

# The Inspired Word of God

## Chapter 5

Some might view this chapter as overkill but really, it has great significance! How can we view anything that confirms the Word of God as overkill? This segment will focus on the over 150+ **patterns of “Sevens”** in the Bible. These are those patterns that require readers to plow the text of Scripture. They are less visible and often hidden in plain sight rather than the actual number or the word itself.

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Represents perfection, and is the sign of God, divine worship, completions, obedience, and rest. The “prince” of Bible numbers, it is used over 668X times, including its derivatives (e.g., seventh, sevens). -(See Genesis 2:1–4, Psalm 119:164, and Exodus 20:8–11 for just a few of the examples.) Seven is all of the above but I believe more so that it is God’s Covenantal Number.

The word “**seven**” is also the most common in biblical prophecy, occurring 54 times in Revelation alone. In Revelation there are **seven** churches, **seven** spirits, **seven** golden candlesticks, **seven** stars, **seven** lamps, **seven** seals, **seven** horns, **seven** eyes, **seven** angels, **seven** trumpets, **seven** thunders, **seven** thousand slain in a great earthquake, **seven** heads, **seven** crowns, **seven** last plagues, **seven** golden vials, **seven** mountains, and **seven** kings.

One of the first “**seven**” themes is found in the book of Genesis where the book of beginnings anticipates **all false philosophies**:

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| Atheism      | Genesis says the world was created by God.               |
| Pantheism    | Genesis says God is transcendent and distinguishable.    |
| Polytheism   | Genesis says there is One God.                           |
| Materialism  | Genesis says that matter had a beginning.                |
| Humanism     | Genesis says that God, not man, is the ultimate reality. |
| Evolutionism | Genesis says “God created”.                              |
| Uniformism   | Genesis says God intervenes in His creation.             |

Another “**Seven**” found in Genesis 12:1-3 is the “**Seven**” I Will’s spoken to Abraham by God in the Abrahamic Covenant:

- And I will make of thee a great nation,
- And I will bless thee,
- And make thy name great;
- And thou shalt be a blessing:
- And I will bless them that bless thee,
- And curse him that curseth thee:
- And in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

One of the deceptive concepts is how Scripture has been misrepresented by those who want to treat the Bible simply as allegory or by spiritualizing Scripture thereby tending to forget God’s dealings with man through epochs or administrations. Roughly 90% of the Christian world hold to this method of understanding the Bible. Another 10% view the Bible as being literal and historical first. God defined it as The “**Seven**” Dispensations:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Innocence            | Genesis 1:28    |
| Conscience           | Genesis 3:7     |
| Human Government     | Genesis 8:15    |
| Promise              | Genesis 12:1-2  |
| Law                  | Exodus 19:1-6   |
| Church (Grace)       | Acts 2:1-4      |
| Kingdom (Millennium) | Revelation 20:4 |

Another “**Seven**” is God’s measurement standard laid out in Micah 7:15. This is not easily discerned in the Bible, but none the less, it is defined by the Creator Himself:

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| Of Judgment      | Plagues            |
| Of Grace         | The Blood covering |
| Of Might         | Red Sea crossing   |
| Of Guidance      | The Shekinah       |
| Of Provision     | Manna, water, etc. |
| Of Faithfulness  | Abrahamic Covenant |
| Of Condescension | The Tabernacle     |

One of the most important examples of “**Seven**” is the Feasts of the Lord in Leviticus 23:

- Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Feast of First Fruits
- Feast of Shavuot
- Feast of Trumpets
- Feast of Yom Kippur
- Feast of Booths

**The Bible lists “Seven” Brooks (another odd item in the Bible)**

|    |   |                              |
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| 1. | <b>Jabbok</b> , where Jacob wrestled with God   | Genesis 32:22                |
| 2. | <b>Eshcol</b> , where the 12 spies of Israel cut down a sample of the marvelous fruit of the Promised Land    | Numbers 13:23                |
| 3. | <b>Sinai</b> , the stream at the base of the mountain where Moses disposed of the golden calf Israel had made | Deuteronomy 9:21             |
| 4. | <b>Besor</b> , where David and his mighty men camped briefly en route to do battle with the Amalekites        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 30:9  |
| 5. | <b>Cherith</b> , where Elijah was fed by ravens   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 17:3-4 |
| 6. | <b>Kishon</b> , where Deborah and Barak defeated Sisera   | Judges 4:13                  |
| 7. | <b>Kidron</b> , which the Savior crossed en route to Gethsemane   | John 18:1                    |

**There are “seven” Divine Calls to the Christian from God:**

|    |                            |   |
|----|----------------------------|---|
| 1. | The call to salvation      | Romans 8:28-30  |
| 2. | The call to sanctification | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23-24  |
| 3. | The call to service        | John 15:16; 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:26; Ephesians 2:10  |
| 4. | The call to separation     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14-18   |
| 5. | The call to sonship        | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 3:1  |
| 6. | The call to subjection     | Romans 13:4-5   |
| 7. | The call to suffering      | John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29; 3:10; 1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:3; 1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 2:21 |

**The book of Acts names “seven” Deacons in Acts 6:5:**

- Stephen, who became the first martyr
- Philip, who became an evangelist and whose four daughters were prophetesses
- Prochorus
- Nicanor
- Timon
- Parmenas
- Nicolas

**The Bible refers to 14 (7 x 2) Diseases and Infirmities:**

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| 1.  | Barrenness, as suffered by Sarah, Hannah, and Elisabeth  | Genesis 16:1; 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 1:6; Luke 1:7 |
| 2.  | Blains and boils, as suffered by the Egyptians during the sixth plague, by King Hezekiah, and by Job | Exodus 9:9-10; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:7; Job 2:7 |
| 3.  | Botch (may have been syphilis), as suffered by the Egyptians   | Deuteronomy 28:27; 28:35                           |
| 4.  | Canker (cancer)  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:17                       |
| 5.  | Dropsy   | Luke 14:2  |
| 6.  | Dwarfism   | Leviticus 21:20                                    |
| 7.  | Dysentery, as suffered by the father of Publius  | Acts 28:8  |
| 8.  | Emerods (tumors), as suffered by the Philistines who captured the Ark of the Covenant                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 5:6                         |
| 9.  | Fever, as suffered by:   |  |
|     | a. Peter's mother-in-law   | Matthew 8:14-15                                    |
|     | b. A little boy  | John 4:52  |
| 10. | Internal bleeding, as suffered by a Capernaum woman for 12 years                                     | Matthew 9:20                                       |
| 11. | Itch (eczema)  | Deuteronomy. 28:27                                 |
| 12. | Sores (ulcerated openings) as suffered by:   |  |
|     | a. Old Testament Israel  | Isaiah 1:6   |
|     | b. Lazarus the beggar  | Luke 16:20   |
|     | c. The ungodly in the Tribulation  | Revelation 16:2                                    |
| 13. | Sunstroke, as perhaps suffered by the Shunammite woman's son   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:19                         |
| 14. | Worms (a possible reference to intestinal roundworm infection), as suffered by Herod                 | Acts 12:21-23                                      |

Exodus 3:14 says "**I AM that I AM**" – This is further stated in "**seven**" statements of Christ Jesus:

- I AM the Bread of Life                      John 6:35, 41, 48, 51
- I AM the Light of the World              John 8:12
- I AM the Door of the Sheep              John 10:7, 9
- I AM the Good Shepherd                 John 10:11, 14
- I AM the Resurrection and Life         John 11:25
- I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life       John 14:6
- I AM the True Vine                         John 15:1, 5

**The Bible mentions Earthquakes “seven” times:**

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | As experienced by Israel at the giving of the Law from Mount Sinai | Exodus 19:18                              |
| 2. | As experienced by Elijah in a cave                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 19:11               |
| 3. | As experienced in the days of Uzziah                               | Zechariah 14:5; Amos 1:1                  |
| 4. | As experienced by a centurion at the crucifixion                   | Matthew 27:54                             |
| 5. | As experienced by the Roman tomb guard at the Resurrection         | Matthew 28:2-4                            |
| 6. | As experienced by the Philippian jailor at midnight                | Acts 16:26                                |
| 7. | As will be experienced by this world during the Tribulation:       |   |
|    | a. At the opening of the sixth seal                                | Revelation 6:12                           |
|    | b. At the opening of the seventh seal                              | Revelation 8:5                            |
|    | c. At the raising of the two witnesses                             | Revelation 11:13                          |
|    | d. At the pouring out of the seventh vial at Armageddon            | Zechariah 14:4-5;<br>Revelation. 16:16-21 |

**The Bible mentions Lots “seven” times:**

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| 1. | To determine which sacrificial animal would be the scapegoat in the tabernacle               | Leviticus 16:8              |
| 2. | To determine the land area for Israel's 12 tribes  | Numbers 26:55; Joshua 18:10 |
| 3. | To determine the Levitical work load and responsibility in the temple during Nehemiah's time | Nehemiah 10:34              |
| 4. | To determine who would live in Jerusalem during Nehemiah's time                              | Nehemiah 11:1               |
| 5. | To determine who should be thrown overboard in a storm                                       | Jonah 1:7                   |
| 6. | To determine who would receive the Savior's seamless coat                                    | Matthew 27:35               |
| 7. | To determine who would replace Judas Iscariot as an apostle                                  | Acts 1:26                   |

Readers can begin to see what I refer to as the obscured hidden “**sevens**”. Finding them takes some serious effort to locate their existence in the Bible.

