

Biblical Numerics & Numerology The only way to PERFECTLY and GODLY rule and govern

"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt 10:30).

"Their allotted months come to an end... A man/woman's days are numbered...My times are in your hands... all the days ordained for me were written in your book... a time to be born and a time to die... all the days of my appointed time ... Make me to know my end, and the measure of my days ... God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it" (Job

21:21; 14:5; Psa 31:15; 139:15; Eccl 3:2; Job 14:14; Psa 39:4; Dan 5:26).

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but <u>holy men of God spoke</u> as they were moved <u>by the Holy Ghost</u>." (2Pet 1:20-21).

"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." (2Tim 3:16-17).

"All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See "this is new", it has been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after." (Eccl. 1:6-11).

"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand; and meted out heaven with a span; and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?" (Isa 40:12).

Although the laws of God are one size fits all, number *Twelve* does neither subscribe to "cheaper by the dozen" slogan nor give liberty to cut corners and improvise ungodly legislations in governing God's people or one's own conduct and life style.

"Thus says the Lord: "I am the first, and I am the last.

And beside me there is no God... Yet you say: "The way of the Lord is not equal". Hear now...: "Is not my way equal? Are not your ways unequal? ... Just remember: "My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Neither are your ways my ways" (Isa 44:6; Eze 18:25; Isa 55:8)

To many, numbers are only daily cold mathematical arithmetical figures, patterns and statistics that are subject to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with no spiritual significance or repercussion; but to all believers and non-believers alike whether in structured religions or agnostic philosophies from all walks of life, they follow a very deep symbolic and spiritual pattern and carry global values and weight; no more evident than in

the variations in the numerical values assigned to each letter of any alphabet or language used throughout history. Spiritual significance of numbers is tied in uniformly with Godly and satanic works.

In this biblical essay, since numbers reflect the "Works of God" indivisibly tied in with the "Word of God", I would like to focus in this study on the biblical number Twelve, which was used 189 times in the Bible, and which fascinated and intrigued me all my life because in a sense it carries the multiplied significance and weight of the rest of the numbers. It is the singular and multiple of all that has to do with laws and ruling, the will of God for implementing his divine works and purpose.

All numbers in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelations, convey harmoniously coded and inspired truths and pre-assigned ethics, road maps and significance, and remain as such throughout the whole Bible. Some are crystal clear while others swim in murky waters, subject to the whim of the governing theologians and scholars as well as sorcerers, who superseded the Gospel of God by exalting the gospel of man and refuse to shout with Paul:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, "The just shall live by faith". For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has showed it unto them. 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: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. ... Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (Rom 1:16-25).

The secret to decipher the numbers and their spiritual significance lies in studying the biblical patterns and principles of their repeated use and applicable circumstances and consequences. The Bible as well as other creedal and pagan philosophies together with witch crafters adopted the simple numbers of 1 through 13 to reflect equally **good** and **evil** spiritual significance while cementing cosmological and astrological events, facts and compositions whether you believe in the creation or evolution processes.

The individual 1 through 13 were not instituted haphazardly in the Judeo-Christian Bible but supernaturally by the great meticulous design of the Creator Author himself, who stamped them with his own Divine Seal and inimitable inedible eternal Autograph. They are basically used to forward his basic spiritual truths in their designs, principles, patterns and applications. When used in combinations and/or multiplications, they do not represent conflicting principles but rather cement the notion that these spiritual truths are doubly or triply or quadruply emphasized and intensified in designs, patterns, significances and end results within the context of the biblical passage.

Number *Twelve* is *One* of the *Four Perfect* numbers and is consecrated to "*supremacy*" and "*governance*" of God's *Works*, *Laws*, *Word* and *Rule*, and the strict *Protocol* with which they should be implemented and carried out by God's faithful and obedient governing servants, be it prophets, messengers, priests, kings or ruling lay people as well as in the governing of the individual believer's own godly life and works.

In this context, with number *Twelve*, we see the "*Legislation*" (Laws) and the "*Governance*" (application) hand in hand in action. We see the one and only *Author* and *Designer*, the Living Loving God, devising, working and commanding as the Supreme Creator with his absolute authority, clout, entitlement and justification of being the Legislator, the Ruler and the Judge.

