

NUMBERS CAN TALK



INTRODUCTION

On our website we provide the meaning of over a thousand numbers. Our research began by studying Scripture and drawing inference to the meaning of numbers in it according to the context of their usage. First occurrence of a number was considered a place where the association of meaning and number was strongest. Over time we compiled the meanings and published lists on the site.

Not all numbers are mentioned in the Bible. How do we infer the meanings of those numbers? We noticed that the meaning of a number is always consistent with the meaning of its factors. Example:

- The meaning of “2” is DIVISION or DISCERNMENT
- The meaning of “6” is MAN or FLESH
- The meaning of “12” is GOVERNMENT

$12 = 2 \times 6$. Government DIVIDES Man. It takes power away from him. Government keeps a close eye on Man. Government DISCERNS Men. What Men are they up to? Is it permissible for them?

NUMBERS ARE TALKING

Another method we used to draw out the meanings of especially the larger numbers was to listen to what the numbers were saying in the order they are displayed.

For example: the number “12” is a “1” followed by a “2” as if they were standing in a line.

- The meaning of “1” is I AM LORD!
- The meaning of “2” is figuratively a LION. [“2” looks like a Lion’s mane or a raised claw]

Behold! What does the number 12 proclaim loudly to everyone far and wide?

“I AM LORD!” {I AM THE RULER, specifically RULER OF YOU} and...

The “LION” follows me. {I can inflict a wound! So obey me, or suffer the consequences}

NUMBERS ARE TALKING IN THE WORLD

The Bible is truth. It is a perfect place to test and refine the purest meaning of numbers. But the spiritual meaning of numbers is a universal meaning and appreciated even by people who don't know the Bible.



For example: Look at this: the European Flag

The EU flag has 12 stars. They are in a circle. **NUMBERS ARE TALKING.** They say the EU is a GOVERNMENT (12) where no one country (star) has more importance or leverage than any other and all significant decisions must be unanimous. The center of the flag is the place of PRE-EMINENCE. No country has a star there. Furthermore, all stand away from the center an equal distance.

Each country's star has 5 points: which means WEAKNESS (5). By themselves European countries are WEAK. An overarching GOVERNMENT (12) is one solution to isolation. In total there are 60 points on all the stars: which means KING (60). Instead of one man taking all the glory for himself standing in the midst, the glory of the European Union, like a crown of stars, bathes all the countries. They gave up some of their freedom to join, but it raised the strength of them all.

Regardless of whether we agree this is right or wrong, that is what the numbers "say" in the flag.

ARAB NUMERALS ARE PICTOGRAMS

Hebrew uses its alphabet as numbers: Aleph means "a" but also means "1", Beth means "b" but also means "2", etc. Greek is the same: Alpha means "a" but also "1", Beta means "b" but also "2", etc.

Languages used pictograms for words from the oldest times. Alphabets borrowed from this practice and letters were stylized after objects readers would recognize. With time these became stylized and the connection to the original drawing of an object was obscured. E.g. "A" was an Ox head with two horns.

It is therefore natural to expect that those who designed the Arab Numerals would coin a pictogram for every number to represent not only its count but also suggest a figurative meaning in its shape.

The number "1" is figurative of the RULER'S STAFF. The number "2" is figurative of a LION or a RAISED CLAW. All 10 numbers, from 0 to 9, are pictograms.

INTERPRETATION OF ARAB NUMERALS

Here is the list of pictograms I see with Bible Number meanings alongside:

- 1 RULER'S STAFF "I Am LORD!"
- 2 LION <or> RAISED CLAW "Divide" [Tear Apart] or "Discern"
- 3 BINDING CORD "Binding" <or> "Truth"
- 4 CUP <or> FIELD <or> EAR "Message" <or> "Measure"
- 5 OPEN HAND <or> CURLED UP BODY <or> CHILD "Weakness"
- 6 MAN – HEAD DOWN "Man" <or> "Flesh"
- 7 SWORD <or> SCYTHE "Sword" <or> "The End"
- 8 MAN – STRONG "New Man" <or> "New Beginning"
- 9 PLUME OF SMOKE "Judgment"
- 0 EMPTINESS <or> OPEN MOUTH "Circle" <or> "Gang" <or> "Womb"

MORE WAYS NUMBERS TALK

In our first example of the number 12 we described "2" as FOLLOWING BEHIND "1".

Number 12 can also be understood as "1" MEETS "2".

There is tremendous wisdom in numbers if you meditate on them.

What happens when the RULER'S STAFF (1) meets LION (2) <or> RAISED CLAW (2)?

This demonstrates another aspect of GOVERNMENT implicit in the number 12. The job of a SHEPHERD (1) is to protect the flock from any harm from external threats: LION (2) <or> RAISED CLAW (2).