**The Bible presents “seven” Crises of Jesus Christ:**

- His Birth
- His Baptism
- His Temptation
- His Transfiguration
- His Crucifixion
- His Resurrection
- His Ascension

**The Bible names 21 (7 x 3) Marriages:**

|     |                               |                                  |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Adam to Eve                   | Genesis 2:21-25                  |
| 2.  | Lamech to Adah and Zillah     | Genesis 4:19                     |
| 3.  | Isaac to Rebekah              | Genesis 24:63-67                 |
| 4.  | Esau to Judith                | Genesis 26:34-35                 |
| 5.  | Abraham to Keturah            | Genesis 25:1                     |
| 6.  | Jacob to Leah and Rachel      | Genesis 29:18-23                 |
| 7.  | Joseph to Asenath             | Genesis 41:45                    |
| 8.  | Moses to Zipporah             | Exodus 2:21                      |
| 9.  | Samson to a Philistine girl   | Judges 14                        |
| 10. | Boaz to Ruth                  | Ruth 4:13                        |
| 11. | David to Michal               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 18:20, 27 |
| 12. | David to Abigail              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 25:39     |
| 13. | David to Bathsheba            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:27     |
| 14. | Solomon to Pharaoh's daughter | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 3:1        |
| 15. | Ahab to Jezebel               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 16:31      |
| 16. | Ahasuerus to Esther           | Esther 2:17                      |
| 17. | Hosea to Gomer                | Hosea 1:2-3                      |
| 18. | Joseph to Mary                | Matthew 1:24                     |
| 19. | Herod to Herodias             | Matthew 14:3-4                   |
| 20. | A Cana couple                 | John 2                           |
| 21. | Christ to the Church          | Revelation 19:7-8                |

**The Tabernacle had “seven” Pieces of Furniture:**

- The Brazen Altar symbolizing Atonement
- A Brazen Laver symbolizing Regeneration
- A Table of Showbread symbolizing Living Bread
- A Lampstand symbolizing Light of the World
- An Altar of Incense symbolizing Intercession
- The Ark of the Covenant symbolizing Covenant Access
- The Mercy Seat symbolizing Propitiation

**The Bible mentions 14 (7 x 2) Miracles Performed by Angels:**

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|-----|---|---|
| 1.  | Blinding the Sodomites                        | Genesis 19:9-11                           |
| 2.  | Giving of the Law                             | Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19;<br>Hebrews 2:2 |
| 3.  | The rock and fire miracle                     | Judges 6:19-24                            |
| 4.  | Rescuing Moses' dead body from Satan          | Jude 9                                    |
| 5.  | Feeding of Elijah                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 19:5-7              |
| 6.  | Destroying the Assyrian army                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 19:35               |
| 7.  | Preserving three Hebrew men in a fire         | Daniel 3:25                               |
| 8.  | Preserving Daniel in a den of lions           | Daniel 6:1-24                             |
| 9.  | Rolling away the stone at Jesus' resurrection | Matthew 28:2                              |
| 10. | Opening prison doors for disciples            | Acts 5:19-23                              |
| 11. | Freeing Peter from prison                     | Acts 12:1-17                              |
| 12. | Death of Herod                                | Acts 12:23                                |
| 13. | Future regathering of Israel                  | Matthew 24:31                             |
| 14. | Pouring out of the wrath of God               | Revelation 6-19                           |

**The Bible mentions “seven” Miracles Performed by Elijah:**

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| 1. | The three-year drought                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 17:1; James 5:17       |
| 2. | The unfailing barrel and curse         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 17:13-16; Luke 4:25-26 |
| 3. | Raising of the widow's son             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 17:17-24               |
| 4. | Praying down fire on Mount Carmel      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 18:1-39                |
| 5. | Causing it to rain                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 18:1-2, 41-46          |
| 6. | Destruction of King Ahaziah's soldiers | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 1:1-16                 |
| 7. | Parting of the Jordan                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:8                    |

**The Bible mentions “seven” Palaces:**

|    |                           |                           |
|----|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Artaxerxes                | Nehemiah 1:1; 2:1         |
| 2. | Solomon's                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 7:1 |
| 3. | Ahasuerus's               | Esther 1:2                |
| 4. | Belshazzar's              | Daniel 5:5                |
| 5. | Darius's                  | Daniel 6:18               |
| 6. | The high priest, Caiaphas | Matthew 26:3, 58, 69      |
| 7. | Caesar's                  | Philippians 1:13          |

**The Bible mentions the Pharisees “seven” times:**

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| 1. | The Pharisee with whom Jesus dined, who criticized Jesus for allowing an immoral woman to wash his feet                 | Luke 7:36, 40 |
| 2. | Another Pharisee with whom Jesus dined, who criticized the Savior for not observing the rite of cleansing before eating | Luke 11:37    |
| 3. | Another Pharisee with whom Jesus dined, whose home was the scene for Jesus healing a man with dropsy                    | Luke 14:1-4   |
| 4. | Hypocritical Pharisee whom Jesus contrasted with the humble publican  | Luke 18:10-14 |
| 5. | Nicodemus, the sincere Pharisee who came to Jesus by night  | John 3:1-20   |
| 6. | Gamaliel, famous Jewish teacher who cautioned the Sanhedrin against persecuting the apostles                            | Acts 5:34-40  |
| 7. | Paul, Scripture's greatest theologian and missionary  | Acts 23:6     |

**The book of Revelation names “seven” Churches in chapters 2 and 3:**

- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamos
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea



**The Bible mentions 14 (7 x 2) Rivers:**

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| 1.  | <b>Pison</b> , one of four rivers in the Garden of Eden   | Genesis 2:11                                |
| 2.  | <b>Gihon</b> , another river in Eden  | Genesis 2:13                                |
| 3.  | <b>Hiddekel</b> , a third river in Eden, also called Tigris   | Genesis 2:14                                |
| 4.  | <b>Euphrates</b>  |   |
|     | a. The fourth river in the Garden of Eden   | Genesis 2:14                                |
|     | b. Crossed by Jacob during his flight from Laban  | Genesis 31:20-21                            |
|     | c. Referred to by Joshua as the dividing point in Abraham's life                                    | Joshua 24:2-3                               |
|     | d. Constituted the northeast boundary of Solomon's empire   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 4:21                  |
|     | e. Now a prison for four hellish angels   | Revelation 9:13-15                          |
|     | f. To be dried up during the Tribulation  | Revelation 16:12                            |
| 5.  | <b>Nile</b>   |   |
|     | a. Southern land boundary of the Abrahamic covenant   | Genesis 15:18                               |
|     | b. Seen by Pharaoh in his dream   | Genesis 41:1-18                             |
|     | c. Turned to blood by Moses   | Exodus 7:17-25                              |
| 6.  | <b>Arnon</b> , boundary river between Israel and Moab   | Numbers 21:13;<br>Joshua 12:1; Judges 11:22 |
| 7.  | <b>Kanah</b> , river that served as a boundary between the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh           | Joshua 16:8; 17:9                           |
| 8.  | <b>Kishon</b>   |   |
|     | a. Located near the town of Megiddo where Deborah and Barak defeated Sisera                         | Judges 5:21                                 |
|     | b. Near where Elijah defeated the priests of Baal   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 18:40                 |
| 9.  | <b>Ahava</b> , river at which the returning Babylonian Jews gathered before going back to Jerusalem | Ezra 8:21                                   |
| 10. | <b>Chebar</b> , where Ezekiel saw some of his visions   | Ezekiel 1:1; 3:15, 23; 10:15-22;<br>43:3    |
| 11. | <b>Abana and Pharpar</b> , two of the Damascus rivers mentioned by Naaman                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:12                  |
| 12. | <b>Jordan</b> , the principal river in Palestine and most famous river in the Bible                 |   |

