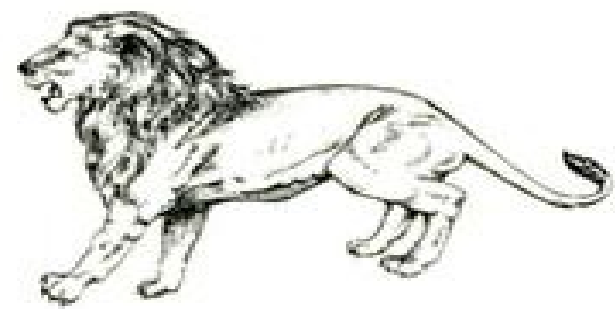


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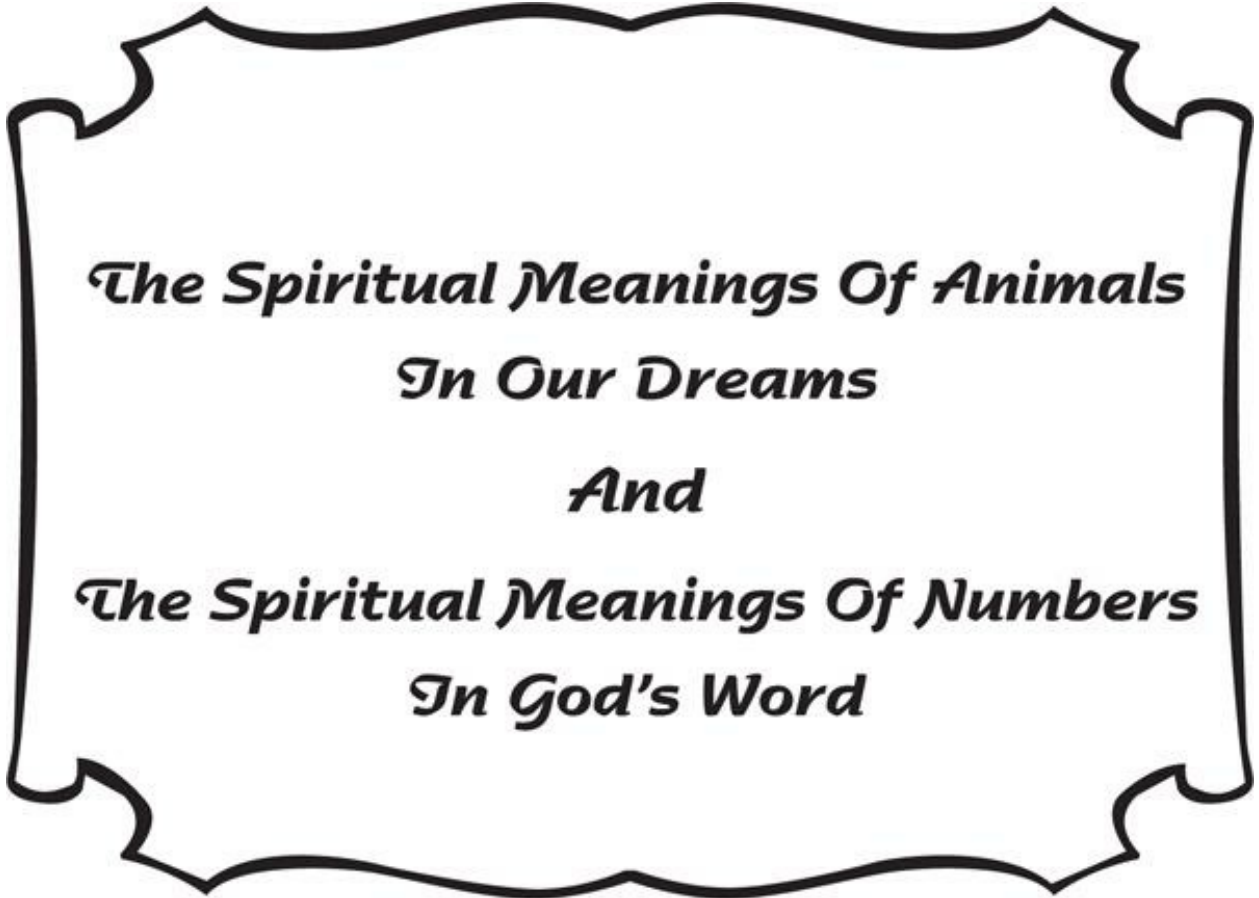


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# Introduction

God's Word clearly reveals that knowledge of the LORD and the unknown spiritual world may be known and understood through the LORD's visible creation of the natural world.

**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,** *even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (Romans 1:20).*

Although God's Eternal Power and Godhead are invisible to the natural human eye, they are clearly seen in His omniscient and omnipotent Works of creation. The Eternal God works secretly in His creation of all things, but the fruits of His creation are openly manifested for all to see. For example, God is Light in the invisible, spiritual World.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all (I John 1:5).

The LORD's Eternal, Divine Beauty and Perfection in the invisible, spiritual realm is Light. There is no darkness nor decay in His Divine, Moral Perfection. He is the Father of all Lights.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from **the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning** (James 1:17).

The Eternal God Himself is Light. For example, He is the Creator-Father of the sun and all the multitude of heavenly bodies of light in the visible, natural world. And He also gives mankind the invisible Light of reason, inspiration, learning, understanding, faith, hope, purity, and consolation. Before man stood in the visible realm, the LORD had wrought or made him in secret.

My substance was not hid from thee, when **I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance**, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, which in continuance were fashioned, **when as yet there was none of them** (Psalm 139:15,16).

God's creation of human beings was a wondrous work. Fearfully and wonderfully formed, man was framed in secret by God. All things in the natural that are made, which could not generate themselves in perfect form and order, are pictures of God's invisible, spiritual world.

God also has given us His visible Written Word so that we may see the invisible moral right and the immoral wrong in the invisible spiritual world. All of God's Word is given to teach us about God and about ourselves.

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **That the man of God may be perfect**, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II Timothy 3:16,17).

The LORD's Doctrine teaches us His Eternal *Torah*-Truth. His Eternal Word reproves us of immoral wrong in our spiritual world and empowers us to change from wrong to right, thus removing error from our spiritual world. God's Eternal Written Truth instructs and guides us in all good works. He also teaches and instructs us in the night season through dreams and night visions.

**For God speaketh** once, yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not. **In a dream, in a vision of the night**, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, and hide pride from man (Job 33:14-17).

God gives us more than one chance to hear His voice; this is why He speaks in dreams and night visions. God's manner of revelation is always in the invisible realm.

God speaks in dreams when our conscious mind is deeply asleep because, when we are awake, our conscious mind forms a thick covering for the inner ear of our heart. Asleep, we have the covering on our ear removed, and God can speak to us in dreams to reveal His doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

For example, God warned Abimelech in a dream not to touch Sarah, Abraham's wife.

