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Mathematical Proofs of the Bible

A revelatory investigation into God's use of numbers by Evangelist Dr Ed Vallowe (now with the Lord), including:

1 to 40, 42, 45, 50, 60, 66, 70, 100, 119, 120, 144, 153, 200, 600, 666, 888, 1000.

As words have meaning in God's mind, and numbers are words, it is natural they too have meaning beyond simple quantities. Meaning may be linked to the context of the number, a count of words, chapter or verse number, or the gematria value of the word (in Hebrew or Greek).

The facts presented cannot be the result of simple coincidence or contrivances and should be good enough proof the Bible is supernatural.

Some numbers have more complex derivations (e.g. additions, indexing or multiplication factors) and it is here interpretation may be more open.

While every number is interesting perhaps as an example 153 the most (the number of fishes the disciples caught after Jesus' resurrection). This number is the sum of an arithmetic progression from 1 to 17, with a difference value of 1 ($153=(17/2)(1+17)$), 17 itself being the number for complete victory in Christ.

There is also a convincing application in Revelation to prove the Pre-Millennial position: Six 'thousands' ('thousand' symbolising divine completion) are found sequentially in Revelation 20.2-7. Each verse/'thousand' corresponds sequentially to the meaning of each number from one (unity) to six (Satan).

Although the author says he only scratched the surface a lot is revealed for which Christians are indebted.

A caveat; application of numerics to the Bible should not be confused with numerology, an occult practice associating numbers with events for divinatory purposes.

God's Designing Hand Seen In The Numbers (pp. 13-18)

The primary thesis is Scriptural Numerics proves a Supreme Mind is behind the Bible.

There are seven primary rules:

- I. Simple numbers (1-40) have a spiritual meaning attached to them.
- II. Compounded simple numbers have an intensified meaning.
- III. Additions contain both meanings together.
- IV. The smallest/simplest factors of a number bring out its spiritual truth.
- V. The first usage of a number usually brings out its true meaning.
- VI. There is not always a spiritual truth found with a number.
- VII. Numbers are used from: (i) the number itself, chapter or verse or word count, gematria value.

Gematria means 'word-measuring'. Compared to the Hebrews and Greeks, the Romans had a more limited form of Gematria.

Hebrew has 22 letters used in gematria, with 5 added to make 27. Greek has 24 and 3 (stigma [6], koppa 90], sampsi [900]) were created to give 27 letters.

The first nine letters have identical *place* values, the next equal their place value multiplied by ten, and the last nine equal their value multiplied by one hundred.

In Greek, Ιησους adds to 888, αμεν to 99, and Damascus (the oldest city in the world) in Hebrew is 444.

Numbers Are The Secret Code of God's Word (pp. 19-35)

God has been called 'The Great Geometrician'.

It has been discovered man's pulse beats slower every *seventh* day.

The tenth work of the flesh in Paul's list in Gl 5.19-21 is wrath, ten being the law which brings only wrath.

Numbers fall in their place because of Verbal Inspiration of the Word, known as Arithmography of Scripture.

The per-millennial position is exegeted using the number 1,000 and the seals in Revelation 20.1-7 where it is found six times:

v2: Once the devil is bound there can be UNITY (meaning of one).

v3: The devil is sealed during which time he cannot sow DIVISION (meaning of two).

v4: RESURRECTED (meaning of three) saints (including Tribulation martyrs) live and reign with Christ a thousand years.

v5: The rest of the UNSAVED (meaning of four) dead lived not until the thousand years were finished.

v6: They shall reign with Christ a thousand years. Only recipients of God's GRACE (meaning of five) will reign with Christ. They have FIVE attributes: blessed and holy, made priests, are resurrected, will reign with Christ, escape the second death.

v7: After the (sixth) thousand SATAN (meaning of six) is loosed from the pit. Earlier, the angel was to do SIX things to Satan: (i) lay hold on him, (ii) bind him with a real chain, (iii) cast him in the abyss, (iv) shut him in prison, (v) set a seal upon him, (vi) loose him for a little season.

