represent Jeremiah 33:3
 - 3.4. When you see a number that you think might be a Scripture verse, look up different options in different combinations. For example, "123" could mean Psalm 12:3, or it could mean Psalm 1:2-3 (or similar verses in any other book).
4. **A number could represent a zip code or an area code.**

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5. Pray about the numbers, and play with them a little bit if you need to! The right answer will jump out at you if you'll study into it!

Remember:

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter"
(Proverbs 25:2).

Meanings of numbers:

1. **1 = God. Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"**
 - 1.1. This is the Shema, the central prayer of the Jewish prayer book. Jews are obligated to repeat this prayer once each morning and once each evening.
 - 1.2. The number 1 is not made up of anything else, and it is indivisible. God is made up of nothing else except Himself, and He is indivisible.
 - 1.3. The number 1 when used as an ordinal number represents the first, and God is the first.
 - 1.4. Notice the literal application here. God was kind enough to tell us that the number one represents Him, in those exact words! Sometimes Scriptures are very literal. We often think of them as figurative, but only until the literal thing happens to us!
 - 1.5. Example of Bill Johnson getting literally covered with feathers. *Psalm 91:4: "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."* "It's only figurative because it hasn't happened to you."
2. **2 = Multiplication, division, restoration, double portion.**
 - 2.1. Two is a number that can be divided into two equal increments of one.
 - 2.2. God created male and female in pairs to multiply. *Genesis 1:27-28: "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*
 - 2.3. On the 2nd day of Creation, there was division: *Genesis 1:6-8: "Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day."*
 - 2.4. Interesting to note that when God makes things in pairs, He makes each part of the pair with its function.
 - 2.4.1. Example: Sun and moon: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night.
 - 2.4.2. Another example: Husband and wife.
 - 2.5. Restoration & double portion:
 - 2.5.1. Double portion: *Exodus 16:5: "And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."*

- 2.5.2. Restoration & double portion: *Isaiah 61:7: "Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs."*
- 2.5.3. Restoration & double portion: *Zechariah 9:12: "Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you."*

3. 3 = The Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

- 3.1. *Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."*
- 3.2. *1 John 5:7: "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."*
- 3.3. Seeing numbers in triplicate frequently means God's stamp or signature is on the message. He's saying, "Look out! Pay attention to this! This is from Me!"

4. 4 = God's creative works

- 4.1. The 4 winds of the earth, with 4 angels holding back the 4 winds. *Revelation 7:1: "After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree."*
- 4.2. The 4 corners of the earth: north, south, east, and west.
- 4.3. River that went out of Eden and became 4 riverheads: the Tigris, Euphrates, Pishon (the Ganges according to Josephus), and the Gihon (the Nile according to Josephus). (*Genesis 2:10-14.*)
- 4.4. Four seasons
- 4.5. The men who formed the 12 tribes of Israel were born from four women.
- 4.6. Four creatures surround God's throne (*Revelation 4:6-7*).

5. 5 = Grace / redemption

- 5.1. Five kinds of animals were sacrificed under the Mosaic law: sheep, goats, cattle, pigeons, doves. These sacrifices pushed the sins of the people one more year toward the cross.ⁱ
- 5.2. The pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the man who had had an infirmity 38 years, had 5 porches and is recorded in John chapter 5 (verses 1-9). "Bethesda" means "House of kindness."
- 5.3. The 5th kingdom shown in Nebuchadnezzar's dream was the Kingdom of God that would stand forever. *Daniel 2:44: "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."*

6. 6 = Man.

- 6.1. *Genesis 1:24-31.* Man was created on the 6th day of Creation.
- 6.2. Man is to work 6 days out of 7. (*Exodus 31:15; also Exodus 20:9: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work..."*)

7. 7 = Perfection, completion.

- 7.1. God rested on the 7th day and hallowed it (and never started working again, by the way). *Genesis 2:1-3: "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And*

on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

8. 8 = New beginnings (Teacher)

- 8.1. The Hebrew word for 8, “sh’moneh,” is from the root word meaning “to make fat,” which means to super-abound.
- 8.2. The 8th day is the beginning of a new series of days.
- 8.3. It’s also the beginning of a new octave on the scale.
- 8.4. Eight people were saved in Noah’s Ark, through which the Lord gave the earth a new beginning. Genesis 7:13: *“On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark...”*
- 8.5. The feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread, combined, followed each other and together lasted 8 days. These feasts marked the beginning of the liturgical year. Genesis 23:5-8: *“On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord’s Passover. ⁶ And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. ⁷ On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. ⁸ But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.”*
- 8.6. David was the 8th son of Jesse. 1 Samuel 16:10-13
- 8.7. The gematria (numbers that correspond to each letter) for Jesus’ name in Greek is 888; all names for Jesus are in multiples of 8. (i)

9. 9 = The number of the Holy Spirit; judgment (Evangelist)

- 9.1. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and judgment: John 16:7-11: *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”*
- 9.2. There are 9 fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23: *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”*
- 9.3. There are 9 gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10: *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”*

10. 10 = Journey, wilderness (Pastor)

- 10.1.

11. 11 = Transition (Prophet)

12. 12 = Government (Apostle)

- 12.1. Twelve tribes of Israel
- 12.2. Twelve times two elders (24 elders) around the throne in Heaven
- 12.3. Twelve gates of the New Jerusalem
- 12.4. Twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem
- 12.5. Twelve apostles of Jesus

13. 13 = Rebellion

- 13.1. Rebellion is the 6th prime number (6 being the number of man); a prime number can't be determined by multiplying anything else; no teamwork
- 13.2. The gematria for leaven is 13 in Hebrew. Leaven represents sin in the Bible. Matthew 16:6: *"Then Jesus said to them, 'Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.'"*

14. 14 = 7 times 2; double anointing.

- 14.1. The gematria for David's name equals 14; and David's name meant "beloved," which is how God the Father audibly referred to Jesus "This is My beloved son...." Christ literally meant the "Anointed One."

15. 15 = Reprieve / mercy (5 x 3 = grace granted by God)

16. 16 = Established beginnings

- 16.1. (2 x 8: the 2 meaning a thing is established per Pharaoh's dream; the 8 meaning new beginnings)

17. 17 = election

18. 18 = established blessings

- 18.1. (2, for multiplication, times 9, the number of the Holy Spirit)

25 = Begin ministry training

30 = begin ministry

37 = firstborn / prime number (3 x 37 = 111, and 111 means "My Beloved Son")

- 37° Celsius equals 98.6° Fahrenheit. What if God made us with His Own body temperature? What if our body temperature is His signature on His creation?

40 = the number of a generation; a completed rule; 40 years wandering in the wilderness

completed before the Israelites moved into the Promised Land. 40 days of Noah's flood, which completed the rule of the antediluvian world.

50 = the Jubilee year; deliverance; freedom

75 = going out: Genesis 12:4: "So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."

111 = "My Beloved Son"; three prime numbers

120 = the end of flesh (God pronounced judgment on men 120 years before the actual Flood occurred; 120 believers in the Upper Room when the Spirit was poured out)

153 = Kingdom multiplication; supernatural provision & supply. John 21:11: *"Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken."*

666 = full lawlessness. Revelation 13:18: *“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.”*

888 = resurrection

1,500 = light, power, authority

ⁱLearn more about some meanings of numbers here: but be careful, not all info is supported Biblically (e.g. Mary):
<http://www.agapebiblestudy.com/documents/the%20significance%20of%20numbers%20in%20scripture.htm>