



BIBLE NUMBERS MEANING

Many of the numbers in the Bible have deeper prophetic or spiritual significance. Both in the Old and New Testaments, numbers reveal hidden concepts and meanings that commonly escape the casual reader.

And throughout history, men with great minds, like Augustine, Isaac Newton, and Leonardo Da Vinci, showed more than just a passing curiosity regarding the importance of biblical numbers.

Once more, Jesus said:

“The very hairs of your head are numbered” — [Matthew 10:30](#)

So obviously, Bible numbers should be carefully considered.

1 – 2 – 3 – 3½ – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10 – 11 – 12 – 13 – 14 – 20
30 – 40 – 50 – 70 – 300 – 666 – 3000 – 144.000

1 Absolute singleness and Unity

- One body, Spirit, hope, Lord... — [Ephesians 4:4–6](#); [John 17:21-22](#)
- Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: — [Deuteronomy 6:4](#)

2 The Truth of God’s Word

- The law and prophets — [John 1:45](#)
- Two or three witnesses — [2 Corinthians 13:1](#)
- A sword with two edges — [Hebrews 4:12](#)
- Two by two — [Mark 6:7](#)
- The two witnesses — [Revelation 11:3](#)
- It is also used 21 times in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

3 The Godhead / Trinity

- Trinity — [Matthew 28:19](#); [1 John 5:7-8](#)
- God is described, as a Being “which is, and which was, and which is to come” — [Revelation 1:4](#)
- The angels cry “Holy” three times to the triune God — [Isaiah 6:3](#)

3½ Rejection and Apostasy

- It is the dissection of seven, the perfect number.
- For 3½ years, Elijah fled from persecution — [Luke 4:25](#)
- Jesus was crucified at the end of a 3½ year period — [Daniel 9:26-27](#)
- Stephen was the first Christian martyr, stoned at the end of 3½ years of the apostles preaching amid persecution. — [Acts 7:59](#); [8:1](#)
- There were 3½ prophetic years when the church went underground during the Dark Ages, from 538 to 1798 — [Daniel 7:25](#); [Revelation 12:6](#); [13:5](#)

4 The Universal Truth

- Four corners of the earth and four winds (north, south, east, west) — [Matthew 24:31](#); [Revelation 7:1](#); [20:8](#)
- A sheet with four corners symbolizes the gospel going to all the gentiles — [Acts 10:11](#)



5 Teaching

- The five books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)
- Nebuchadnezzar Statue represents 5 periods of world-ruling empires — [Daniel 2:32-44](#)
- Jesus taught about the five wise virgins — [Matthew 25:1-13](#)
- Jesus multiplied five loaves of barely to feed 5,000 — [Matthew 14:17](#)

6 The worship of man

- Is the number of men, signifying his rebellion, imperfection, works, and disobedience.
- The man was created on the sixth day — [Genesis 1:26, 31](#)
- Work shall be done for six days — [Exodus 31:15](#)
- Goliath had a height of 6 cubits, had 6 pieces of armor and his spear's weighed 600 shekels of iron — [1 Samuel 17:4-7](#)
- Nebuchadnezzar statue, height 60 and width 6 cubits — [Daniel 3:1](#)
- Jesus was accused six times of being demon-possessed — [Mark 3:22](#), [John 7:20](#), [8:48](#), [8:52](#), [10:20](#) and [Luke 11:15](#)

7 Perfection

- Is the sign of God, divine worship, completions, obedience, & rest.
- The “prince” of Bible numbers, it is used 562 times, including its derivatives (e.g., seventh, sevens).
- God blessed the seventh day — [Genesis 2:1-4](#)
- Seven times a day do I praise... — [Psalm 119:164](#)
- Remember the Sabbath day... — [Exodus 20:8-11](#)
- The number seven is also the most common in biblical prophecy, occurring 42 times in Daniel and 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.