Twenty is the number for REDEMPTION and it is Revelation 20 which contains this teaching.

One-Unity (pp. 36-43)

Exemplified in Ep 4.4-6. Deuteronomy 6.4 uses *echad* which means a plural unity (as opposed to a singular unity *yachid*).

Two-Division (pp. 44-52)

Examples abound: the disciples were sent out two-by two; man has two natures; there were two tables of testimony; the second work of creation was the division of light and darkness; no man can serve two masters.

Three-Resurrection, Divine Completeness and Perfection (pp. 53-59)

Resurrection: Jesus raised *three* from the dead during his ministry, he was crucified at the *third* hour, and was raised after *three* days. There were also only three resurrections in the OT: the widow's son by Elijah, the Shunamite's son by Elishah, and a dead body cast into Elishah's sepulchre.

Completeness: Noah had *three* sons; Job *three* daughters and *three* friends; God's *three* calls to Samuel. The Red Sea was passed through *three* days after leaving Egypt.

Perfection: The *third* heaven Paul visited (II Cr 12.1-2).

Four-Creation...World (pp. 60-65)

Four corners of the earth; seasons; moon phases; four living creatures around the throne; four divisions of Eden's river; four temporal powers (Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Rome); only four animals were suitable as offerings (bull, goat, lamb, dove).

Five-Grace (pp. 66-73)

Only five offerings on the altar (burnt, peace, sin, trespass, meat); five ministry types in Ep 4.11; five stones for David's sling; five porches of Bethesda in the fifth chapter of John where the hopeless cripple was healed; five points of John 3.16

Six-Satan/Sin (pp. 74-79)

Man's creation on the six day; work is six days per week; six is always one short of seven (perfection); Satan slandered Job with six words only on Job 1.9; Jesus rejected with six words only from the Jews in John 19.15; Paul's sixth of the flesh listed is witchcraft; the giant's six fingers and toes on

each appendage.

Seven-Perfection (pp. 80-84)

Earth (four) crowned with heaven (three) yields this number; seven notes on the musical scale; seven feast days (Pentecost, Tabernacles, Passover; First-Fruits, Unleavened Bread, Trumpets, Atonement);

Eight-New Birth (pp. 85-87)

Eight were on the ark; circumcision was on the eighth day; David was the eighth son of Jesse

Nine-Fruit of the Spirit (pp. 88-90)

Nine gifts of the spirit in I Cr 12; nine fruits of the spirit in Gl 5.22-23; between the ten pillars of the tabernacle were *nine* spaces; nine months is the gestation period for a woman to bear fruit.

Ten-Law (pp. 91-93)

The Ten Commandments; the law was made of two tables of stone with five laws on each multiplying to ten.

Eleven-Judgment and Disorder (pp. 94-97)

Eleven plagues of Egypt (including the Red Sea overthrow; Canaan had eleven sons; wicked Zedekiah reigned eleven years; when Judas left another had to replace him to avoid being left with only eleven.

Twelve-Governmental Perfection (pp. 98-101)

Twelve disciples; Solomon's twelve officers over the land; twelve zodiac signs ('Mazzaroth') in Job; Jesus visits the Temple aged twelve.

Thirteen-Depravity and Rebellion (pp. 102-107)

Nimrod was the 13th descendant of Ham; Haman signed a writ for the Jews

death on the 13th day of the first month; with Joseph's split into Manasseh and Ephraim, Israel had thirteen tribes;

Fourteen-Deliverance or Salvation (pp. 108-110)

The triad of fourteen's in Christ's genealogy in Matthew 1; passover instituted in the fourteenth of the month.

Fifteen-Rest (pp. 111-112)

Three times Israel was to rest on the fifteenth day of the month (Unleavened Bread, Tabernacles, Ester's day after the Jew's deliverance). Seven (perfection) and eight (new birth) gives fifteen (eternal rest).