**But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him,** Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife (Genesis 20:3).

Another example occurred when the LORD uncovered Samuel's ear so that he could hear God's Master Plan and Purposive Will concerning Saul.

**Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came,** saying, To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me (I Samuel 9:15,16).

The LORD also used dreams to warn Joseph, Mary's husband, about protecting and taking care of His Son Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. **But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream,** saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:19-20).

By taking Mary as his legal wife, Joseph protected her from being wrongfully stoned to death as an adulteress.

Later, Joseph was warned in a dream to flee to Egypt for Jesus' protection until Herod was dead.

And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream,** saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: (Matthew 2:13,14).

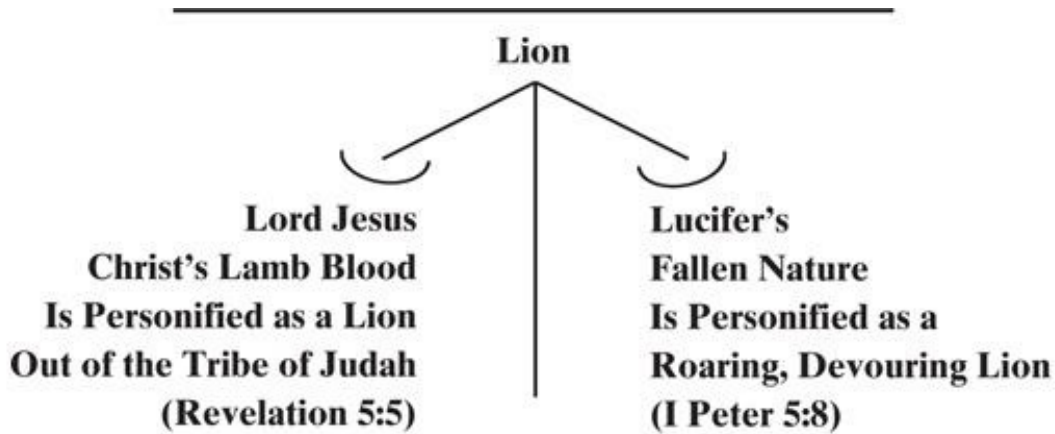
God always has spoken in dreams and visions in the night season, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Although some dreams and night visions come from fancy, God sometimes shows us the attitudes and dispositions of our evil, fleshly, carnal nature by personifying them to us in the forms of different animals. These animals represent both evil and good in our nature. When God uses an animal in our dreams to personify a wrong attitude, we will know, then, what God wants us to repent of so that He can cleanse us of the portion of our carnal nature represented by the animal.

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Our dreams can be God's ways of speaking to our soul. The first time God speaks can be a reproof and a warning to our soul for its wrong thoughts and attitudes, though our soul may not perceive it. In dreams, God also can warn us the second time about the punishment that He is about to send. While we are deeply asleep on our bed, God can open the ear of our soul and speak to us. Through dreams, God can divert us from our evil purposes and plans by warning us of the painful consequence of persisting in our sin. Through dreams, God can keep our soul from the pit and our life from the sword of God's retribution.

What enemies we are to our own welfare! God speaks, but we do not take heed. We do not discern nor understand what He is saying, nor are we aware that it is God's voice speaking. Hence, we do not receive the things God reveals, for they are foolishness to us. We stop our ears; stand in our own light; and reject the Counsel of God against us, so we are never the wiser for God having spoken to us in dreams and night visions.

Sometimes, in His Word, God uses the same animal to personify aspects of both *good* and *evil* attributes. For example, the lion is used both ways.



In the Book of Revelation, God personifies His Son Jesus Christ as a Lion. In this instance, the lion presents a positive aspect of the lion's nature, which symbolizes the resurrected Christ's all-conquering and prevailing Power.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, **hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof** (Revelation 5:5).

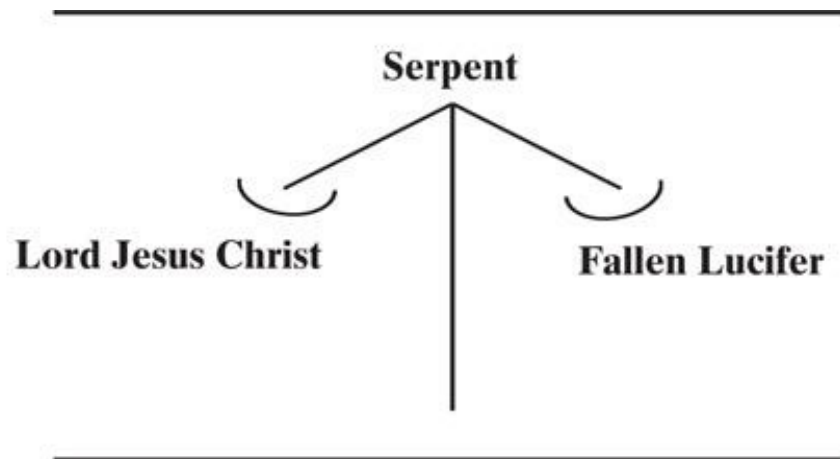
Christ's triumphant Power over the prey of sin, accomplished through His Death, burial, and resurrection, is likened unto a victorious lion that rejoices over its conquered prey.

From the negative aspect, God uses the lion to personify fallen Lucifer's warfare against His people.

Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (I Peter 5:8).

In this verse, God personifies the Devil as a roaring lion that walks about seeking whom he may devour. The Devil, as a roaring lion, is a hungry, fierce, strong, cruel, greedy pursuer of souls.

God also uses the serpent in both evil and good aspects. In one instance, the serpent represents the LORD Jesus Christ's harmless Holy Wisdom; and, in another instance, the serpent represents fallen Lucifer with his corrupt, harmful wisdom.



The LORD Jesus Christ told his Disciples to be wise like *good* serpents.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: **be ye therefore wise as serpents**, and harmless as doves (Matthew 10:16).

Christ's servants are sent forth to work among devouring, ravenous wolves; therefore, Christ teaches them that, as poor, helpless sheep, they will need His Holy Serpent and Dove Wisdom to work wisely and harmlessly.

The Wise man wrote of four great, wonderful creatures whose ways are unfathomable. One is a serpent's way upon a rock.

The way of an eagle in the air; **the way of a serpent upon a rock**; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid (Proverbs 30:19).

The wise serpent knows where the clefts are in a rock so that it can swiftly dart into a hole, escaping danger and destruction. This is the kind of good Wisdom that Christ's poor, helpless servants must use when working among ravenous wolves. They must learn the clefts of the Crucified Christ so that they can flee swiftly into them when in danger.