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|-----|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|     | a.                      | Parted by Joshua as Israel marched into the Promised Land | Joshua 3:13-17                     |
|     | b.                      | Parted by Elijah for himself and Elisha                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:7-8        |
|     | c.                      | Parted by Elisha to test the power of God                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:13-14      |
|     | d.                      | The river where Naaman washed his leprosy away            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:10-14      |
|     | e.                      | The place where John baptized Jesus                       | Matt. 3:13-17                      |
| 13. | <b>Millennial river</b> |   | Ezekiel 47:1-12;<br>Zechariah 14:8 |
| 14. | <b>Eternal river</b>    |   | Revelation 22:1                    |

**The Bible mentions 14 (7 x 2) Activities of Fallen Angels:**

|     |  |   |
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| 1.  | They oppose God's purpose  | Ephesians 6:12  |
| 2.  | They execute Satan's program   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1;<br>Revelation 9; 16:12-14                              |
| 3.  | They disseminate false doctrine  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:2;<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1                   |
| 4.  | Some cause insanity  | Matthew 8:28; 17:15, 18;<br>Mark 5:15; Luke 8:27-29                                 |
| 5.  | Some cause muteness of speech  | Matthew 9:33  |
| 6.  | Some cause disease   | Matthew 10:1; Mark 1:23-26;<br>3:11; Luke 4:36; Acts 5:16; 8:7;<br>Revelation 16:13 |
| 7.  | Some cause deafness  | Mark 9:25   |
| 8.  | Some cause epilepsy  | Matthew 17:15-18  |
| 9.  | Some cause blindness   | Matthew 12:22   |
| 10. | Some cause suicidal mania  | Mark 9:22   |
| 11. | Some cause personal injuries   | Mark 9:18   |
| 12. | Some cause physical defects  | Luke 13:11  |
| 13. | They will inflict grievous torture upon unsaved mankind during the great Tribulation | Revelation 9:3-4  |
| 14. | Saul, Israel's first king, was often troubled by an evil spirit                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:14; 18:10; 19:9   |

**The Bible says “seven” times we, the human body, are the Temple of God:**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:9-17 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:16   | Ephesians 2:20-21                |
| Hebrews 3:6                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 2:5        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 4:17         |                                  |

Many people errantly dismiss the fact that the Bible speaks of the rebuilding of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Jewish Temple with the Antichrist’s approval during the first half of the Great Tribulation, and then the last chapters of Ezekiel 40-43 speak of the matter of a 4<sup>th</sup> and final Temple of the Lord, referred to as the Millennial Kingdom Temple where Christ Jesus rules and reigns from for 1,000 years. This is a major error on the part of Amillennialism or Covenant/Reformed theology, which fails to make a distinction the Bible makes concerning Israel and the Church. Amillennialism has been in the majority and the most dominant theology since the time of Roman Catholicism when it was adopted by the bishop of Hippo, St. Augustine. Rome adopted “Supersessionism” or what is commonly known as “Replacement” theology in which the belief is the church replaced Israel. This is a heresy straight from the pit of Hell!

**The Bible mentions 14 (7 x 2) Signs:**

|     |  |                                   |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | The rainbow, a sign that the world would never again be destroyed by water   | Genesis 9:13-17                   |
| 2.  | The ten plagues in Egypt, signs of the power of God                          | Exodus 10:2                       |
| 3.  | Unleavened bread, a sign of the deliverance from Egypt                       | Exodus 13:7-9                     |
| 4.  | The Sabbath, a sign of completion and rest                                   | Exodus 31:13                      |
| 5.  | Twelve stones, signs of the parting of the Jordan                            | Joshua 4:6                        |
| 6.  | A fleece, a sign of answered prayer and God's approval                       | Judges 6:17                       |
| 7.  | Two censers, signs of invoked punishment at the unlawful offering of incense | Numbers 16:36-40                  |
| 8.  | A "slow" sundial, a sign of Hezekiah's recovery                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:8-11     |
| 9.  | The Virgin Birth, a sign of the Incarnation                                  | Isaiah 7:14                       |
| 10. | A torn altar, a sign of the destruction of a false religion                  | 1 Kings 13:5                      |
| 11. | A fire, a sign of the impending Babylonian invasion                          | Jeremiah 6:1                      |
| 12. | The prophet Jonah, a sign of the Resurrection of Christ                      | Matthew 16:4                      |
| 13. | Swaddling clothes, a sign of the birth of Christ                             | Luke 2:12                         |
| 14. | Tongues, a sign of God's power to unbelievers                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:22 |

**The Bible mentions “Seven” Losses When a Christian Sins:**

|    |  |   |
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| 1. | The loss of light                                  | 1 John 1:6  |
| 2. | The loss of joy                                    | Psalms 51:12; John 15:11;<br>Galatians 5:22; 1 John 1:4 |
| 3. | The loss of righteousness                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 3:4-10                             |
| 4. | The loss of love                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 2:5, 15-17; 4:12                   |
| 5. | The loss of fellowship                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 1:3, 6-7                           |
| 6. | The loss of confidence                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 3:19-22                            |
| 7. | The possible loss of health and even physical life | 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:30                       |

**The Bible mentions 21 (7 x 3) times Staffs, Sticks, and Rods:**

|     |  |                                   |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | The rods Jacob used in an attempt to control the breeding of animals             | Genesis 30:37                     |
| 2.  | The staff Jacob carried over Jordan  | Genesis 32:10                     |
| 3.  | The staff Jacob used upon his deathbed   | Hebrews 11:21                     |
| 4.  | The staff Judah unknowingly gave to his daughter-in-law                          | Genesis 38:18                     |
| 5.  | The staff of Moses that turned into a serpent                                    | Exodus 4:2                        |
| 6.  | Aaron's rod, used to swallow up the rods-turned-snakes of the magicians in Egypt | Exodus 7:12                       |
| 7.  | The staff of Moses used to bring down the ten plagues upon Egypt                 | Exodus 7:19                       |
| 8.  | The staff of Moses used in parting the Red Sea                                   | Exodus 14:16                      |
| 9.  | The staff of Moses, held while he prayed for Israel                              | Exodus 17:9                       |
| 10. | The staff of Moses, with which he struck a rock                                  | Exodus 17:6-7;<br>Numbers 20:8-11 |
| 11. | Aaron's rod, use to demonstrate God's blessings upon him as the rod blossomed    | Numbers 17:8                      |
| 12. | The staff used by Balaam to beat his donkey                                      | Numbers 22:27                     |
| 13. | The staff used by the 12 spies to carry fruit found in the Promised Land         | Numbers 13:23                     |
| 14. | The staff used by an angel to consume Gideon's offering                          | Judges 6:21                       |
| 15. | The rod used by Jonathan to secure honey from a hive                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 14:27      |

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| 16. | The stick used by Elisha which caused an axe head to float  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 6:6     |
| 17. | The rod and staff of the Good Shepherd  | Psalms 23:4                   |
| 18. | The two sticks used by Ezekiel to predict the eventual union and millennial blessings of Israel's 12 tribes | Ezekiel 37:16-28              |
| 19. | The staff Zechariah broke to predict coming judgment upon Gentile nations                                   | Zechariah 11:10               |
| 20. | The rod given John by an angel to measure the tribulational temple  | Revelation 11:1               |
| 21. | The rod Christ will use to rule all nations in the Millennium   | Revelation. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15 |