Governments bear the power to punish members of society that disobey, as we saw in "1" with "2" following behind. Governments also bear the power to defend the members of society from external threats, as we saw in "1" meets "2".

Here is a key hermeneutic of determining the meaning of spiritual numbers: all the different ways numbers can talk to each other must make sense in the proposed meaning. We will give more examples to demonstrate this. As the numbers get larger and more digits are involved it can become complex.

Take the number 1345. For a proposed meaning of 1345 to make sense "1" must talk to "345", "13" must talk to "45", "134" must talk to "5". All the talking must agree or find a common ground. That is your meaning. Furthermore, "34" must BREAK "15". But we will discuss what 'breaking' means later.

Who knew numbers were so socially well adjusted?



Last Supper

At the Last Supper Jesus said “**I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.**” At that moment there were 13 men around the table: twelve apostles plus Jesus.

Let’s look at how the numbers talk in “13” which means REBELLION.

First, there is the conversation of the RULER’S STAFF (1) followed by BINDING CORD (3).

The number 3 can be interpreted as TRUTH (3). Truth is the trusted servant who follows the Master and obeys him completely. Jesus said “**I**” (1) “**tell you the truth**” (3). The truth is REBELLION (13) is in the heart of all men. Don’t we feel Government is a burden that cramps our freedom? Ever since the Fall of Adam it seems mankind demonstrates over and over we are a pack of rebels.

A corollary insight from this wisdom is Government can maintain moral authority over the people only as long as Government is transparent and truthful in its dealings. Government corruption or outright lying erodes the faith of the people. Without willing followers Governments become slave drivers.

{The author raised sheep for many years. I can tell you it is quite a job to persuade the sheep you are a trustworthy figure who can be counted on to lead them to good pasture. If you are faithful in this duty you won’t need a dog to herd sheep. Just call them and they will come running to wherever you are.}

Second, there is the RULER’S STAFF (1) that meets the BINDING CORD (3). God instructed Moses to lift up the Rod of Authority to part the Red Sea. But if Moses’ arms were tied by a binding cord he could not do that. Rebel talk is like this: “You are RULER (1) but my BINDING CORD (3) will take your authority away”.

Once Judas left, there were 12 in the room. GOVERNMENT (12), order and decorum, could resume because REBELLION (13) had left the room. In a terrible huff I am sure.

Adding the digits in a number will add further insight into its spiritual meaning. Example: $1 + 2 = 3$

Another meaning of 3 is OATH (3). Swearing the OATH (3) of Allegiance grants the GOVERNMENT (12) authority over citizens. A pictogram for 3 is SNAKE [coils like a cord]. $1+2=3$ Governments will always be plagued by the plots of insiders. Jesus said “**Don’t swear oaths** (3)” ... “**they come from the Evil One**”. The SNAKE (3) rarely lies blatantly. That would give him away. No. He prefers to TWIST (3) the TRUTH (3).



Our next example is the number 25: which means FORGIVENESS <or> PAYMENT FOR SIN

What do the numbers say? When LION (2) meets WEAKNESS (5) that means the Lion loses strength.

In the picture above the Zebra is being attacked by the Lion. The Zebra is the weaker one. But in this encounter, the Lion meets Weakness: the Lion gets kicked in the teeth.

PAYMENT FOR SIN (25): The aggressor Lion (2) is punished for the sin of violence against the Weak (5).

Let's add the digits together for a deeper sense of the meaning.

The digits in 25 are 2 and 5. $2 + 5 = 7$ or SWORD.

PAYMENT FOR SIN: Jesus said "If you live by the SWORD (7) you will die by the SWORD (7)".

25 is notable because 25 is the square of 5. Whenever a number is squared it is "exalted" or "honored".

God is just. He must punish sin. God's Justice honors the weak if they are oppressed, attacked, or ill-treated by the strong. If God permitted sin to go unpunished then honor would flow to aggressors and the weak and the poor would be dis-honored. God is GOOD. He cannot permit EVIL to prosper for long.

But the Weak can also honor God! The Weak (5) can voluntarily offer SIN FORGIVEN (25) to the Lion (2).

The number 7 also means THE END. When SIN IS FORGIVEN (25) it is THE END ($7=2+5$) of the guilt.

This is why an innocent animal is offered as a sacrifice on the altar. The animal does not deserve to die. But its death is not in vain. It confers a benefit to a guilty third party: God won't seek justice for their sin.

Jesus said "FORGIVE (25) as your Father in Heaven has FORGIVEN (25) you". Whenever the Weak forgive, the Weak honors God and offers gratitude for undeserved relief from the consequences of his own guilt. For all are sinners and stand in need of God's grace. [Note: Some interpret the meaning of 5 to be GRACE. I do not agree this is the core concept of 5-ness. Grace is closer in meaning to SIN IS FORGIVEN (25).].