The ant also is used to express Christ's good Wisdom to know one's season for obtaining food and preserving it. Lucifer's evil knowledge leads a person to be lazy and slothful concerning eternal spiritual things; hence, the person never prepares himself nor others for eternal future things.

Ants, through God-given Wisdom, work in the summer to provide their food for the winter.

There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: **The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer**; (Proverbs 20:24,25).

Although ants are small, they are great in wisdom. Hence, we can learn useful lessons from them on how to be quick and industrious in making provision for the future.

However, God uses the ant also to express the evil side of industriousness because people who continually work on carnal things forget that soon they will be cut down out of the earth; thus, they will be severed from temporal time. And ants display the destruction of the carnal flesh. The Hebrew word for ant is *nem-aw-law* from *naw-mal*, meaning to be clipped or cut, referring to the ant's almost bisected body.

The LORD compares an evildoer to an ant who soon is cut off from this earth.

**Fret not thyself because of evildoers**, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. **For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb** (Psalm 37:1,2).

The Hebrew word for *wither* is *naw-mal*. God will cut off the wicked, just as ants cut off leaves from plants. The word for *ant* in English is "*the one who cuts off.*" Ants are highly predatory, destroying every living thing in their way. Ants cut down bits of leaves from trees, carrying them to their nests, where they leave them to ferment. The fermented plants grow fungi upon which ants feed. The evil, carnal flesh is like a destructive ant that tries to destroy every living thing in its way.

This booklet lists animals which often appear in our dreams or night visions, but their emblematic meanings for good are not given — only the evil — so that we might not be blind and unheeding when God tries to enlighten us about our *wrong* attitudes and thoughts in our carnal flesh.

Although God's Word does not include the names of all the creatures named in this booklet, the principle of the natural world being a picture of the spiritual world is still applicable, and from their innate natures, we can see the action or attitude prevalent in our human nature that God tries to show us by having these creatures appear in our dreams or night visions.

The spiritual meanings of animals as they appear in this book have been revelations that God has given me, personally, in my walk with Him as I have striven to overcome those attitudes and dispositions in my fleshly, carnal heart that are not pleasing to Him. When I have sought God to reveal some portion of my fleshly self so that I can repent of it and be cleansed from its destructive presence in my heart, He has often given me a dream in which He shows me a wrong attitude that is deep in my heart by personifying the particular attitude as an animal. In this way, I have gleaned insight about what is in my heart that I need to take to Him for cleansing. I hope that what the LORD has shown me will help others to understand how the LORD can deal with a sincere heart through dreams and, thus, expose the carnal self within so that repentance and cleansing can take place and bring new life to the heart and soul.

I have given the Scriptures in which many of these animals are mentioned, although the Scriptures may merely list the animal without giving insight into its nature. My understanding of what the animal represents spiritually has come as a result of my seeking the LORD in prayer when He has let these animals appear to me in dreams.

— The Author

## The Spiritual Meaning of Animals

<b>Adder</b> — Spiritual Pride	Genesis 49:17
<b>Alligator</b> — Spirit of Fraud and Robbery	Leviticus 11:10
<b>Ant</b> — Spirit of Industriousness	Proverbs 6:6
<b>Anteater*</b> — A Destructive Misuse of the Tongue.	
Because the anteater uses its tongue to ensnare smaller creatures, it represents a person's destructive use of his tongue in destroying the life or reputation of some small person.	
<b>Ape</b> — Spirit of Foolishness	I Kings 10:22
<b>Asp or Cobra</b> — Spirit of Flattery	Deuteronomy 32:33; Romans 3:13
<b>Ass</b> — Spirit of Stubbornness and Rebellion	Numbers 22:25
<b>Bat</b> — Represents a Guilt Complex	Leviticus 11:19
<b>Badger</b> — Spirit of Playfulness	Exodus 26:14
<b>Bear</b> — Represents Carnal Reasoning; Forcefulness	I Samuel 17:34; Revelation 13:2
<b>Bee</b> — Spirit of Busyness	Isaiah 7:18
<b>Beetle</b> — Spirit of Devouring	Leviticus 11:22
<b>Behemoth</b> — Spirit of Laziness and Attacking Others.	Job 40:15

At times the behemoth is shamefully lazy and secretly hides itself. Other times, it dishonourably attacks others. By accusing and criticizing others with a harsh, harmful, and hard spirit, and, yet, sometimes being withdrawn and lazy, the behemoth displays the same duality in its nature that the hippopotamus does. (See page 24.)

**Bittern** — Spirit of Sulkiness and Aloneness Isaiah 14:23

**Black Horse** — Represents Carnal Reasoning that Weighs out the Word of God Revelation 6:5

**Boar** — Spirit of Destruction that Wars Against God’s Word and God’s People Psalm 80:13

**Bull (Wild)** — Spirit that Attacks or Deceives Isaiah 51:20

**Butterfly\*** — Flitting Spirit of Carnal Mind

Because a butterfly flits from flower to flower, it represents a person’s frivolous, fickle, and flighty spirit that causes silly, giddy behaviour or that produces flighty thoughts or feelings that makes the person want to flee from the LORD’s Purposive Will and from his own life’s responsibilities.

**Camel (Two Humps)**—Spirit of Self- righteousness and Fasting Genesis 12:16;  
Matthew 3:4

**Canker Worm** — Spirit of Destruction Joel 1:4

**Cat (domestic)\*** — Spirit of Murmuring, Complaining, Whining, and Retaliating.

Because a cat meows, it projects a voice of complaining or whining, which represents a person’s scratching, biting carnal spirits of murmuring, complaining, whining, and retaliation. The carnal flesh likes to “meow” its mumbled, muttered complaint, making a continuous flow of its world of dissatisfaction and discontent. The flesh is a meowing cat that always finds fault. It declares its annoyance by making accusations against others. The carnal flesh likes to whine in a childish, undignified way about its distresses and fears.

**Caterpillar** — Consuming, Judging Spirit I Kings 8:37  
Joel 1:4

**Chameleon** — Spirit of Changeableness (According to the Desires of the Flesh) Leviticus 11:30

**Chamois** — Represents Love for the High Place Deuteronomy 14:5

<b>Cobra or Asp</b> — Spirit of Flattery	Deuteronomy 32:33; Romans 3:13
<b>Cock or Rooster</b> — Spirit of Bragging	Mark 13:35
<b>Cormorant</b> — Plunging, Reckless Spirit	Leviticus 11:17; Isaiah 34:11
<b>Conies</b> — Hiding Spirit of Inferiority Pride	Proverbs 30:26
<b>Cow</b> — Breaking Away or Violating Spirit	Isaiah 7:21
<b>Crane</b> — Spirit of Noisy, Melancholy Pride	Isaiah 38:14; Jeremiah 8:7
<b>Cricket</b> — Spirit of Playfulness	Deuteronomy 28:42

The cricket, unlike the ant, makes no provision for winter; instead, it wastes its time in frivolous pursuits, indulging itself in the present moment. The cricket is described as a locust (*tsef-aw-tsal* in Hebrew).