**The Bible mentions suicide “seven” times:**

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| 1. | Abimelech, the son of Gideon, who had his armor-bearer kill him after being injured by a woman       | Judges 9:54                  |
| 2. | Samson, the strong man who destroyed a building, thus killing himself and a multitude of Philistines | Judges 16:26-30              |
| 3. | Saul, who killed himself after losing a battle to the Philistines                                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 31:4  |
| 4. | Saul's servant, who killed himself as his master had done  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 31:5  |
| 5. | Ahithophel, who hanged himself after his advice was rejected by Absalom                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 17:23 |
| 6. | Zimri, who set the palace on fire with himself inside rather than being taken prisoner               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 16:18  |
| 7. | Judas Iscariot, who hanged himself after betraying Jesus   | Matthew 27:5                 |

**Trees are mentioned 28 (7 x 4) times in the Bible:**

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| 1. | Acacia | Exodus 25:5, 10; 26:26                                       |
| 2. | Algum  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 2:8                               |
| 3. | Almond | Numbers 17:8   |
| 4. | Almug  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 10:11-12                               |
| 5. | Apple  | Proverbs 25:11;<br>Song of Solomon 2:3, 5; 7:8;<br>Joel 1:12 |

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| 6.  | Box                 | Isaiah 41:19; 60:13  |
| 7.  | Bramble             | Judges 9:14-15   |
| 8.  | Cassia              | Exodus 30:24   |
| 9.  | Cedar               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 6:15   |
| 10. | Chestnut            | Genesis 30:37; Ezekiel 31:8  |
| 11. | Cinnamon            | Exodus. 30:23; Prov. 7:17;<br>Revelation 18:13                                       |
| 12. | Cypress             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 6:15-35;<br>Isaiah. 55:13; 60:13                               |
| 13. | Fig                 | Judges 9:10-11; Isaiah 38:21;<br>Matthew 21:19                                       |
| 14. | Fir, pine           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 5:10; Isaiah 37:24   |
| 15. | Frankincense        | Matthew 2:11   |
| 16. | Mulberry            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:23-24   |
| 17. | Myrtle              | Isaiah 41:19; 55:13  |
| 18. | Oak                 | Genesis 35:4; Ezekiel 27:6;<br>Zechariah 11:2  |
| 19. | Olive               | Genesis 8:11;<br>Deuteronomy 24:20; Psalm<br>52:8; Isaiah 17:6; 24:13; Hosea<br>14:6 |
| 20. | Palm                | Numbers 33:9;<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles. 28:15;<br>John 12:13; Revelation 7:9    |
| 21. | Pistachio           | Genesis 43:11  |
| 22. | Poplar              | Genesis 30:37; Hos. 4:13   |
| 23. | Sycamine (mulberry) | Luke 17:6  |
| 24. | Sycamore            | Amos 7:14; Luke 19:4   |
| 25. | Tamarisk            | Genesis 21:33;<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 22:6; 31:13                                 |
| 26. | Terebinth (oak)     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18:9-10   |
| 27. | Thyine (citron)     | Revelation 18:12   |
| 28. | Willow              | Psalms 137:1-5;<br>Isaiah 44:4   |

In mentioning previously about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple being a Tribulation Temple, the Bible does mention “seven” **Reasons for the Tribulation:**

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| 1. | To harvest the crop that has been sown throughout the ages by God, Satan, and mankind | Matthew 13   |
| 2. | To prove the falseness of the devil's claim   | Isaiah 14:12-15  |
| 3. | To prepare a great martyred multitude for heaven                                      | Revelation 7:9, 14   |
| 4. | To prepare a great living multitude for the Millennium                                | Matthew 25:32-34   |
| 5. | To punish the Gentiles  | Romans 1:18;<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:11-12;<br>Revelation 19:15 |
| 6. | To purge Israel   | Ezekiel 20:23, 38;<br>Zechariah 13:8-9;<br>Malachi 3:3                     |
| 7. | To prepare the earth itself for the Millennium  | Revelation 16:20   |

The Bible mentions **Weeping and Mourning** 77 (7 x 11) times:

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| 1.  | Hagar wept for Ishmael in the desert                 | Genesis 21:16  |
| 2.  | Abraham wept at the funeral of Sarah                 | Genesis 23:2   |
| 3.  | Esau wept upon hearing of Jacob's treachery          | Genesis 27:34; Hebrews 12:17   |
| 4.  | Jacob wept for joy upon finding Rachel               | Genesis 29:11  |
| 5.  | Esau and Jacob both wept at their reunion            | Genesis 33:4   |
| 6.  | Jacob wept over the apparent death of Joseph         | Genesis 37:35  |
| 7.  | Joseph wept at the reunion of his brothers           | Genesis 45:14  |
| 8.  | Joseph wept at the funeral of his father Jacob       | Genesis 50:1   |
| 9.  | Israel wept for freedom from bondage in Egypt        | Exodus 2:23; 3:7   |
| 10. | The Egyptians wept over the death of their firstborn | Exodus 12:30   |
| 11. | Israel wept because of their sins                    | Numbers 11:4, 10; 14:1;<br>Judges 2:4; 3:9, 15; 4:3; 6:6-7;<br>10:10 |
| 12. | Moses wept over Miriam's sin                         | Numbers 12:13  |
| 13. | Israel wept at the funeral of Aaron                  | Numbers 20:29  |
| 14. | Israel wept at the death of Moses                    | Deuteronomy 34:8   |
| 15. | Joshua wept over the defeat of Israel                | Joshua 7:6-9   |

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| 16. | Sisera's mother wept at his death                           | Judges 5:28                      |
| 17. | Samson's wife wept to secure a favor                        | Judges 14:16                     |
| 18. | Naomi wept as she left Moab                                 | Ruth 1:9                         |
| 19. | Hannah wept over her barrenness                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 1:10      |
| 20. | Samuel wept over fickle Israel                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 7:9       |
| 21. | Israel wept over the threatened city of Jabesh-Gilead       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 11:4      |
| 22. | Samuel wept over the failure of Saul                        | 1s Samuel 15:35                  |
| 23. | David and Jonathan wept over Saul                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 20:41     |
| 24. | Saul wept over his own stupidity                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 24:16     |
| 25. | Israel wept at the death of Samuel                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 25:1      |
| 26. | David wept at the destruction of Ziklag                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 30:4      |
| 27. | David wept at the death of Saul and Jonathan                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1:17      |
| 28. | David wept at the murder of Abner                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 3:32      |
| 29. | David wept over his great sin                               | Psalms 32:4; 51:17               |
| 30. | David wept at the death of his infant child                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:15-23  |
| 31. | Tamar wept upon being raped by Amnon                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 13:19     |
| 32. | David wept at the murder of Amnon                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15:23     |
| 33. | David wept at the death of Absalom                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18:33     |
| 34. | Israel wept at the death of Jeroboam's son                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 14:18      |
| 35. | Elisha wept over the future cruelty of King Hazael          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 8:11-12    |
| 36. | Joash wept at the death of Elisha                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 13:14      |
| 37. | Hezekiah wept at the announcement of his impending death    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:2-3     |
| 38. | Hezekiah and Isaiah wept over the threat to Jerusalem       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 32:20 |
| 39. | The Jewish captives wept en route to Babylon                | Psalms 137:1                     |
| 40. | Jeremiah wept over the sins of Jerusalem                    | Jeremiah 9:1                     |
| 41. | Some old Jews wept at the dedication of Zerubbabel's temple | Ezra 3:12-13; Haggi 2:3-9        |
| 42. | Daniel wept over Israel's sin                               | Daniel 10:2                      |
| 43. | Ezra wept over Jerusalem's sin                              | Ezra 10:1                        |
| 44. | Nehemiah wept over Jerusalem's broken walls                 | Nehemiah 1:4                     |
| 45. | Mordecai wept over the wicked plot of Haman                 | Esther 4:1                       |