The Pictogram for 5 is OPEN HAND. The Weak one is not guilty of taking another's possession because they have an OPEN HAND. The Weak one is not guilty of violence because their hand is NOT IN A FIST.

When we grant the strong LION forgiveness, we offer them an OPEN HAND to help them extract themselves from guilt and remove the punishment awaiting them when they are judged by God.



Abraham watches Sodom and Gomorrah burn up

Our next example is the number 19 FAITH.

How do the numbers talk?

RULER'S STAFF (1) is followed closely behind by his faithful servant PLUME OF SMOKE (9). Genesis chapter 19 pictures us for this. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were guilty of such great sin a cry went up to God. He sent two angels down to act as witnesses in a trial of these accusations. They discovered that the Government of the two cities did not keep the people of Sodom and Gomorrah disciplined to obey law and order. The city was rife with violence, murder, and rape.

GOD must honor His Word: God must keep FAITH (19). It is one thing for people to sin. This is all too common. But if a Government will not restrain sin in its domain through some mechanism of control of the people, then God will judge the Government and take its authority away.

From the viewpoint of rulers in Sodom and Gomorrah: RULER'S STAFF (1) meets PLUME OF SMOKE (9).

Let's add up the digits: $1+9=10$. The number 10 pictures RULER'S STAFF (1) meets EMPTINESS (0). Prior to God's judgment the rulers had a people and a place to govern. When God kept the FAITH (19) the rulers of Sodom and Gomorrah had no people and no place to govern.

A new hermeneutic! 19 is the 8th PRIME NUMBER. In the special case of a prime number its ordinal supports and enhances the meaning. The number 8 means NEW BEGINNING (8) and NEW MAN (8).

The people and the rulers of Sodom and Gomorrah were burnt to cinders. But all was not gone. Lot and his two daughters escaped and fled to the mountains. It was a pathetic remnant of a once prominent city.

Nevertheless, God remembered mercy in his judgment and saved Lot out of the fire. Although Lot survived he lost his home, his wife, his extended family, and all possessions. Yet he was a STRONG MAN (8) and the NEW BEGINNING (8) led to two new nations: Moab and Ammon. They spread out to nearby lands and occupied the territory occupied by the former Sodom and Gomorrah.

Readers might question the choice of the meaning of FAITH for 19. Many would associate Faith with strong conviction. But the Bible says "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen." God judges unrighteous governments. Governments that cannot restrain the sin of the people reach the end of their moral authority to rule. History has provided evidence of this over and over.

When a Government perishes in fire we know God has been at work in the unseen realm to make it so.



Death of Nadab and Abihu

Our next example is the number 100 HOLY FLOCK.

How do the numbers talk?

The 100th chapter of the Bible is Leviticus 10 where it is written:

“Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. And Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the Lord spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.’ So Aaron held his peace.” (v. 1-3)

Before they died the pictogram would have been RULER’S STAFF (1) {High Priest Aaron} followed by his faithful servants RULER’S STAFF (1) {Priest Nadab} and RULER’S STAFF (1) {Priest Abihu}. The number 111 means FEAR OF THE LORD. This is the picture if all the priests in the joint ministry are God-fearing.

But Nadab and Abihu were not God-fearing. They toyed with holy things for personal amusement. Incense was a substance with strict controls in the Torah. It was forbidden to be made and consumed for personal use. It was a holy substance that had an exclusive use and purpose in God’s service.

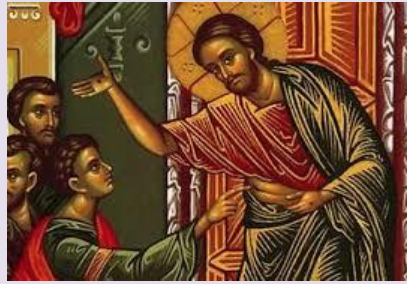
The pictogram of 100 is RULER’S STAFF (1) followed by EMPTINESS (0) and EMPTINESS (0). After they broke their holy vow God destroyed Nadab & Abihu. Their positions as Aaron’s servants were vacant.

100 = 10 ^ 2 or TESTIMONY (10) is EXALTED (squared): **“Before all the people I must be glorified”**

Add up the digits of 100 = 1 + 0 + 0 = 1. Result is a repeat of message above. The role of a Priest or a servant of the LORD is to become nothing: Take no glory for oneself; give all glory to God. As John the Baptist said **“I am not worthy to remove a latchet of His sandle”**.

The pictogram for 0 means OPEN MOUTH. It is appropriate for a priest or servant of the LORD to declare God’s praises with their voice. In Isaiah the LORD says **“Open your mouth wide and I will fill it”**. As words come out of our mouths to His glory the Spirit of God fills our hearts with blessing.