<b>Crow</b> — Spirit of Death, Drawing Back, Feeding on Dead Things	Ezekiel 39:4
<b>Cuckow</b> — Spirit of Deceitful Appearance	Leviticus 11:16
<b>Dinosaur*</b> — Spirit of Pride, Error, Fraud	Exodus 7:1

Dinosaurs belong to the *reptile family*, thus they represent mean and malignant attitudes, thoughts, emotions, and deeds.

<b>Dog</b> — Spirit of Barking or Accusation	Psalms 59:6
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This spirit belittles others by calling attention to their faults; or by barking, it tries to magnify itself. It yelps sharply when in pain to gain attention.

<b>Donkey (Same as Ass)</b> — Spirit of Rebellion and Stubbornness	Numbers 22:25
<b>Dove</b> — Spirit of Loneliness and Lamenting	Isaiah 38:14
<b>Dragon</b> — Desolate, Forlorn Spirit	Revelation 12:3
<b>Dromedary (One Hump)</b> — Spirit of Self-Righteousness, but not	Isaiah 60:6

in as Severe a Measure as the Camel

**Eagle** — Spirit of Accusation Leviticus 11:13

**Elephant\*** — Spirit of Doubt and Unbelief

**Elk\*** — Spirit of Ferociousness

**Fallow Deer** — Watchful Spirit of the Flesh that Always Looks at Others Deuteronomy  
14:5

**Ferret** — Spirit of Groaning and Moaning Leviticus 11:30

**Fish** — Foolish, Carefree, Irresponsible Spirit Genesis 1:26

**Flea** — Parasitic Spirit that Lives on Others' Life's Blood I Samuel 24:14

**Fly** — Parasitic and Scavenger Spirit of Destruction Isaiah 7:18;  
Exodus 8:21  
Ecclesiastes  
10:1

**Fox** — Sly, Sneaking Spirit Judges 15:4

**Frog** — Spirit of Deceit, Covetousness, and Greed Exodus 8:2

**Geese\*** — Derogatory, Talkative Spirit

Because geese make their gagging noises all at the same time, they resemble the mindless chatter of a group of people. They represent silly talkative spirits that speak emptily and trivially about foolish things. When a goose makes a prolonged sound of its hatred and disapproval by hissing, it personifies a person who chatters and gossips in a derogatory manner.

**Giraffe\*** — High-Minded Spirit

Because of the giraffe's long neck, its head reaches higher than all the other animals. Its head, then, pictures a person's prideful heady, high-minded carnal flesh. Heady, high-minded people behave contemptibly and scornfully toward others.

**Glede** — Critical, Scavenger Spirit Deuteronomy  
14:13

**Grasshopper** — Spirit of Timidity and Weakness Leviticus 11:22

<b>Greyhound</b> — Running Spirit that Races in the Way of the Flesh	Proverbs 30:31
<b>Gnat</b> — Irritating, Pesky Spirit	Matthew 23:24
<b>Goat</b> — Self-Willed, Wanton Spirit	Genesis 15:9; Proverbs 30:31; Deuteronomy 14:5
<b>Golden Eagle</b> — Spiritual Pride in High Form	Jeremiah 49:16
<b>Hare (Rabbit Family)</b> — Spirit of Adultery	Leviticus 11:6
<b>Hart</b> — Watchful Spirit of Flesh that Always Looks at Others	Deuteronomy 12:15
<b>Hawk</b> — Spirit of Watching Critically	Leviticus 11:16
<b>Hen</b> — Spirit of Relaxing and Fleshly Protection	Matthew 23:37
<b>Heron</b> — Negative Spirit that Looks for Trouble	Leviticus 11:19; Deuteronomy 14:18
<b>Hippopotamus*</b> — Spirit of Hiding, Hardness and Attacking.	Job 40:15
<p>The hippopotamus exhibits a dual nature. On one hand, it dives under the water, as though to hide its shame for the deeds it does. On the other hand, it comes boldly onto land to destroy man's crops. Because it boldly attacks living things, it pictures a person who loves to destroy someone else's labours. A hippopotamus spirit returns evil for good.</p>	
<b>Lapwing</b> — Spirit of Fear that Runs from Christ's Humility	Leviticus 11:19
<b>Leopard</b> — Stalking Spirit	Isaiah 11:6
<b>Lice</b> — Deadly, Parasitic Spirit; Stinging, Biting Sarcasm	Exodus 8:16-18
<b>Lion</b> — Domineering Spirit that Rules Without Mercy	Psalm 7:2
<b>Lizard</b> — Hiding Spirit that Hides from the Light; Man-fearing Spirit	Leviticus 11:30
<b>Lobster*</b> — Spirit of Anger, Jealousy, and Hatred.	

The lobster has two long, large, powerful pincers for grasping its prey. Likewise, people's anger, jealousy and hatred grasp or take hold of their prey, eagerly and greedily, and never let go, day nor night, of their objects of dislike.

<b>Locust</b> — Spirit of Devouring; Warfaring	Exodus 10:12
<b>Mole</b> — Blind Spirit that Loves Darkness	Isaiah 2:20
<b>Mouse</b> — Spirit of False Humility that Hides and Devours the True Humility of Jesus	I Samuel 6:5; Isaiah 66:17
<b>Mule</b> — Spirit of Stubbornness and Rebellion	II Samuel 13:29
<b>Moth</b> — Spirit of Devouring and Attacking the Character and Reputation of Others	Job 4:19; Isaiah 51:8
<b>Night Hawk</b> — Represents a Critical Eye	Leviticus 11:16
<b>Octopus*</b> — Selfish Covetous, Grasping Spirit	Leviticus 11:13; Deuteronomy 14:12

The octopus has a large head and eight arms covered with suckers that it uses to latch onto its prey. The octopus pictures the fleshly covetousness that latches on to anything in order to extend its power and influence with the purpose of exalting itself.

**Ospry**— Devouring Spirit

The Hebrew word for ospry is *og-neeyaw* from the Hebrew root word that means to be strong, stout, harden, impudent, prevail, or sea eagle. The ospry pictures the shamelessly insolent spirit of the flesh that likes to dive into the depths of someone else's sin, bringing it to the surface so that the flesh may feed upon it in order to feel justified for its own sin.