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| 46. | Esther wept as she pleaded for her people                 | Esther 8:3                      |
| 47. | Job wept for his sons                                     | Job 1:18-22                     |
| 48. | Job's friends wept for him                                | Job 2:12                        |
| 49. | Some Bethlehem parents wept for their children            | Matthew 2:18                    |
| 50. | Mary and Joseph wept over the missing Jesus               | Luke 2:48                       |
| 51. | A maniac in Gadara wept at the sight of Jesus             | Mark 5:7                        |
| 52. | A Canaanite mother wept over her child                    | Matthew 15:22                   |
| 53. | Jairus's household wept over his little girl              | Mark 5:39                       |
| 54. | A father wept over his demoniac son                       | Mark 9:24                       |
| 55. | A widow wept over her dead son                            | Luke 7:13                       |
| 56. | An immoral woman wept over her sin                        | Luke 7:38                       |
| 57. | A rich man wept in hell                                   | Luke 16:24                      |
| 58. | Mary and Martha wept over Lazarus                         | John 11:33                      |
| 59. | Jesus wept over Lazarus                                   | John 11:35                      |
| 60. | Jesus wept over Jerusalem                                 | Luke 19:41                      |
| 61. | Some Jerusalem women wept for Jesus                       | Luke 23:28                      |
| 62. | Jesus wept in the Garden of Gethsemane                    | Mark 14:32-42; Hebrews 5:7      |
| 63. | Mary Magdalene wept over Jesus                            | John 20:11                      |
| 64. | The disciples wept over the departure and death of Christ | John 16:6; Mark 16:10           |
| 65. | Peter wept over his sin                                   | Matthew 26:75                   |
| 66. | Dorcas's friends wept at her funeral                      | Acts 9:39                       |
| 67. | Paul wept over the Ephesian church                        | Acts 20:36-37                   |
| 68. | Paul wept over the Corinthian church                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:4 |
| 69. | Paul wept over Israel                                     | Romans 9:2                      |
| 70. | The Ephesian elders wept over Paul                        | Acts 20:37                      |
| 71. | The Christians at Caesarea wept over Paul                 | Acts 21:13                      |
| 72. | Timothy wept over his ministry                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:4     |
| 73. | John wept over a seven-sealed book                        | Revelation 5:5                  |
| 74. | The faithful martyrs wept during the Tribulation          | Revelation 7:17                 |
| 75. | Israel will weep at the Second Coming of Christ           | Zechariah 12:10-12              |
| 76. | The nations will weep at the Second Coming of Christ      | Matthew 24:30                   |

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| 77. | The world's merchants will weep over fallen Babylon | Revelation 18:18 |
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**The Bible reveals “seven” Transitions from the Physical to the Spiritual:**

| From       | To            | From            | To           |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Corruption | Incorruptible | Dishonor        | Glory        |
| Weakness   | Power         | Physical        | Spiritual    |
| Earthly    | Heavenly      | Flesh-and-blood | Transcendent |
| Mortal     | Immortal      |                 |              |

**The Bible mentions Wells 14 (7 x 2) times:**

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| 1.  | The well in the Kadesh wilderness, where God spoke to Hagar                     | Genesis 16:14                   |
| 2.  | The well in the Paran wilderness, where he met her the second time              | Genesis 2:19                    |
| 3.  | The well in Beersheba, where Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech             | Genesis 21:30                   |
| 4.  | The well in the city of Nahor, where Abraham's servant discovered Rebekah       | Genesis 24:11-20                |
| 5.  | The wells in the Valley of Gerar, as dug by Isaac                               | Genesis 26:18                   |
| 6.  | The well in Haran, where Jacob met Rachel                                       | Genesis 29:1-12                 |
| 7.  | The well in Midian, where Moses met Zipporah                                    | Exodus 2:15-21                  |
| 8.  | The well in the wilderness, dug by the Israelites                               | Numbers 21:16-18                |
| 9.  | The well in the village of Bahurim, where two of David's spies hid from Absalom | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 17:18-19 |
| 10. | The well in Ramah, where Saul sought after David                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 19:18-24 |
| 11. | The well in Sirah, where Joab met Abner   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 3:26     |
| 12. | The well in Bethlehem, where David longed to drink                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:15    |
| 13. | The well in Elim, where Israel drank from 12 wells en route to Mount Sinai      | Exodus 15:27                    |
| 14. | The well in Samaria, where Jesus met the Samaritan woman                        | John 4:6                        |

**Jesus performed “seven” Healing Miracles in the New Testament:**

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| The Demoniac at Capernaum    | Mark 1:21-27               |
| Peter’s Mother-in-law        | Mark 1:29-31               |
| An impotent man in Jerusalem | John 5:1-9                 |
| Man with a withered hand     | Mark 3:1-6; Matthew 12:8-4 |
| Woman bowed together         | Luke 13:10-17              |
| Man with Dropsy              | Luke 14:1-6                |
| Man born blind               | John 9:1-14                |

**There are “seven” Kingdom Parables in Matthew 13:**

- The Sower and Four Soils                      Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; Mark 4:14-20
- The Tares and the Wheat                      Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- The Mustard Seed                              Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-21
- The Woman and the Leaven                Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-21
- Tre Treasure in the Field                    Matthew 13:44
- The Pearl of Great Price                    Matthew 13:45-46
- The Dragnet                                      Matthew 13:47-50

**Paul’s Letter to the Galatians provides a catalog of “seven” Contrasts:**

- Faith vs. Works
- Grace vs. Law
- Spirit vs. Flesh
- Truth vs. Error
- Church vs. State
- Christianity vs. Paganism
- Christ vs. Pseudo-christ

**The Armor of God in Ephesians 6 includes “seven” Elements:**

- Girded with Truth                              vs. 14
- Beastplate of Richteousness                vs. 14
- Feet shod with Preparation                vs. 15
- Shield of Faith                                vs. 16
- Helmet of Salvation                         vs. 17
- Sword of the Spirit                         vs. 17
- Our Heavy Artillery of Prayer             vs. 18

## Paul's Epistle to the Colossians presents a "seven" Point Christology:

- The visible form of the invisible God
- The Prior-head of all creation
- In Him the universe was created
- He is before the universe
- In Him the universe coheres
- The head of the Body: the Church
- The firstborn from among the dead

The **"Sevens"** of God can also be observed in the things of Nature. It appears that the physics and chemistry of nature are structured on just such a base system. An example that almost everyone can relate to is Music. **All the songs you hear on the radio are based on a musical system of just "seven" major notes:**



Notice that the **"seven"** notes repeat, with the eighth key a higher or lower octave of the first as you go up (or down) the keyboard. All other minor notes, sharps and flats, fit within the structure of the basic **"seven"** musical notes.

## There are **"seven" Wonders** of the Bible:

- The wonder of its formation
- The wonder of its unification
- The wonder of its age
- The wonder of its sale
- The wonder of its interests
- The wonder of its language
- The wonder of its preservation

## Metamorphosis of a butterfly emulates life cycles:

The cycle of wholeness is impressed into a complete cycle of **"seven"**. We can give each stage a different name and describe it from many viewpoints. The core characteristics of each stage can be found everywhere in nature from a butterfly's metamorphosis to the life cycles of the growing human being. From Greek myth to modern gravity theories we find these mysterious **"seven"** cycles for those with 'eyes to see.'

Take for example the life cycle of a monarch butterfly, a most wondrous creation of nature filled with wisdom and mystery. The butterfly is the best example of metamorphosis and has great secrets to share about the present evolution of humanity.

For instance, in biology the butterfly egg starts as a “dot” on a leaf. A simple place holder, like a dot or point, filled with the secrets of becomingness. Often, “**seven**” raised lines cross the top of the egg, perhaps a sign of what is to come. As a spiritual exercise, we might imagine looking at the butterfly as a pattern of “**seven**” in nature. The egg represents zero dimensions – just a place holder. The egg hatches and the new caterpillar eats the remains of its own egg and start moving forward in linear fashion, eating voraciously in “one direction”. Its form is now “one dimensional” as it moves forward in one direction.

After a while, the caterpillar finds the underside of a leaf to attach its back legs to while it begins to spin its thread into a cocoon. The cocoon resembles a crude sphere into which the butterfly encloses itself, creating the two dimensional experience of “inner and outer.”

The tomb of the chrysalis becomes a womb to the next stage of its development. Its new home, the sac of the chrysalis, represents the beginning stage of a higher dimensional chrysalis of potential. The one dimensional caterpillar passes into the two dimensional cocoon and then into the three dimensional butterfly that commands the three dimensions of space.

The caterpillar dies and is reborn as a butterfly in the process of being birthed into the third dimension. This cycle of birth (caterpillar) – rebirth (butterfly) – procreation (egg) - death repeats itself through four generations of the butterfly cycle.