In 100 the number 1 meets 00. What does “00” signify? If 0 means OPEN MOUTH then doesn’t 00 mean OPEN MOUTH meets OPEN MOUTH? Doesn’t 00 mean KISS? So 1 meets 00 means RULER’S STAFF (1) meets KISS (00). A Priest must show respect for the Authority of God. Self-will is sin and is punishable.



Doubting Thomas

The next number is 11: which means DARKNESS or MYSTERY.

After Judas departed there were only 11 apostles following Jesus. Thomas said “**Lord, we do not know where you are going...**” After Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by Peter and the women Thomas said “**Unless I see the nail prints in His hands and put my hand into His side I will not believe.**” In spite of spending years with Jesus Thomas was still in darkness. He did not believe Jesus’ words.

How do the numbers talk?

In 11 we have 1 meets 1. RULER’S STAFF (1) meets RULER’S STAFF (1). How there be two rulers in one house? This is only possible in an alternate universe. Paganism believes there are many gods. In a pagan world you can have a god and I can have a god. Your god is ruler of you. My god is ruler of me. Amazingly they believe this and ignore the plain truth that if your god doesn’t rule my god then your god is no god at all and vice versa for my god. This worldview is ignorant of spiritual truth concerning God.

In 11 we have 1 is followed by his faithful servant 1. Pagans attempt a crude reconciliation of their divine dilemma by constructing an elaborate web of relationships among their gods. Some have special powers that make them exceptional among the rest of the gods. Some of the gods are sent on quests by other gods. Having a special power or having influence over powerful beings does not make you the Creator.

Genesis 11 is the account of the Tower of Babel. Men attempted to build a city which would rule the whole earth whose top would reach heaven. In other words, their rulers would achieve divine status in the belief of the people. It was a plot to delude the masses of mankind and lead them astray from the knowledge of God. The LORD came down from Heaven to “**confuse their language so that they may not understand one another’s speech**”. The Tower fell and the people scattered over the face of the earth.

Look at “11”: two rulers standing side by side. They don’t touch. They don’t agree. Neither comprehends the other. Neither acknowledges the other. Each is a silo of ignorance: the world after the fall of Babel.

In the process of time Genesis 11 tells us Abram was born. He would be forefather of the faithful. But in Genesis 11 Abram did not yet walk with God. He was living in Haran in the household of his father Terah: a famous idolator. Like Thomas Abram was aware of the teachings of God from the elders. But he didn’t believe it. He probably resisted it. His wife Sarai was barren. The Tower of Babel had fallen but the hearts of people were inclined towards paganism. Everywhere was unbelief towards God.

The Trinity? Not many gods. Three-in-One. $1 = 1 \times 1 \times 1$.



Raised incorruptible

The next number is 113: which means SNATCH AWAY THE SAINTS <or> RESURRECTION

How do the numbers talk?

The 113th chapter of the Bible is Leviticus 23. The feasts of the LORD are listed here. All the feasts are prophetic: Feast of First Fruits (prophetic of resurrection of Messiah¹), Feast of Pentecost (prophetic of anointing of Holy Spirit in Acts 2 and in-gathering of souls), etc. The wave offering in the Feast of Pentecost is a poignant figure of resurrection: two loaves of bread were waved in the air to the LORD.

As a triple digit number 113 will have many conversations among the numbers.

In 113 we have 11 meets 3: DARKNESS (11) meets TRUTH (3). Doubt concerning the validity of Jesus being the awaited Messiah was erased when he rose from the dead and ascended in a new body to the Father.

In 113 we have 1 followed by 13: RULER'S STAFF (1) is followed by REBELLION (13). It was foretold at the circumcision of Jesus: "This [One] is destined for the rising and falling of many in Israel". The same sun that melts the butter hardens the clay. Messiah was rejected by the Jews. But a remnant was saved, SNATCH AWAY THE SAINTS; these received the gift of Eternal Life and resurrection from the dead.

Picture the central 1 lifted up above the 1 and the 3 on a level beneath it.

The 'midst' is the place of pre-eminence. The central 1 "breaks" the 13 on the level beneath.

The RESURRECTION (113) of Messiah announces the long awaited fulfillment of the promised victory of good over evil: RULER'S STAFF (1) breaks REBELLION (13). When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit they accepted the consequences upon their mortal souls. But the LORD covered their nakedness with the garment from a slain sacrifice and they did not immediately die. Furthermore the LORD promised the SNAKE "[the Seed of the Woman] shall bruise your head and you will bruise his heel" (Gen 3 v 15).

What does the pictogram of 13 look like to you? To me it looks like a SNAKE IN THE TREE.

If we think of the central 1 elevated as the resurrected Christ we can immediately see from the positioning of the protagonists all the consequences God ordained: the SNAKE from his position below can only bruise the heel of Christ; but Christ from his position above can bruise the head of the SNAKE.

Blessings to you all in Jesus' Name! servant mark.

¹ 1 Cor 15 v 20