8 Facts

- God saved 8 people on the ark — [Genesis 7:13](#)
- Abraham, the father of the faithful, had 8 sons total. They were Ishmael, Isaac, Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah — [Genesis 25:1-11](#)

9 Facts

- Christ died at the 9th hour of the day, or 3 p.m., to make the way of salvation open to everyone — [Matthew 27:45-50](#)
- The first battle mentioned in God's word is between a confederation of 4 kings against another which has 5 kings for a total of 9 — [Genesis 14:1-2](#)
- There are 9 people recorded as having leprosy (Moses, Miriam, Naaman, Gehazi, King Azariah and the four lepers of Samaria — [2 Kings 7:3](#)
- The 9-people recorded as being stoned are:
 1. A blasphemer — [Leviticus 24:14](#)
 2. A Sabbath-breaker — [Numbers 15:36](#)
 3. Achan — [Joshua 7:25](#)
 4. Abimelech — [Judges 9:53](#)
 5. Adoram — [1 Kings 12:18](#)
 6. Naboth — [1 Kings 21:10](#)
 7. Zechariah — [2 Chronicles 24:21](#)



8. Stephen — [Acts 7:58-59](#)
9. Paul — [Acts 14:19](#)

10 The Law and Restoration

- “God said” 10 times — [Genesis 1](#)
- Ten virgins — [Matthew 25:1](#)
- Ten Commandments — [Exodus 20](#)
- Ten lepers — [Luke 17:17](#)
- Ten plagues God sent to Egypt — [Exodus 7, 8, 9, 10, 11](#)
- Ten silver coins — [Luke 15:8](#)
- There are 10 patriarchs from Adam to Noah inclusive (Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah)
- There are at least 10 books, mentioned in the Old Testament, which did not become part of the finalized Bible we read today. They are sometimes referred to as the lost books.
 1. Wars of the Lord — [Numbers 21:14](#)
 2. Book of Jasher — [Joshua 10:13](#); [2 Sam 1:18](#)
 3. Acts of Solomon — [1 Kings 11:41](#)
 4. Gad the Seer — [1 Chronicles 29:29](#)
 5. Nathan the Prophet — [1 Chronicles 29:29](#)
 6. Ahijah the Shiloite — [2 Chronicles 9:29](#)
 7. Iddo the Seer — [2 Chronicles 9:29](#)
 8. Shemaiah the Prophet — [2 Chronicles 12:15](#)
 9. Jehu the Son of Hanani — [2 Chronicles 20:34](#)
 10. Hosai — [2 Chronicles 33:19](#)

11 Facts

- Men rebelled against God and build the tower of Babel — [Genesis 11](#)
- There are 11 dukes/chiefs of Edom (Esau): Timnah, Alvah, Jetheth, Aholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, and Iram — [Genesis 36:40-43](#)
- Scripture lists at least 11 kings or high-ranking officials who were offended when they were told the truth by one of God's servants.
 1. Pharaoh of Egypt — [Exodus 10:28](#)
 2. King Balak of Moab — [Numbers 24:10](#)
 3. Kings Jeroboam — [1 Kings 13:4](#)
 4. Ahab — [1 Kings 22:27](#)
 5. Naaman — [2 Kings 5:12](#)
 6. Several Kings of Judah including Asa — [2 Chronicles 16:10](#)
 7. Joash — [2 Chronicles 24:21](#)
 8. Uzziah — [2 Chronicles 26:19](#)
 9. Jehoiakim — [Jeremiah 26:21](#)
 10. Zedekiah — [Jeremiah 32:3](#)
 11. Herod Antipas — [Matthew 14:3](#)

12 The church and God's authority

- The twelve patriarchs from and including Shem to Jacob (Israel) are: Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Heber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Ishmael who was born to Abraham through Hagar also had twelve princes — [Genesis 25:13-16](#)
- Jacob (Israel) had 12 sons, later on, 12 tribes — [Genesis 35:22-26](#)
- High Priest Breastplate Gems had twelve stones embedded in it — [Exodus 28:15-30](#)
- Solomon appointed twelve officers over Israel — [1 Kings 4:7](#)
- The Scripture's first recording of Jesus' words occurs when he is twelve years old — [Luke 2:42](#)



- Jesus had 12 disciples — [Luke 6:13-16](#)
- Christ's bride, the church, wears a crown containing twelve stars — [Revelation 12](#)
- The New Jerusalem city has 12 foundations, 12 gates 12 thousand furlongs, a tree with 12 kinds of fruit 12 times a year eaten by 12 times 12,000 or the 144,000. — [Revelation 21](#)

13 Rebellion and Lawlessness

- The dragon, a symbol for Satan, is found 13 times in Revelation. Satan is behind all rebellion against God.
- Nimrod, the mighty hunter who was 'before the Lord' (meaning he tried to take the place of God), was the 13th in Ham's line. — [Genesis 10:9](#)
- King Solomon spent a little more than seven years building Jerusalem's temple — [1 Kings 6:38](#).
He, however, spent a total number of thirteen years building a home for himself — [1 Kings 7:1](#)
- In Romans 1 the apostle Paul lists 23 characteristics of sinful people who have a debased or reprobate mind. The thirteenth characteristic is that they are haters of God — [Romans 1:28-32](#)
- Jesus mentions 13 things that defile a person. They are adulteries, fornications, evil thoughts, murders, covetousness, thefts, wickedness, licentiousness, guile, blasphemy, foolishness, pride, and an evil eye — [Mark 7:20-23](#)