## The Seven Mysteries of the Bible

In 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 we are told, “***Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.***” A steward then is somebody that is given something valuable to take care of, and he is supposed to take care of it for his master. Not only that, a steward is to be “faithful” because he has goods delivered to him that don’t belong to him. Such is every one of us who is given stewardship of God’s money. We understand about God giving us money and use it as the Lord would have us to. But here we are talking about a different kind of stewardship. We are talking about the “mysteries of God.” We are talking about stewardship over something that has been given for the purpose of teaching to others.

What are these mysteries? There are “**seven**” of them in the Bible and they are committed to preachers to teach to others. I will briefly describe them as follows:

### 1. The Mystery of Godliness

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:16:** “***And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory***”.

This verse is the greatest verse in the Bible on the Deity of Jesus Christ. If you don’t have a King James Bible you won’t be able to find this mystery defined. All other bibles change this verse in order to take away the deity of Christ. They change the phrase “***...God was***

*manifest in the flesh...*” to something else. God being “*manifest in the flesh*” means that God showed up as a baby and later grew up to be a man. It cannot be explained how He did this. Why? Because how it happened is a mystery. He came down to this earth as a baby, and a woman took care of Him, just like every other baby. He experienced every facet or aspect of growing up as a human male.

## 2. The Mystery of the Indwelling Christ

**Colossians 1:27:** *“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”*

Paul says, *“This mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”* This means the “*mystery*” is that Jesus Christ is inside the saved man. It can’t be explained how, but if you are saved, then “*Christ*” is “*in you, the hope of glory*”. It can’t be explained how a sinless, perfect Savior would stoop down to come in and dwell inside a wicked, sinful vessel. Not only that, it can’t be explained how Jesus could be in a vast multitude of saved people all at the same time. There aren’t many individual Jesus’. There is one Jesus and he dwells within each believer. This is a mystery and can’t be explained how it happens. It is the mystery of the indwelling Christ.

## 3. The Mystery of the Body of Christ

**Ephesians 5:30-32:** *“For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”*

The Bride of Christ in this age is espoused to one husband so it can be presented a chaste virgin to Christ -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:2). **This means that everyone who is a believer is espoused to the same person: Christ.** All men and women wind up married to Christ as one unit. How can you explain it? It can’t be explained. It’s a mystery. As far as the spirit is concerned, we are joined to Him right now -(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:17). The marriage has already taken place, but as far as the body is concerned the marriage hasn’t taken place. Our physical bodies are down here and His is up there -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:6-8). It can’t be explained. We are supposed to believe it. Paul said, *“This is a great mystery”*. -(Ephesians 5:32).

## 4. The Restoration of Israel

**Romans 11:25:** *“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in”*.

This mystery deals with the restoration of Israel. The mystery is that God is not through with Israel. And even though God may look like He’s through with Israel, He’s not! Someday God is going to take the Jews and bring them back to Israel (He did that in 1948), and after the Jews have been reduced down to about four or five hundred people, God is going to get them all saved in the Tribulation and convert them so that they believe and accept Jesus Christ as

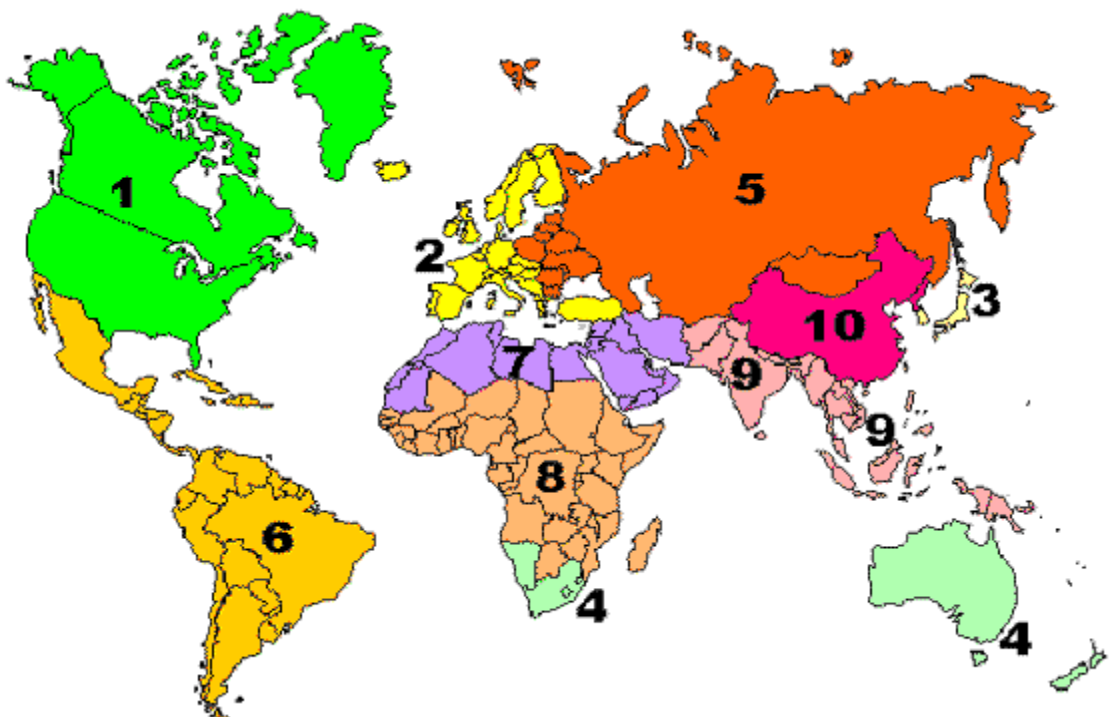
their Lord and Savior. That’s the mystery of the believing remnant of Israel which is going to turn to God. The 144,000 sealed Jews we find in Revelation Chapter 7 are “gathered” or “taken” by the angels into the presence of the Lord. This suggests a specific Rapture of the 144,000 Jewish sealed evangelists. Romans 11:28-29 says that ***“as concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers’ sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”*** This means that we should love the Jews. Yes, granted, some Jews out in the world are unlovable characters. It doesn’t matter what you think of them, you’ve got to love Israel and take care of it. If you don’t, the Lord will deal with you. In Christ ***“There is neither Jew nor Greek”*** -(Galatians 3:28). When a Jew gets converted, he’s no longer a “Jew.” He’s a Christian. I know that many Messianic Jews will dispute this but their argument is with the Apostle Paul not me.

## 5. The Mystery of Babylon the Great

**Revelation 17:5:** ***“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”.***

**Revelation 17:18:** ***“And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”***

She is a woman out in the wilderness seated on a beast. The beast has **“seven”** heads and ten horns. This is a “mystery.” It is something you’re supposed to believe, but you can’t explain. I deal with this topic in my series ***“The Beast Empire”***. This is laid out in the 1972 Club of Rome map below:



The Ten Kingdoms = the ten regions originated with the Club of Rome “think tank”, and was established by the United Nations. The Club of Rome was given the task of uniting Europe,

and dividing the world into manageable blocks. A third task was to reduce the world's population. Here's a map of the world, divided into the ten economic regions, which the United Nations and the Club of Rome call "The Ten Kingdoms". From Gary Kah's book 'En Route to Global Occupation', page 40: "The Club of Rome had its beginnings in April of 1968. The Club of Rome has been charged with the task of overseeing the regionalization and unification of the entire world; the Club could therefore be said to be one step above the Bilderbergers in the one world hierarchy. On September 13, 1973, the Club released one such report entitled "Regionalized and Adaptive Model of the Global World System"...The document reveals that the Club has divided the world into ten political and economic regions, which it refers to as "kingdoms". As the ten kingdoms/regions come together even more in preparation for the reign of the world ruler, we will see the regionalizing of money, then a globalization of monetary exchange or the "cashless society". -(Revelation 13). Regarding the world and its division into economic regions: Here are the countries for each region: Since this map was drawn in 1973, the first region also includes Mexico. 1. NAFTA (America, Canada and Mexico) 2. The E.U. – countries of the European Union, Western Europe as a whole 3. Japan 4. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa 5. Eastern Europe, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russia and the former countries of the Soviet Union 6. Central and South America, Cuba and Caribbean Islands 7. The Middle East and North Africa 8. The rest of Africa, except South Africa 9. South and Southeast Asia, including India 10. China (Mongolia is now included with China) the islands of the seas, for the most part, fit in with the closest region.