In that respect, number *Twelve* is synonymous to that "*Divine government*" that is armed with "*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; the treasures of (God's) wisdom and knowledge" (Col 2:2-3).*

In compliance, that earthly government, be it individual, collective and/or communal "earthly government" will carry out God's prescribed laws in a "genuine perfect apostolic fullness" for a perfect culmination and fruition.

In that framework, we see many prophets and kings of Israel, such as David and Solomon, together with many of God's saints, in spite of their shortcomings and blemishes, fulfilling such mandates because they believed, such as in "Solomon appointing *Twelve* officers/governors over Israel" (1Kgs 4:7).

"The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. Moreover by them is your servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward" (Psa 19:7-11).

The best example of the significance of the number *Twelve* in the godly governing is found in the answer given to his father and mother after the Lord Jesus made his first public appearance at the age of *Twelve*: "How is it that you sought me? Wish you not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spoke unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:49-52) to which he added much later, "Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33).

As you will ascertain from the biblical examples here below that the many usages of *Twelve* are the products and by-products of marriage between the number *Three* (the Godhead, the Trinity, the perfectly Divine and Heavenly number) multiplied by the number *Four* (1-the creation, 2-the universe, 3-the material and organic earthly number, 4-the four corners of the universe) to produce a perfect godly governing and alliance. When this takes place, we get a picture perfect flawless, harmonious and inalienable unison of *Heaven* and *Earth*.

When we add *Three* to *Four*, we get the number *Seven*, which is the other number besides *Ten* for perfection, wholeness and fullness; "and on the <u>Seventh</u> day, God rested" (Gen 2:2) after completing all his works. It is a full harmonious combination of an organizational order between the Godhead and his creatures. The perfect example for the combination of the numbers *Three* & *Four*, the *Four* (humans) is always inferred in the number *Twelve* as we can see from Jesus' saying in this passage referring to Creator & handiwork creatures oneness:

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on me should not abide in darkness... Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me... If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 12:46, 15:4, 6).

Since Jesus came in the flesh and humans are in the flesh, then Jesus and the humans became one not two in the spiritual husbandry, exactly as all the passages in the Bible speaking of husbands and wives' union, in spite of their physiological differences.

If we double *Twelve*, we get *Twenty Four*, which doubly intensifies the meaning of the office of the projected governmental perfection (secular) together with the priestly anticipated perfect holiness and righteousness (religious) in governing and shepherding God's flocks. When we add the two *perfect* numbers *Seven* and *Ten*, we get *Seventeen*, which simply means that in conducting one's life or governing the people in implementing God's "*Divine spiritual Order*" we attain that perfection.

If we multiply *Three* (The Godhead) by *Two* (separation from the Godhead), we get the number *Six*, which is the symbol of imperfection denoting rebellion and alienation such as with Satan and man. But if we multiply *Three* (The Godhead) by *Three* (The Godhead), we get the number *Nine*, which triply emphasizes the completeness, fullness and finality of God and his Works and Words. If we add *Seven* (perfection) to *Six* (imperfection), we get the number *Thirteen*, which denotes evil, rebellion, separation, backsliding and apostasy, such as we say superstitiously "*Friday the thirteen*" or "*elevator to the thirteen floor*", etc., the Chinese people considers number 12 to be a very lucky number, and you may see displayed on neon or other forms as an amulet to dwarf evil eye, while they consider number 4 as a bad omen similar to world's number 13.

If we divide **Twelve** by **Two**, which represents separation and alienation, we get **Six** which reverts us to the division between **good** and **evil** and coveys a sense of interruption or defect in governing.

To sum it up for number *Twelve*, it is simply compliance and total submission in *perfecting* the implementation of God's laws and purpose in managing, ruling and overseeing any godly government, and by extension the symbolism for the accomplishment of Christ First Mission of Salvation making the crooked ways straight as well as his Second Advent to rule the world in righteousness.

According to Wikipedia: "In number theories: an abundant number or excessive number is a number for which the sum of its proper divisors is greater than the number itself. The integer 12 is the first abundant number. Its proper divisors are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 for a total of

16. The amount by which the sum exceeds the number is the **abundance**. The number 12 has an abundance of 4°. (Underlining is the author's).

"The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works" (Psa 145:17).

