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Biblical Topics—Numbers

One, the primary number, signifying absolute singleness (Exod. 4:4-6; Deut. 6:4; Eph. 4:4-6)

Two, the number of witness and support:

- a. Two great lights of creation (Gen. 1:16)
- b. Two angels at Sodom (Gen. 19:1)
- c. Two cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant (Exod. 25:22)
- d. The Ten Commandments written on two stones (Exod. 31:18)
- e. Two witnesses to establish a truth (Deut. 17:6; Matt. 26:60)
- f. The good report of the two spies at Kadesh (Num. 14:6)
- g. The spies at Jericho (Josh. 2:1)
- h. Two better than one (Eccl. 4:9)
- i. Jesus's disciples sent out two by two (Luke 10:1)
- j. Two angels attendant at the Resurrection (Luke 24:4)
- k. Two angels present at the Ascension (Acts 1:10)
- l. God's two immutable things (Heb. 6:18)
- m. The two tribulational witnesses (Rev. 11:3)

Three, the number of unity, of accomplishment, and of the universe:

- a. The unity of the human race traced to Noah's three sons (Gen. 6:10)
- b. Three days involved in the crossing of the Jordan (Josh. 1:11)
- c. Israel's three yearly feasts (Exod. 23:14, 17)
- d. Gideon's mighty victory accomplished through three bands of soldiers (Judg. 7:22)
- e. Three days of preparation for a revival in Ezra's time (Ezra 10:9)
- f. Three days involved in the decision to build the walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's time (Neh. 2:11)
- g. Esther's heart prepared for three days before meeting with the king (Esth. 4:16)
- h. Jonah in the fish's belly for three days (Jon. 1:17)
- i. Christ in the heart of the earth for three days (John 2:19)
- j. His earthly ministry of three years (Luke 13:7)
- k. The Trinity—Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- l. The tabernacle and the temple—outer court, inner court, Holy of Holies
- m. The offices of Christ—prophet, priest, king
- n. Salvation—justification, sanctification, glorification

Four, an earth-related number:

- a. Four directions—north, south, east, west
- b. Four seasons—summer, winter, fall, spring
- c. Four great earthly kingdoms (Dan. 7:3)
- d. Four kinds of spiritual soil (Matt. 13)
- e. Four horsemen of the Tribulation (Rev. 6)
- f. Fourfold earthly ministry of Christ—Matthew describes him as a king; Mark as a servant; Luke as a perfect man; John as the mighty God

Five, the number of grace

- a. Give Levitical offerings (Lev. 1-5)
- b. Five Israelites to chase 100 enemies (Lev. 26:8)
- c. Five wise virgins (Matt. 25:2)
- d. Five barley loaves used by Jesus to feed the 5000 (Matt. 14:17)

Six, the number of man

- a. Creation in six days (Gen. 1:31)
- b. Six cities of refuge (Num. 35:6)
- c. Israel marched around Jericho six times (Josh. 6:3)
- d. Goliath was six cubits and a span tall (over nine feet tall) (1 Sam. 17:4)
- e. The number of the Antichrist is 666 (Rev. 13:18)
- f. Nebuchadnezzar's statue was 60 cubits by 6 cubits (90 feet high and six feet wide) (Dan. 3:1)

Seven, the number of God, or divine perfection:

- a. God rested on the seventh day (Gen. 2:2)
- b. His word is as silver purified by fire seven times (Psa. 12:6)
- c. Seventy weeks (or years) are determined upon Israel (Dan. 9:24)
- d. Jesus taught Peter to forgive 70 times 7 (Matt. 18:22)
- e. There are seven miracles in the Gospel of John
- f. There were seven sayings on the cross
- g. John wrote to seven churches (Rev. 1:4)
- h. He saw seven golden candlesticks (Rev. 1:12)
- i. There are seven stars in Christ's hand (Rev. 1:16)
- j. The Father holds a seven-sealed book (Rev. 5:1)
- k. Seven angels pronounce judgment in the Tribulation (Rev. 8:2)

Eight, the new beginning number:

- a. Eight were saved from the Flood (Gen. 7:13, 23)
- b. Circumcision was to be performed on the eighth day (Gen. 17:12)
- c. Thomas saw Jesus eight days after the Resurrection (John 20:26)

Nine, the fullness of blessing number

- a. The fruit of the Spirit is ninefold (Gal. 5:22, 23)
- b. Sarah was 90 at the birth of Isaac (Gen. 17:17)
- c. There are 18 gifts of the Spirit (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4)

Ten, the human government number:

- a. The revived Roman Empire will consist of ten nations (Dan. 7:24; Rev. 17:12)
- b. The northern kingdom had ten tribes (1 Kings 11:31-35)
- c. A local government of ten men decided the fate of Ruth (Ruth 4:2)

Twelve, the divine government number:

- a. There were 12 tribes of Israel (Rev. 7)
- b. There were 12 apostles (Matt. 10)
- c. There will be 12 gates and foundations in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21)

Thirty, associated with sorrow and mourning:

- a. Israel mourned after Aaron's death for 30 days (Num. 20:29)
- b. Israel mourned for Moses 30 days (Deut. 34:8)

Forty, the number of testing and trial:

- a. It rained 40 days during the Flood (Gen. 7:4)
- b. Moses spent 40 years in the desert (Exod. 3)
- c. Israel spied out the land for 40 days (Num. 13:25)
- d. Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai (Exod. 24:18)
- e. Israel wandered 40 years in the desert (Num. 14:33)
- f. Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days (1 Sam. 17:16)
- g. Jonah preached repentance to Nineveh for 40 days (Jon. 3:4)
- h. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness before being tempted (Matt. 4:2)
- i. There were 40 days between the resurrection and ascension of Christ (Acts 1:3)

Fifty, associated with celebration and ceremony:

- a. The Feast of Weeks was 50 days after the Passover (Lev. 23:15-16)
- b. The fiftieth year was to be a jubilee to Israel (Lev. 25:10)
- c. Absalom appointed 50 men to run before him (2 Sam. 15:1)
- d. Adonijah did the same (1 Kings 1:5)
- e. Pentecost occurred 50 days after Christ's resurrection (Acts 2)

Seventy, associated with human committees and judgment:

- a. Moses appointed 70 elders (Num. 11:16)
- b. Tyre was to be judged for 70 years (Isa. 23:15)
- c. Israel spent 70 years in Babylon (Jer. 29:10)
- d. God would accomplish his total plan upon Israel in 70 times 7 years (Dan. 9:24)
- e. Jesus appointed 70 disciples (Luke 10:1)
- f. The Sanhedrin was made up of 70 men