The woman is a city that reigns over the kings of the earth. She has a golden cup in her hand full of abominations -(Revelations 17:4). And, she is arrayed in purple and scarlet. There is only one city that is built on "**seven**" mountains (hills) -(vs. 9), that reigns over the kings of the earth, whose symbol is a golden cup: ROME! The Lord said that this city was a whore -(vs. 1). She's a prostitute who sells herself for money. She has such influence that she runs the kings of this earth. She will sell out what she believes and what she professes in order to get along with the world. She'll let her own priests be killed in Africa if she can get control of Africa. She might even elect a black pope.

## 6. Mystery of Iniquity

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-8:** ***"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:"***

The mystery of iniquity is the mystery of the Antichrist. His number is **666**. He has a sign: it's a kiss. He has a salute: its two fingers. He has a letter: it's an X. And he has a name, a religion,



a face, and a mark. There's more information in the Bible on him than there is on any other man in the Bible outside of Jesus Christ Himself. He's the Antichrist.

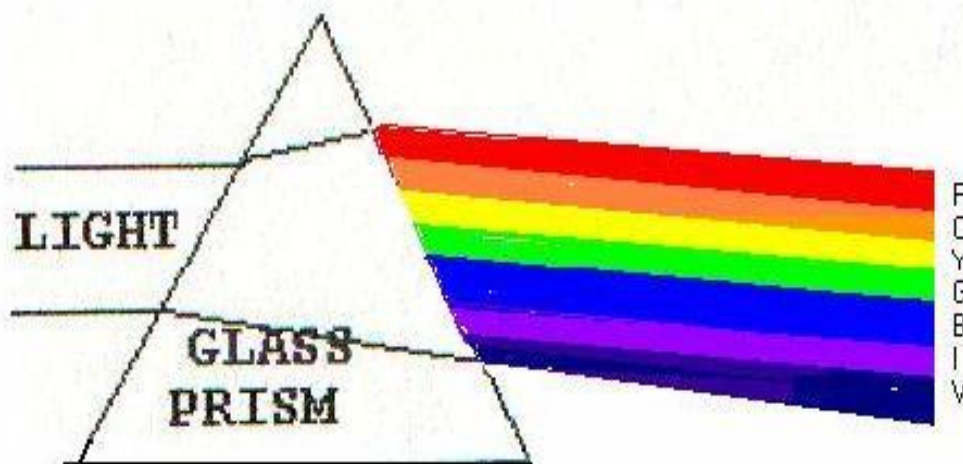
## 7. The Rapture

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-55:** *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"*

The final mystery is the Rapture. It is the disappearance of the Body of Christ ("Born-Again" Christians) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. There are two kinds of people. Those who are alive when the Lord comes that are to be caught up without dying. Those that are dead who will be pulled up out of the ground. If you're a living mortal, you'll be caught up without dying and then put on immortality. If you're dead and buried when the Lord comes back, then you're down in the ground rotting and you're corruptible, and you come out of the grave and put on incorruption. The ones that are buried can't stay in the ground. The living man goes up without dying; and the dead man goes up, and the grave can't keep him down.

### The "seven" Words of Jesus Pronounced on the Cross:

1. *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?"* -(Matthew 27:46)
2. *"In truth I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise - to the good thief."* -(Luke 23:43)
3. *"Father, into your hands I commit My spirit."* -(Luke 23:46)
4. *"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."* -(Luke 23:34)
5. *"Woman, this is your son, (to John): This is your mother."* -(John 19:26)
6. *"I am thirsty."* -(John 19:28)
7. *"It is fulfilled."* -(John 19:30)



If you pass sunlight through a prism, it produces “seven” Colors - the three primary colors and four secondary ones:

Even the Periodic Table of the known Elements appears to have “seven” Levels of Periodicity:

**Periodic Table of the Elements**

|   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 1  | 2  |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 10 |
| 2 | 3  | 4  |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 10 |
| 3 | 11 | 12 |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |    |
| 4 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |    |
| 5 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40  | 41  | 42  | 43  | 44  | 45  | 46  | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 |    |
| 6 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 72  | 73  | 74  | 75  | 76  | 77  | 78  | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 |    |
| 7 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

\* Lanthanide Series  
 † Actinide Series

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68  | 69  | 70  | 71  |
| 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 |

So from just these examples we can see that God has ordained a pattern of “sevens” in Nature. All things of nature, be they plasma, matter, energy, time or space, were designed and ordained by the Lord God. Therefore, rest assured that our Holy Bible is the infallible Master Textbook of true science: Scientists can only elaborate on the observed details.

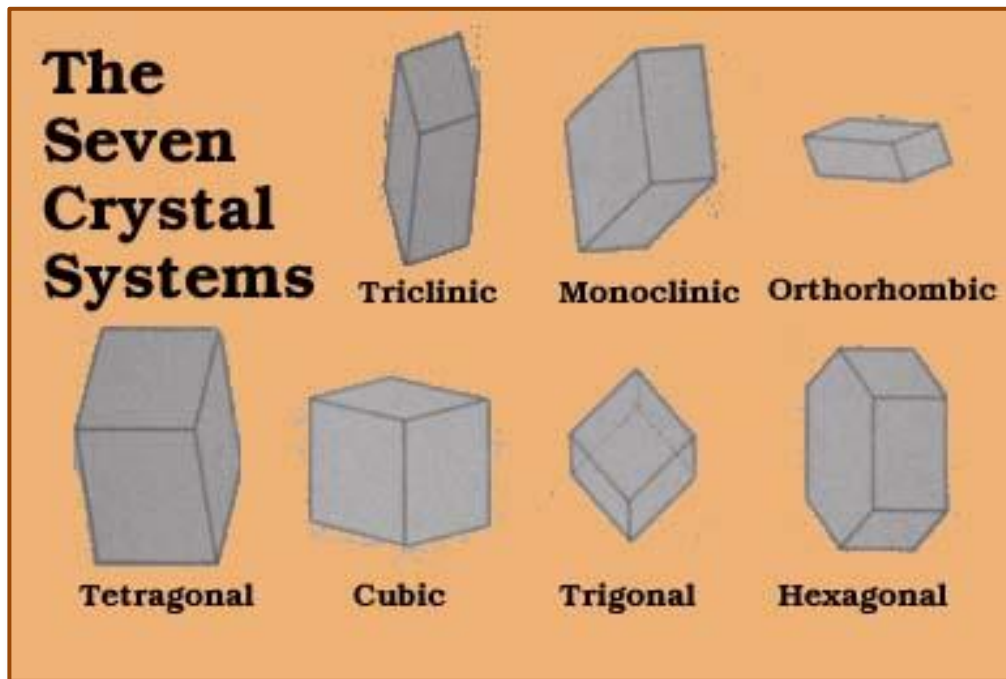
*"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."*  
 -(Colossians 1:16-17 KJV)

The book of Hebrews states the Son is the Final Revealer in “seven” Declarations in chapter 1.

- He is the heir of all things vs. 1-2
- Through the Son the ages were made vs. 2
- He is the brightest of God’s glory vs. 3-4
- He is the image of the Father vs. 3
- He upholds all things by His power vs. 3

- He made purification of sin vs. 3
- He sat down on Majesty on High vs. 3

In the realm of Minerals and Geochemistry, there are “seven” Crystal Systems:



1<sup>st</sup> John shows “seven” Contrasts between Truth vs. Error:

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| • The Light    | vs. Darkness       | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 1:5-2:11  |
| • The Father   | vs. The World      | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 2:12-2:17 |
| • Christ       | vs. Antichrist     | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 2:18-2:28 |
| • Good Works   | vs. Evil Works     | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 2:29-3:24 |
| • Holy Spirit  | vs. Error          | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 4:1-4:6   |
| • Love         | vs. Pious Pretence | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 4:7-4:21  |
| • The God-Born | vs. others         | 1 <sup>st</sup> John 5:1-5:21  |

There are “seven” Tests in 1<sup>st</sup> John:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| • Of Profession  | Chapter 1:5-2:11  |
| • Of Desire      | Chapter 2:12-2:17 |
| • Of Doctrine    | Chapter 2:18-2:28 |
| • Of Conduct     | Chapter 2:29-3:24 |
| • Of Discernment | Chapter 4:1-4:6   |
| • Of Motive      | Chapter 4:7-4:21  |
| • Of New Birth   | Chapter 5:1-5:21  |