Here below few of the Biblical passages for number *Twelve* that end with compliance and completion:

- The sun was given to shine and **rule the day** (**Twelve hours**) while the moon reflects the rays of the sun to **rule the night** (**Twelve hours**) for a total of **Twenty Four**, doubly denoting completion and consummation of one day as confirmed by Jesus in John 11:9.
- The Twelve signs of the Zodiac and The Twelve Constellations:

"He tells the number of the stars... He brings out their host by number... Can you bring forth Mazzaroth (the 12 constellations) in his seasons, or can you guide Arcturus?" (Psa 147:4; Isa 40:26; Job 38:32).

There must be a great godly design that the number *Twelve* pervades the heavens, where we find it added and multiplied to convey one truth after another in God's perfect creation. These are some biblical facts that science can not deny or derail:

- 1) There are *Twelve* signs of the **Zodiac**; each has *Three* constellations, making 36 in all, which together with the *Twelve* signs make a total of 48.
- 2) The 360 (12x30) degrees, into which the great circle of the heavens is divided. And it is this division of the Zodiac which gives us the *Twelve* months.
- 3) Our present Solar system is composed of *Nine* planets, namely: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, and if we include Pluto's Haumea dwarf moon Charon, the Asteroid Ceres, and the 2005 newly discovered Eris, the total would be *Twelve*.

In the **Old Testament**, we have:

- The *Twelve* Patriarchs: *Twelve* from Seth (Adam's Son) to Noah and his family, and *Twelve* from Shem (Noah's son) to Jacob/Israel (Isaac's son) (Gen chpt 12, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32, 36, 48, 49).
- The Twelve sons of Israel: Jacob's Twelve sons from his two wives. Although they are thirteen in total, yet from Genesis to Revelation, all 18 lists comprised only Twelve in each list.
- The Twelve Princes, sons of Ishmael (Gen 16:20; 17:20; 25:13-16),
- The Twelve Princes bringing gifts to the sanctuary over Twelve Days (Num chpt 7),
- The Twelve Tribes of Israel: Sons of Jacob (Gen 49:28),
- The *Twelve* Judges or Saviors of Israel (Jdg 12:7-15),
- The Twelve Pillars built for the sanctuary on Mount Sinai (Exo 24:4),
- The Twelve Pillars erected in the Promised Land (Josh 4:1-9),
- The Twelve Spies/explorers sent to Canaan (Num chpt 13).

- The Twelve Gates of the earthly Jerusalem. (Neh Chpt 3),
- The Twelve Precious Stones embedded in the Jordan River, (Exo 28:15-19; 1Sam 28:3-6; Num 27:21),
- These *Twelve* Precious Stones were placed after in the High Priest's breastplate (Removed from Jordan River) (Exo 28:15-19; 1Sam 28:3-6; Num 27:21),
- The *Twelve statues* of oxen of the bronze sea (1kgs 7:25),
- The *Twelve* Names on the pectorals of the High Priests (Exo 28:7-12),
- The Twelve Men chosen by God to conduct census of tribes (Num 1:2-16),
- The *Twelve* Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi),
- The *Twelve* Lions on both sides of the throne of Solomon (1Kgs 10:20),
- The *Twelve* Strips made of Ahijah's cloak (1Kgs 11:30),
- The *Twelve* Animals sacrificed (Num 7:87; 29:17),
- The *Twelve* Curses invoked by Moses on all men of Israel (Deut 27:15-26),
- The *Twelve* individual **Story** about Sampson in the Book of Judges,
- The Twelve Cakes made by the "legislator" Moses and set before the Lord (Lev 24:5),
- The *Twelve* Great Priests of Chronicles (1Chr chpt 6),
- The 120 Priests blowing trumpets (2Chr 5:12),
- The Twelve distinguishably anointed Persons: Many were anointed including but not limited to messengers, kings and priests and every day men as well as Jesus, but only these Twelve were distinguished from all the others because of the circumstances surrounded the anointment:

Five Priests and Seven Kings= Twelve

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Aaron, (Exo 29:7,9),
Nadab, (Exo 29:7,9),
Abihu, (Exo 29:7,9),
Eleazar, (Exo 29:7,9),
Ithamar, (Exo 29:7,9),
Saul, (1Sam 10:1), represents the Six in this order of the Twelve. (Evil)
* David (see note notes below) ranked Seven in this order of the Twelve. (Good).
Absalom, (2Sam 19:10),
Solomon, (1Kings 1:39),
Jehu, (2Kings 9:6),
Joash, (2Kings 11:12),
Jehoahaz, (2Kings 23:30).
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^{*}David, (1Sam 16:13), was anointed 3 times: first by Samuel, then by the men of Judah (2Sam 2:4) and finally by the Elders of Israel (2Sam 5:3).

