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SEVEN IS GOD'S SPECIAL NUMBER

Have you ever noticed the uniqueness of the number seven throughout the bible? It almost invariably relates in some manner to God or to His workings. I call it "God's number."

One of the mysteries relates to "the seven spirits of God" mentioned three times in Revelation at 1:4; 3:1; and 5:6. Theories have been suggested but they seem insufficient to me. I think I have perhaps found a more complete understanding which I may share another time.

Revelation also has Seven Letters written to Seven Churches (Chapters 1-3). There are Seven Seals and Seven Trumpets (chapters 4-6), seven Vials (chapters 15-16), Seven Candlesticks (chapter 1:12, 20), Seven Stars (chapter 1:16,20), Seven Angels (chapter 1:20), Seven Lamps (chapter 4:5), Seven Thunders (10:3-4), a slain lamb with Seven Horns and Seven eyes (5:6), a Red Dragon with Seven Heads and Seven Crowns (12:1), a leopard like beast with seven heads (13:1), a scarlet beast with seven heads, seven mountains (17:9), and seven kings (17:10). You cannot read Revelation without reckoning with the number seven.

However, you also find the number in the Old Testament and in creation itself. Genesis begins with seven days of creation. The Sabbath was the seventh day. The whole Levitical system of worship was built on a cycle of sevens.

Jericho fell after seven priests blowing seven trumpets marched around the city for seven days, marching seven times around the seventh day.

Naaman, following Elisha's word from God, dipped seven times in the Jordan River to cleanse the leprosy (a type of sin). We have seven days in a week. The rainbow God gave has seven colors. Our music scale has seven notes.

As a young man, I saw the number seven as being of special significance to God, so much so that I took the jersey number of seven for my four years of soccer on the college varsity team. I was glad to wear "God's number" in all my games.

There is much that can be written about biblical numerology. The science (math) of numbers of the only true and perfect science on earth, and God expresses much in His written word, especially the Old Testament Hebrew, through numbers, but seven has its own special significance.