**There are “seven” Traits of the Born Again Believer in 1<sup>st</sup> John:**

- 2:29 Practices righteousness
- 3:9 Does not practice sin
- 4:7 Loves one another
- 5:1 (2X) Believes that Jesus is the Christ, and loves fellow born again believers
- 5:4 Has faith that overcomes the world
- 5:18 Does not go on practicing sin

**There are “seven” Reasons why 1<sup>st</sup> John was Written:**

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| <b>1:3</b>     | fellowship with the Father, with His Son Jesus Christ, and also with the apostles.  |
| <b>1:4</b>     | provides true and lasting joy for the human heart through proper relationship with the Lord.  |
| <b>2:1</b>     | gives us God's perfect standard for His people, and His gracious provision in the event of failure.   |
| <b>2:13-17</b> | a reminder to all levels of Christian maturity – to avoid love of the world by emphasizing the importance of constantly feeding on the Bible and having it ready to repel the attacks of Satan.   |
| <b>2:21-24</b> | to confirm born-again believers in the truth and to remind them that no lie is of the truth. The very basis of the lie is to deny the deity of the Lord Jesus and this denies the Father also.  |
| <b>2:26-27</b> | to the young believers concerning the false teachers by way of warning. Once the Holy Spirit is received, He will never be taken away. It means that the Christian does not need any teaching apart from what is found in the Word of God as to the truth of God. |
| <b>5:13</b>    | those who believe in the name of the Son of God may know that they have eternal life.   |

**There are “seven” Tests of Christian Genuineness in 1<sup>st</sup> John:**

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| <b>1:6</b>  | There can be no hiding of sin. Light and darkness cannot exist in a person's life at the same time.  |
| <b>1:8</b>  | Conversion does not mean the eradication of the sin nature. Rather it means the implanting of the new, divine nature, with power to live victoriously over indwelling sin.   |
| <b>1:10</b> | We must be absolutely honest about our condition, and that there should be no hypocrisy or hiding of what we really are.   |
| <b>2:4</b>  | John is looking at the over-all tenor of a person's life. If someone says he knows God but does not keep His commandments, then it is clear that he is not telling the truth.  |
| <b>2:22</b> | John is careful to point out that to deny the deity of the Lord Jesus is to deny the Father also. Some people like to believe that they worship God, but they do not want to have anything to do with the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle says, <b>“He is</b> |

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|             | <b><i>antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.”</i></b>  |
| <b>4:20</b> | John argues the impossibility of loving God whom we have not seen if we do not love our brothers whom we have seen.   |
| <b>5:10</b> | When a man does accept His testimony concerning His Son, God seals the truth by giving the man the witness of the Spirit in himself. On the other hand, if a man disbelieves God, he makes Him a liar; because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. People think they can accept or reject God's testimony concerning Christ, but John would have them know that to reject it is to accuse God of dishonesty. |

**There are “seven” Tests of Honesty and Reality in 1<sup>st</sup> John:**

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| <b>1:6</b>  | A man who says he has fellowship with Him and habitually walks in darkness was never saved at all.   |
| <b>1:8</b>  | To deny that we have a sinful nature means self-deception and untruthfulness.  |
| <b>1:10</b> | We must not deny that we have committed acts of sin. It is a flat contradiction of His word, and a complete denial of the reason the Lord Jesus came to suffer, bleed, and die.  |
| <b>2:6</b>  | Whoever says he abides in Him should walk just as the Lord Jesus walked. His life, as set forth in the Gospels, is our pattern and guide. It is not a life which we can live in our own strength or energy, but is only possible in the power of the Holy Spirit.                            |
| <b>2:9</b>  | If one professes to be a Christian and yet hates those who are truly Christians, it is a sure sign that such a one is in darkness until now. This latter expression shows that it is not a case of backsliding that is in view. The man continues to be what he always was, namely, unsaved. |
| <b>4:20</b> | John emphasizes the futility of professing to love God while at the same time hating one's brother. As spokes get nearer to the center of the wheel, so they get nearer to one another. Thus, as we get closer to the Lord, the more we will love our fellow believers.                      |
| <b>5:10</b> | He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.   |

The New Testament uses the term **“Tax Collector”** a total of 21X (7 x 3) times. **τελώνης** (**“telones”**). **telones** refers to those who worked for the Roman government levying taxes (the KJV term is “publican”). In the New Testament, the Jews despised such people for two reasons.

1. They had a reputation for corruption, often levying taxes beyond what was required, thereby hoping to fill their own pockets -(Luke 3:12).
2. The **“telones”** for Jewish society were themselves Jews who had “sold out” to the Gentile Roman government and thus worked against their own people.

The New Testament uses the expression **“Teacher of the Law”** 63X (7 x 9) times. The Greek word γραμματεὺς (**“grammateus”**), A **grammateus** was a “teacher of the law, an expert in legal issues, a scribe.” We get our English word grammar from this Greek word.

The Hebrew word for **“spell”** חֶבֶר (**chever**) is found **“seven”** times in the King James Bible. These are located in Deuteronomy 18:11; Psalm 58:5; Proverbs 21:9; 25:24; Isaiah 47:9; 47:12; and Hosea 6:9. This is a strange word that is translated **“charming”, “enchantment”,** and **“shared with”** in English. It has a half-dozen synonyms. This noun, derived from the verb **“chāvar”, “to unite”** or **“to join”** has two basic meanings in the Old Testament. The first is **“association.”** This use of the noun is found in Proverbs 21:9; 25:24; and Hosea 6:9. The second is **“spell”** or **“incantation”** and is found in Deuteronomy 18:11; Psalms 58:5; and Isaiah 47:9, 12.

The reason I am singling out this word is to point out that when searching for the “Heptadic” Design Feature, patterns of **“seven”** or **“multiples of seven”** they have to be searched for at different levels of the King James Bible. If one searched only the English rendering, it would be missed entirely since it is translated three or four ways in English. **Only the use of a Hebrew or Greek concordance or lexicon reveals if it occurs at the level of Greek or Hebrew in this case.** Another factor is that not all concordances or lexicons are of the same quality of scholarship. Just beware of my point when you face critics who want to argue against the “Heptadic” Design Feature in the King James Bible.

Not all theologians or Bible scholars recognize the “Heptadic” Design Feature, most are unfamiliar with it, and many prefer to ignore it entirely or attack it at the level of the early manuscripts. This is true of the liberal scholars who have agendas that require rejecting God’s Signature of Self-Authentication. Bart D. Ehrman, at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, he is the primary liberal **“attack dog”** when it comes to textual criticism. Bart Ehrman was a “born again” fundamentalist as a teenager. Schooled at Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, he later earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at Princeton Theological Seminary where he became the “flaming” liberal scholar he is today. Few conservative theologians are alums of Princeton Theological Seminary, which today has been a haven for liberalism since the protégé’s of Julius Wellhausen dominated the world of theology since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Until Julius Wellhausen came along in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with his liberalism and textual criticism, the Christian world did not debate the truth of the Bible. Jullian Wellhausen’s protégé’s began to treat the Bible like a real book that could contain historical anachronisms and inconsistencies. The Bible was not simply inerrant scripture that needed to be harmonized.

This new “enlightened” approach to reading the Bible produced a German school of interpretation in the theology departments of Protestant universities. The most influential member of this intellectual school was the German scholar Julius Wellhausen. In 1878, Wellhausen synthesized previous scholarly discoveries in Higher Criticism through the publication of his highly influential book ‘Prolegomena to the History of Ancient Israel’. Ultimately, Wellhausen’s work did for Biblical scholarship what Darwin’s ‘Origin of the Species’ accomplished for natural science. As Darwin’s concept of evolutionary adaptation through

natural selection has become central to modern evolutionary theory, so Wellhausen's work on historical criticism provides the foundation for modern scholarly assessments of the Bible.

Only the science of mathematics has rescued the existence of the "Heptadic" Design Feature from the likes of Bart D. Ehrman. Dr. Ivan Panin, and many Hebrew scholars have revived our understanding of how God left us His Self-Authenticating signature on the Masoretic Hebrew and Greek Textus-Receptus manuscripts that confirm the King James Version Bible as God's Holy Word.

Maranatha, Lord Come,

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