- The *Twelve* names in the whole Bible composed only of two Hebrew letters:
- The **Book** of **Daniel** used to be 13 chapters, and then was revised to 12 chapters. We read in Daniel <u>12:12</u>: "Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days", which translates in 1+3+3+5=<u>12</u>.

- THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON:

Has the number *Twelve* as the predominant factor, in contrast with the Tabernacle, which had the number *Five*. This agrees with the *grace* which shines in the Tabernacle, and with the *glory* of the kingdom which is displayed in the Temple.

- In the **New Testament**, we read about:
 - 1- The *Twelve* Apostles (Luk 6:12-16; Matt 10:2-4; Mar 3:16-19; Act 1:13),
 - 2- The Twelve Stars on a crown worn by a woman (Rev 21:1),
 - 3- The Twelve Foundations in the heavenly Jerusalem (Rev 21:16-21),
 - 4- The Twelve Pearls (Rev 21:21),
 - 5- The Twelve Angels gatekeepers (Rev 21:12),
 - 6- The Twelve Baskets of leftover after feeding 5000+ (Mar 6:43),
 - 7- The *Twelve* kinds of **Fruit** the **Forbidden Tree** of life will bear over *Twelve* months periods (Rev 22:2),
 - 8- The Twelve Years a woman had blood hemorrhage (Mar chpt 5),
 - 9- The Twelve pieces of Loaves Jesus broke at the Last Supper,
 - 10- The Twelve Times Jesus is called the "Son of Man" in the Gospel of John alone,
 - 11- The Twelve Days since Paul worshipped in Jerusalem (Act 24:11),
 - 12- **The Number of the Sealed** at the Judgment Day: The number of the sealed will be 144,000, which has to do with the *Twelve* Tribes of Israel. (Rev 7:4),
 - 13- The *Twelve* Angelic Legions: which Jesus said he is able to ask his father to send (Matt 26:53)

- THE MEASUREMENT OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

The area will be square consisting of 12,000 furlongs (+/-1500 miles) or stadia (+/-1400 miles).

Its wall will be 144 (12 x 12) cubits thick (Rev 21:16-17).

And finally:

- The *Twelve* Commandments: the **Ten** given to Moses and the final **Two** added by Jesus, to supersede and crown the 613 total commandments.

Since number **Ten** is the **perfect** number, then we have to conclude that **Twelve** is that 120% in the numerology of God's perfection and faithfulness and the ultimate culmination and fruition of his purpose, design, repetition, use and significance of numbers. These numbers are perfect in their numbering order as well as in their inspired power, holiness, pattern, significance, execution and end results.

On a side note, the most common carbon isotope (Carbon-12) is the <u>basis of God's</u> <u>management of all known life on Earth</u>, consisting of 6 protons, 6 neutrons and 6 electrons.

"Let him that has understanding **count the number of the beast**: for it is the number of a man; and his number is **Six hundred threescore and six**" (Rev 13:18). The number 666 is associated with the name of the Red Dragon, Lucifer, the devil or Satan, in short the Antichrist (Book of Revelation).

The symbol number of the "Divine Power" and the "Mystery of God" is the triune "333", while the symbol of the "rebellion" and the "Desire to be like and above God" of the "self-divinized Satan" is "666" (333x2).

The prime number up to 666 is 121, which is the square of 11. If we add 1+1=2, which is in turn the number of rebellion, disobedience and evil

Let earnestly and devotedly believe and do God's will while singing with the angels first: "Glory to God in the Highest" so that we can "do good to our fellow men". Let us be of those who meditate on the sufferings of our Lord in Good Friday so that we can joyfully celebrate the Resurrection Sunday of our Risen Lord, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace of the Lord Jesus,

2:14)

and charitable Good Will

towards-our fellowmen

(Luke