14 Facts

- The 14th day of the first month is the Passover — [Numbers 28:16](#)
- There are 3 sets of 14 generations between (and including) Abraham to Joseph (husband of Mary) — [Matthew 1:1-17](#)
- In the Book of Proverbs the expression "the fear of the Lord" occurs 14 times: — [Proverbs 1:7, 29, 2:5, 8:13, 9:10, 10:27, 14:26, 27, 15:16, 33, 16:6, 19:23, 22:4, 23:17](#)

20 Facts

- For 20 years Jacob waited to get possession of his wives and property and to be freed from the control of Laban his father-in-law — [Genesis 31:41](#)
- Samson was Judge over Israel twenty years — [Judges 15:20, 16:31](#)

30 Dedication to a particular task or calling / Sacrificial blood

- Levites and Priests were initially dedicated to serving at 30 years — [Numbers 4:3](#)
- John the Baptist, began his ministry at age 30 (priestly descent)
- The prophet Ezekiel begins his book in the 30th year — [Ezekiel 1:1](#)
- Joseph, a type of Jesus, was 30 years old when Pharaoh placed him in charge over all that he ruled — [Genesis 41:46](#)
- Saul was 30 years old when he began to reign over Israel — [1 Samuel 13:1](#)
- David was 30 years old when he began to reign over Israel — [2 Samuel 5:4](#)
- Jesus began His ministry at age 30 — [Luke 3:23](#)
- Jesus was betrayed by Judas for 30 silver coins — [Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:14-15](#)

40 A generation and Times of Testing

- It rained for 40 days during the flood — [Genesis 7:12](#)
- Moses spent 40 years in the desert, as did the children of Israel — [Numbers 32:13](#)
- Elijah went 40 days without food or water at Mount Horeb — [1 Kings 19:8](#)
- Jesus fasted for 40 days. — [Matthew 4:2](#)
- Jesus appeared to his disciples and others for 40 days after his resurrection from the dead.



50 Power and Celebration.

- The Jubilee came after the 49th year — [Leviticus 25:10](#)
- Pentecost occurred 50 days after Christ's resurrection — [Deuteronomy 16:9-25](#), [Acts 2:1-13](#)

70 Human leadership and judgment

- 70 descendants of Noah repopulated the world after the flood — [Genesis 10](#)
- 70 members of Jacob's family went down to Egypt — [Genesis 46:27](#)
- 70 elders were appointed to help Moses administer Israel in the wilderness — [Exodus 24:1](#), [Numbers 11:16](#)
- 70 years of exile in Babylon for the people of Judah — [Jeremiah 5:11](#), [29:10](#)
- 70 weeks (70 sevens) were decreed by God as the period in which Messianic redemption would be accomplished — [Daniel 9:24](#)
- 70 men sent forth by Jesus — [Luke 10:1](#)
- 70 times 7 times was the number of times Jesus said we are to forgive others — [Matthew 18:22](#)

300 Facts

- After his firstborn son Methuselah at 65 years, Enoch walked with God for 300 years — [Genesis 5:22](#)
- More than 650 years earlier than Leonidas, Gideon and his 300 were victorious on the battle of the valley of Jezreel — [Judges 7:7-8](#)
- Samson catches 300 foxes and then... — [Judges 15:4](#)
- Solomon had 300 concubines — [1 Kings 11:3](#)

666 The kingdom of man in opposition to God.

- Solomon weight of gold per year — [1 Kings 10:14](#)
- The sons of Adonikam, 666 — [Ezra 2:13](#)
- The mark of the beast / Antichrist — [Revelation 13:18](#)

3000 Facts

- After the Pentecost, 3,000 were baptized — [Acts 2:41](#)

144,000 The Last-Day Apostles.

- As Jesus had 12 disciples who shared the gospel at the time of His first coming, an army of 12 times 12,000 will be baptized in the Spirit to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ.
- In [1 Chronicles 25](#), a literal group of "24 times 12" (288) Levites led in praise music of the temple (one for the day, one for the night) — half of 288 is 144.
- David's army was comprised of 12 sets of 24,000, totaling 288,000; that was two armies of 144,000 who would alternate their service throughout the year — [1 Chronicles 27](#)