<b>Ossifrage</b> — Spirit of Breaking Others' Strength and Support	Leviticus 11:13
<b>Ostrich</b> — Stupid and Voracious Spirit	Lamentation 4:3

The ostrich is noted for its voracious, gluttonous appetite; it is always greedy, devouring large quantities of food. The female lays her eggs in the sand, leaving them to be incubated by the sun in the

day. When she is pursued, she runs against the wind in large circles; consequently, it is easy for hunters to lie in wait and capture her.

**Owl** — A Secretive Spirit Isaiah 34:15;  
Micah 1:8

Because the owl is a night bird of prey, it is used to portray a person who likes to find secret, sinful pleasures in the night.

**Oxen** — Spirit of Implacableness Genesis 12:16

**Pale Horse** — Represents an Unruly Tongue that Produces Death and Hell Revelation 6:8

**Palmer Worm** — Spirit of Absolutism Joel 1:4

**Partridge** — A Spirit of Fleshly Fear that Runs and Hides I Samuel 26:20

**Peacock** — A Spirit of Pride I Kings 10:22

**Pelican** — Selfish, Inactive Spirit that Refuses to Work Leviticus 11:18

**Pigeon** — Lonely, Lamenting Spirit Genesis 15:9;  
Leviticus 12:6

**Porcupine\*** — A Spirit that Likes to Wound Others with Sharp Words

Since the porcupine is a spinous hog having coarse hair mixed with long, stiff sharp spines that it releases against its foes, it represents persons who are bristly and who are always ready to send sharp, spiny, thorny words to pierce others. They always carry a chip on their shoulder that makes them ready to *gnaw* on all who come across their path.

**Pygarg** — Spirit of Wild Untameableness Deuteronomy  
14:5

**Quail** — Spirit that Follows Every Wind of Doctrine Exodus 16:13

**Rabbit (Hare)** — Spirit of Adultery Leviticus 11:6

**Raven** — Spirit of Running to and fro to Hunt for Dead Things Genesis 8:7  
Job 38:41

**Red Horse** — Spirit of Anger Revelation 6:4

**Red Scorpion\*** — Spirit of Anger (to the Point of Murder)

Revelation 9:10

The red scorpion's poison is in the sting of its tail. It is an emblem of torture and wrath.

**Robin\*** — Spirit of Merely Professing

The robin sports a showy red breast and belly, while singing a beautiful song; yet, it secretly feeds on the parasites of the earth. Because of its flamboyant dress and song and its eating habits, the robin represents hypocrisy and insincerity.

**Roe** — Watchful Spirit of the Flesh that Always Looks at Others

Deuteronomy  
12:15

**Rooster** — Crowing, Bragging Spirit

Mark 13:35

**Scorpion** — Display of Temper

Deuteronomy  
8:15;  
Luke 10:19

**Serpent** — Spirit of Deceit and Guile

Genesis 3:1

**Sheep** — A Wandering Spirit of Fleshly Submission to Things not of God

Isaiah 53:6

**She Wolf\*** — Spirit of Sexuality

When the she wolf is in the period of sexual excitement or estrus, she joins to the first male that comes along. She represents promiscuous, unclean, unrestrained living in one's quest to satisfy the lusts of the flesh.

**Sloth\*** — Spirit of Idleness, Habitual Indolence, Sluggishness, and Laziness.

The sloth hangs upside down by its four feet, while it feeds upon leaves and fruits of trees. Because it feeds where it has not worked, it represents lazy people who like to feed and live off of others' labours.

**Skunk\*** — Smelly Spirit of an Ugly Disposition.

The skunk ejects an offensive smelling musky liquid when it thinks it is going to be molested. Because of its excessively

obnoxious smell, it represents a despicable, offensive attitude.

**Snail** — Gossiping Spirit; Slimy Tongue Psalm 58:8

**Spider** — Trapping Spirit; Cancer (Both Spiritually and Physically) Job 8:14

**Stork** — Spirit of Natural Affection Leviticus 11:19

**Sparrow** — Spirit of Belittling the Value of Others Psalm 84:3

**Swallow** — A Constantly Crying and Complaining Spirit Psalm 84:3

**Swan** — Spirit of Pride and Arrogance Leviticus  
11:18;  
Deuteronomy  
14:16

**Swine** — Backbiting and Devouring Spirit Leviticus 11:7  
Matthew 7:6

**Tiger\*** — Spirit of Anger, Revenge, Unforgiveness.

The Tiger, a large, fierce, flesh-eating animal, is always ready for attack. It represents a cruel, bloodthirsty spirit of anger, revenge, and unforgiveness.

**Tortoise or Turtle** — Spirit of Hardness and Indifference Leviticus  
11:29;  
Jeremiah 8:7

**Unicorn** — Spirit of Pride in Natural Strength and Power Numbers 23:22

**Viper** — Spirit of Poisonous Deceit and Destruction Numbers  
23:22;  
Matthew 3:7

**Vulture** — Accusing, Tormenting Spirit Leviticus 11:14

**Weasel** — Spirit of Sexual Sins Leviticus 11:29

**White Elephant\*** — Self-Righteous Spirit

Because the elephant hates light, it represents haters of Christ's Light. The elephant-spirit hates Christ's Light because His Light reveals the self-righteousness of the flesh that hates to be exposed.

For example, a person can hate a flaw or characteristic or sin in someone else because he thinks he himself is not guilty. But the person actually will be guilty of the same flaw or sin, although it may be manifested in another way. The Word of God says “Judge not, that ye be not judged” (Matthew 7:1).

**Wolf** — Devouring, Greedy Spirit

Ezekiel 22:27;  
Zephaniah 3:3

The Hebrew word for wolf is *zeh-abe*, which means to be yellow. Wolves are a suitable picture of the Judges and Priests of Jerusalem who showed no mercy in their greedy devouring of the people. Wolves, which are ferocious animals, prowl at night in search of prey to satisfy their ravenous hunger. They devour all they kill, then eagerly await the next night so that they again can try to appease their insatiable appetites. The Judges and Priests in Israel exhibited wolf-like natures because they deceitfully, greedily, and unmercifully devoured the substance of the people to whom they ministered.

**Zebra\*** — Spirit of Imitation of Truth

Because the zebra has dark stripes on a white body; it is a type of the spirit that imitates Christ’s Cross of Truth for His Bride.

\* Indicates that, although the Bible does not specifically mention this animal, its spiritual meaning is apparent from the natural characteristics the animal displays.

# The Spiritual Meaning of Numbers

The Eternal Unbegotten God is “The Great Geometrician.” He does everything according to His Master Plan, which includes His establishment of numbers, weights, and measures. Since the Almighty God is the Author of the divinely inspired Scriptures and the Creator of the universes, His Eternal Word and His Eternal Works harmonize in multiuniformity.

The agreement of the nature of God’s creation with His Holy Scriptures cannot be a mere coincidence. Rather, their agreement reveals this Eternal Truth: they are both built on God’s Divine Master Plan. For this reason, we are able to say that God’s natural works types His Spiritual Works. In other words, God has painted lessons of Spiritual Truth, even in His natural creation.

Since this is true, we find that numbers in the Word of God have spiritual meanings. The word number means to distribute and to divide. The Psalmist said, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork” (Psalm 19:1). What can be seen in the sky by the natural eye is sufficient to proclaim the Divine, Almighty Power and Majesty of the Creator. Furthermore, the Apostle Paul said this in the Book of Romans:

*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:” (Romans 1:20).*

Let us look at some of the numbers that are in the Word of God so that we can more thoroughly comprehend the Spiritual Truth they illustrate.

## **The Number ONE Is the Number of UNITY.**

The number one belongs to both the cardinal numbers and the ordinal numbers.

The number one symbolizes the Unity of God. God is One! (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:32; John 10:30.) Ephesians, chapter four, verses four and six, lists seven distinct Unities:

1. One Body;
2. One Spirit;
3. One Hope;
4. One Lord;
5. One Faith;
6. One Baptism;
7. One God.

## **The Number TWO Is the Number of UNION.**

1. God joined the woman to the man, and they became one flesh in the union of marriage (Genesis 2:23,24).
2. Christ and the Church are united (Ephesians 5:31,32).
3. The union of Death and Life is seen in the Atonement of Christ, as depicted in the law of the cleansing of the leper who was to bring the Priest “two birds”: one was killed, and one was set free (Leviticus 14:4-7). The union of Death and Life also is seen in the sin offering of the “two goats”: one was killed, and one was sent alive into the wilderness (Leviticus 16:5-22).
4. The Disciples were named in pairs or twos (Matthew 10:2-4).
5. The Disciples were sent out two by two (Mark 6:7).
6. There were two Tables of Testimony (Exodus 32:15).
7. Two Witnesses will testify during the Tribulation (Revelation: 11:3).

## **The Number THREE Is the Number of DIVINITY and It Is Prominent in NATURE**

Three is called the “divine number” because it is mentioned so often in connection with Holy Things.

1. Three is the number of the Trinity of the Godhead : Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).
2. Man is a threefold being: body, soul, and spirit (I Thessalonians 5:23).
3. Israel celebrated three great feasts: The Passover Feast; The Feast of Pentecost; The Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:4-8; Leviticus 23:15-22; Leviticus 23:33-44).
4. Christ experienced three temptations (Matthew 4:1-11).
5. Christ prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:39-46).
6. Peter denied the LORD three times (Matthew 26:69-75).
7. After His Resurrection, Jesus presented a threefold question and charge to Peter (John 21:15-25).
8. Jesus is revealed in the Book of Revelation in three ways (Revelation 1:4):
  - He Is;
  - He Was;
  - He Is to Come.
9. Christ is revealed in the Book of Revelation in three ways (Revelation 1:5):
  - the First Begotten from the Dead;
  - the Faithful Witness;
  - the Prince of the Kings of the Earth.
10. The four Living Creatures’ cry is repeated three times (Revelation 4:8):
  - Holy,
  - Holy,
  - Holy.
11. The four Living Creatures give God three things (Revelation 4:9):
  - glory
  - honour
  - thanks
12. There will be three “Woe Trumpets” poured on the Earth before the end of time (Revelation 9:1-12; Revelation 11:13,14; Revelation 11:15-19).
13. Three “froglike spirits” will fight against the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost in the end time. One “froglike spirit” will come out of the mouth of the Dragon; one will come from the mouth of the Beast; and one will come from the mouth of the False Prophet, to gather the whole world to the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:13,14).
14. Three plagues are to come upon Babylon: (Revelation 18:8).
  - death,
  - mourning,
  - famine.
15. Three classes of persons shall mourn Babylon’s downfall (Revelation 18:9-18):
  - kings,
  - merchants,
  - seamen.

16. There are three primary colors in solar light:

- blue
- yellow
- red

17. The sun is a trinity whose manifestations are threefold:

- light
- heat
- chemical rays

18. Three kingdoms exist in nature:

- animal
- vegetable
- mineral

19. Matter exists in three forms:

- gas
- liquid
- solid

20. Nature has three main forces:

- gravity
- light
- electricity

**The Number FOUR Is the Number of God's NATURAL WORLD and SPIRITUAL WORLD.**

1. The Earth and God's Spiritual World have four seasons:

- winter,
- spring,
- summer,
- autumn.

2. The Earth and God's Spiritual World have four points of the compass:

- north,
- east,
- south,
- west,

3. The Earth and God's Spiritual World have four elements:

- earth,
- air,
- fire,
- water.

4. The River that flowed out from the Garden of Eden was divided into four parts (Genesis 2:10-14).
5. The Cherubim in Ezekiel's vision had four faces (Ezekiel 1:8).
6. Four great powers are listed in Daniel's prophecy:
  - Babylon (Daniel 2:37,38; Daniel 7:4).
  - Medo-Persia (Daniel 7:5).
  - Greece (Daniel 2:39; Daniel 7:6).
  - Rome (Daniel 2:40-43; Daniel 7:7).
7. Four world judgments are to come upon the nations of the world: (Matthew 24:6,7).
  - war,
  - famine,
  - pestilence,
  - earthquakes.
8. The human race has four divisions: (Revelation 5:9; Revelation 14:6).
  - nations,
  - kindred,
  - peoples,
  - tongues.
9. The Gospels contain four portraits of Christ:
  - Matthew — King of Humility;
  - Mark — Suffering Servant;
  - Luke — Son of Man;
  - John — Son of God.
10. The Brazen Altar had four sides and four horns (Exodus 27:1-8; Exodus 38:1-7).
11. The New Jerusalem is foursquare (Revelation 21:16).

**The Number FIVE Is the Number of God's GRACE.**

1. Christ fed the five thousand with five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:13-21).
2. David chose five smooth stones to slay Goliath (I Samuel 17:40,49,50).
3. Man's spirit, soul, and body have five senses:
  - sight,
  - taste,
  - smell,
  - hearing,
  - touch.God wants to fill all of man's senses with His Grace.
4. Human beings have five fingers and five toes.
5. The Pentateuch is composed of the five Books of Moses:
  - Genesis,
  - Exodus,
  - Leviticus,

- Numbers,
- Deuteronomy.

### **The Number SIX Is the Number of MAN.**

1. God made man on the sixth day (Genesis 1:26,27; Genesis 2:7).
2. God gave man six days in which to labour (Exodus 20:9).
3. A Hebrew slave served six years (Exodus 21:2).
4. The land was sown for six years, but the seventh year it rested (Exodus 23:10,11).
5. The kingdoms of this world will last for six thousand years (II Peter 3:9; Revelation 20:1-9).
6. Moses spent six days on the mount waiting for the LORD to reveal Himself to him (Exodus 24:15-18).
7. The children of Israel compassed the city for six days before Jericho's walls fell on the seventh day (Joshua 6:3).
8. There were six steps to Solomon's throne (I Kings 10:19).
9. Nebuchadnezzar's image measured sixty cubits high and six cubits broad (Daniel 3:1).
10. The number of the Beast in the Book of Revelation is 666 (Revelation 13:13-18).

### **The Number SEVEN Is the Number of COMPLETION.**

1. God rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2).
2. Enoch was the seventh son from Adam (Jude 1:14).
3. Noah experienced seven days of Grace after entering the Ark (Genesis 7:1-4).
4. Jacob served seven years for Rachel (Genesis 29:20).
5. Joseph in Egypt experienced seven years of famine and seven years of plenty (Genesis 41:29,30).
6. Joshua used seven trumpets; marched for seven days around the city of Jericho; and marched seven times around the city on the last day (Joshua 6:4).
7. The Candlestick in the Tabernacle had seven branches (Exodus 37:17,18).
8. Solomon built the Temple in seven years and kept the feast for seven days (I Kings 6:38).
9. Naaman washed his leprous body seven times in the River Jordan and arose with a cleansed body (II Kings 5:14).
10. Jesus gave seven last sayings as He hung on the Cross:
  - "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).
  - "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).
  - "Woman, behold thy son!" (John 19:26,27).
  - "Eli, Eli, lemama shabakthani!" that is to say, "My God, my God, for this cause was I spared" (Matthew 27:46,47) (Lamas Translation).
  - "I thirst" (John 19:28).
  - "It is finished" (John 19:30).
  - "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).
11. During his lifetime, Moses had seven spiritual experiences on seven mountains:
  - commission (Exodus 3);
  - conflict (Exodus 17);
  - commandment (Exodus 19);
  - construction (Exodus 24:12);
  - communion (Exodus 34);
  - remembrance (Deuteronomy 1:20);
  - completion (Matthew 17:1-13).
12. Blood was sprinkled seven times before the Brazen Altar (Leviticus 8:11).
13. There are seven general Epistles:

- James;
- First Peter;
- Second Peter;
- First John;
- Second John;
- Third John;
- Jude.

14. There are seven “I will’s” in the fourteenth chapter of John.
15. In the Book of Revelation, the number seven is used nearly seventy times.
16. Elijah performed seven miracles:

- drought (I Kings 17:1; James 5:17);
- meal and oil multiplied (I Kings 17:14);
- child restored to life (I Kings 17:22);
- sacrifice consumed (I Kings 18:38);
- captains and men slain (II Kings 1:10);
- rain brought (I Kings 18:41);
- waters of Jordan divided (II Kings 2:8).

**The Number EIGHT Is the Number of the FATHER’S UNBEGOTTEN RESURRECTION GLORY AND POWER, A NEW ORDER, AND A NEW BEGINNING.**

1. Circumcision of sons was performed on the eighth day (Leviticus 12:3; Genesis 17:11-14).
2. Noah was the eighth person who went into the Ark (II Peter 2:5).
3. David was the eighth son of Jesse (I Samuel 16:10,11).
4. Lepers came for cleansing on the eighth day (Leviticus 14:10,23).

**The Number NINE Is the Number of REST.**

1. The Spiritual Tabernacle of Jesus, His Sermon on the Mount, lists nine “blesseds” (Matthew 5:3-9).
2. The children of Israel passed through nine stages in their wilderness journey in order to arrive at the *Torah-Truth*:
  - First stage — (Exodus 12:37-51).
  - Second stage — (Exodus 13:20-22).
  - Third stage — (Exodus 14:1-28).
  - Fourth stage — (Exodus 14:29-31).
  - Fifth stage — (Exodus 15:22).
  - Sixth stage — (Exodus 23-26).
  - Seventh stage — (Exodus 16:1-13).
  - Eighth stage — (Exodus 17:1-16; Exodus 18:1-17).
  - Ninth stage — (Exodus 19 and 20).
3. Dying on the Cross, Jesus Christ gave up the Ghost in the ninth hour (Mark 15:34-37).
4. Cornelius received rest from sins in his soul in the ninth hour (Acts 10:30).
5. There are nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23).

**The Number TEN Is the Legal Number of GOD’S TORAH-TRUTH, which Lucifer Tries to Imitate.**

1. God gave Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).

2. There were ten toes on Nebuchadnezzar's Beast (Daniel 2:31,35,40-43).
3. The Beast in the vision that the Apostle John saw had ten horns (Revelation 17:3,12).
4. Jesus gave the Parable of Ten Servants being entrusted with Ten Pounds (Luke 19:12-27).
5. God poured out ten plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7 through 11).
6. Jesus gave the Parable of Ten Virgins: five were wise and five were foolish (Matthew 25:1-13).
7. Jesus cleansed ten lepers (Luke 11:19).

**The Number TWELVE Is the Number of God's Perfect GOVERNMENT.**

1. There were twelve Patriarchs (Acts 7:8).
2. Jesus called twelve Apostles (Matthew 10:2).
3. The High Priest's Breastplate contained twelve stones (Exodus 28:15-29).
4. The Table of Shewbread held twelve cakes of Shewbread (Leviticus 24:5-9).
5. Twelve men were sent to spy out Canaan's Land (Numbers 13:1-16).
6. Jesus was twelve years of age when He went to the Temple to take over His Father's business (Luke 2:42).
7. Jesus told his Disciples that He could ask His Father for twelve legions of Angels to defend Him (Matthew 26:53).
8. In the Apostle John's description of the New Jerusalem, he told that the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written in the wall and that the names of the twelve Apostles were written in its twelve foundations (Revelation 21:19-21).
9. The Tree of Life in the New City bears twelve manner of fruits, and it yields fruit every month (Revelation 22:2).
10. Jacob had twelve sons who founded the Nation of Israel (Genesis 35:22-26).
11. Twelve baskets of food were taken up after the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14:20).

**The Number THIRTEEN Is the Number of the BRIDEGROOM and the BRIDE: SEVEN is the Number of JESUS, the Complete One, and SIX Is the Number of MAN, Making THIRTEEN in Their Joining.**

1. The Book of Hebrews has thirteen chapters.
2. There are thirteen steps down into the human heart (Mark 7:21-23).
3. There were thirteen Judges in Israel.
  - Othniel (Judges 3:9-11).
  - Ehud (Judges 3:15-30).
  - Shamgar (Judges 3:31).
  - Deborah and Barak (Judges 4:4-24).
  - Gideon (Judges 6:11 through 8:1-32).
  - Tola (Judges 10:1,2).
  - Jair (Judges 10:1,2).
  - Jephthah (Judges 11:1-40).
  - Iban (Judges 12:8-10).
  - Elon (Judges 12:11,12).
  - Abdon (Judges 12:13,14).
  - Samson (Judges 13:24 through 16:1-31).
4. There are thirteen Maschil Psalms — [Special messages to the Bride] (Psalms 32, 42, 44, 45, 52, 53, 54, 55, 74, 78, 88, 89, and 146).
5. There are thirteen praises of the Bride in Psalm 150.

**The Number FORTY Is God's Number of TESTING, TRIAL, PROBATION, PUNISHMENT, CHASTISEMENT, and TEMPTATION for MAN.**

1. The flood was upon the earth forty days and forty nights (Genesis 7:17).
2. Moses stayed forty days in the mountain (Exodus 24:18).
3. Moses received his call at the age of forty (Acts 7:23).
4. Moses was in the desert forty years (Acts 7:29,30).
5. Isaac was forty years of age when he married Rebekah (Genesis 25:20).
6. The spies were gone forty days to spy in Canaan's Land (Numbers 13:25; 14:34).
7. Israel wandered forty years in the wilderness (Numbers 14:33).
8. Joshua spied out Canaan's Land when he was forty years of age (Joshua 14:7).
9. Moses fasted four times, forty days each time:

- for the first Tables of the Covenants (Deuteronomy 9:9);
- for Israel's sin regarding the Golden Calf (Deuteronomy 9:18);
- for Israel's rebellion against going into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 9:25);
- for the second Tables of Covenants (Deuteronomy 10:10).

### **The Number FIFTY Is God's Number of PENTECOST or the HOLY GHOST.**

1. Fifty days separated the Feast of the Passover from the Feast of Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15,16; Acts 2:1-4).
2. Fifty loops were made in the curtains of the Tabernacle (Exodus 26:5).
3. Fifty loops were made in the edge of the curtain that was coupled to the second curtain (Exodus 26:10).
4. Fifty tacks of gold coupled the curtains together (Exodus 26:6).

### **The Number SIXTY Is the Number of MATURITY, Both in the Natural and in the Spiritual Realms.**

1. In the case of redeeming a vow (Leviticus 27:3,7), if a male person between the ages of 20 and 60 vowed to serve God in His Sanctuary, and, then, situations arose to prevent this, the man had to pay fifty shekels in order to redeem his vow before the LORD. The fifty shekels was the highest price paid for redeeming vows by different males and females because the years between 20 and 60 express the peak of mature stature.
2. When Moses dedicated the Mosaic Tabernacle, God demanded a mature stature, as it were, of blood to be offered (Numbers 7:88):
  - 24 bullocks
  - 60 rams
  - 60 he-goats
  - 60 lambs
3. Jesus described a thirty-fold, a sixty-fold, and a hundred-fold fruitfulness of the seed in the good ground (Matthew 13:23). These three degrees of fruitfulness relate to the three divisions in the Mosaic Tabernacle: the Courtyard, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies. The thirty-fold fruitfulness relates to the experiences gained in the Courtyard of the Tabernacle: Blood, Fire, and Water. The sixty-fold fruitfulness is the result of the growth in Spiritual Stature beyond the Courtyard and relates to experiences gained in the Holy Place — the place of the Golden Altar of Prayer, the Golden Candlestick with its Light of Truth, and the Golden Table with its 12 governmental loaves of Bread of Strength of Truth. The Holy of Holies is the place in which the Stature of Truth from the Holy Place is clothed with Christ's Unity Blood, the *Kabode* Glory of the LORD's Tetragrammaton Name, and the LORD's glorious Headship. The reward for this degree of spiritual growth is revealed in the hundred-fold fruitfulness found in Christ's Bride.

### **The Number SEVENTY Is God's Number of GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT.**

1. Seventy Elders were chosen to support Moses, Aaron, and Miriam as the leaders of Israel (Numbers 11:16,17).
2. Seventy Disciples were chosen by the LORD Jesus Christ to support the twelve Apostles in spreading the Good

News of God's Kingdom (Luke 10:1-9).

3. Jesus taught His Disciples that they must forgive a brother seventy times seven (Matthew 18:21,22).
4. All twelve tribes of Israel were required to offer the LORD a silver bowl of seventy shekels (Numbers 7:13,19,25,31,37,43,49,55,61,67,73,79).
5. Israel spent seventy years in Babylonian captivity for failing to support God's Government in Israel.

**The Number ONE HUNDRED Is the Spiritual Number for MATURE FRUITFULNESS of CHRIST'S UNITY BLOOD, the LORD's NAME, and the SOVEREIGN, SUPREME HEADSHIP of the LORD.**

1. In His Parable of the seed that fell in good ground, Jesus said that some seed brought forth thirtyfold, some sixtyfold, and some a hundredfold (Matthew 4:8,20).
2. The Mosaic Tabernacle was 100 cubits long which displayed the maturity of fine, twined linen (Exodus 27:18).
3. Gideon won a miraculous battle over Israel's enemies with 300 spiritually mature men (Judges 7:6).
4. God promised Israel's warriors that a hundred Israelites would put to flight ten thousand of the enemy (Leviticus 26:8).

**The Mysterious Number 666, Found in Jesus Christ, Is the Number of HIS DIVINE LIGHT as THE SON OF GOD and HIS STRENGTH as the SON OF MAN.**

1. In the Mosaic Tabernacle, there were six branches of Light on the Candlestick, which pictured Jesus Christ as the Light of the World (Exodus 25:35). And, there were twelve loaves of Bread on the Table of Shewbread, separated into two rows with six loaves of Bread in each row or pile, which pictured Jesus Christ with all Strength, Power, and Authority. This forms the number 666 in the Holy Place of the Mosaic Tabernacle.
2. The Antichrist in his wicked, vain effort to imitate the true Christ will try to steal the strength, power, and authority of 666 by claiming it as his own (Revelation 13:18).

**The Number ONE THOUSAND Is the Number of GOD'S GIFT OF REST AND FRUITFULNESS, THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST in HIS MILLENNIAL REIGN ON EARTH (Revelation 20:1-3).**

Thus, we have seen a small overview of the symbolical meanings of a few numbers as seen in God's Word. Every number in God's Master Plan is evident in both His natural world of creation and in His spiritual world of redemption. We are blessed and should be grateful to understand just a few of God's numerical mysteries in His Master Plan and Purposive Will for us, now, in this present evil world.

To Him be all Glory, Power, and Honour in Christ Jesus, our precious LORD. Amen! Amen!