Sixteen-Love (pp. 113-114)

Jehovah has sixteen titles; the tabernacle on the West side had eight boards (new birth) and sixteen sockets (two by eight); 16th birthday is one's 'sweet sixteen'; I Cr 13.4-8 has sixteen attributes of charity.

Seventeen-Victory (pp. 115-125)

Seven (perfection) added to ten (law) gives victory. As thirteen (depravity) is the sixth (Satan) prime, seventeen is the seventh prime.

Incredibly, seventeen is a factor of Methuselah's age (969 [57]), age at Lamech's birth (187 [11]), and Lamech's lifespan after Noah's was born (595 [35]).

Met-hu-selah means 'when he is dead it shall be sent'.

After the flood, the ark came to rest on the seventeenth day of the seventh month.

Christ resurrected on the seventeenth day of the Passover month.

Jerusalem is found seventeen times in the Psalms.

Anatoth (the village north of Jerusalem) means 'Answered Prayers'.

Eighteen-Bondage (pp. 126-130)

The bent-over woman in John 8.34 was bound by Satan eighteen years; the tower of siloam fell on eighteen victims; the word is used eighteen times with reference to Israel's time in Egypt.

Eighteen is often the legal age required to drink alcohol.

Nineteen-Faith (pp. 131-133)

Grace (5) and Salvation (14) are obtained through faith (19)-Ep 2.8. In Hb 11.1-32 nineteen faith-filled saints/groups are mentioned.

Twenty-Redemption (pp. 134-135)

Israelite children had to offer a ransom of twenty [silver] gerahs when they were twenty. Silver is the metal of redemption.

The North and South tabernacle sides had twenty boards apiece. They also had twenty pillars with twenty silver fillets and hooks.

Jacob had to labour twenty years in Laban's house to redeem Rachel.

Twenty One-Exceeding Sinfulness (pp. 136-137)

In II Tm 3.2-5 twenty one sins of the last days are mentioned; in Mt 23 Jesus lists twenty-one characteristics of a hypocrite. The new birth [8] of depravity [13] is extreme sinfulness [21].

One's 21st celebration is a time of great debauchery.

Twenty Two-Light (pp. 138-139)

Twenty two bowls held oil in the candlestick in the Tabernacle; in Nm 3.39 twenty two thousand Levites were to serve in the Tabernacle; in John's Gospel 'light' is mentioned twenty two times.

Twenty Three-Death (pp. 140-143)

Psalm 23's subject is death; depravity [13] plus the law [10] brings death [23]-this forms a counter to infant baptism as without (knowledge of) the law the death sentence can't be executed;

Twenty Four-The Priesthood (pp. 144-145)

In I Ch 24.1-18 the priesthood was divided into twenty four lineages; in Rv 4.4 are twenty four elders about the throne to mirror this.

Sixteen [love] and the new birth [eight] are prerequisites for priestly service.

Twenty Five-Forgiveness of Sins (pp. 146-147)

Jehoiachin was pardoned by King Evil-merodach of Babylon on the 25th day of the 12th month.

Levites had to be twenty five years old to begin service.

Twenty Six-The Gospel of Christ (pp. 148-149)

In II Cr 11.23-27 are listed twenty six afflictions of the Gospel; in Jn 3.16 both the TR and W-H texts have precisely twenty six Greek words (AV has only 25). Where word counts of Greek and English harmonise only English words are given, otherwise Greek.

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet, the language of the world and the AV1611.

Twenty Seven-Preaching of the Gospel (p. 150)

The law [ten] and victory [seventeen] make up this number.

Twenty Eight-Eternal Life (pp. 151-153)

Grace [five] added to death [twenty three] give this number.

Linen tabernacle curtains were twenty eight cubits in length.

Twenty Nine-Departure (p. 154)

Noah is mentioned the 29th time when they depart from the ark; the 29th time Laban is mentioned is when God told Jacob to leave Laban's house.

Thirty-Blood of Christ (pp. 155-157)

Christ's ministry began at age thirty; the price of Christ's blood was thirty silver pieces.

Redemption [twenty] plus the law [ten] requires cost in blood [thirty].

Priests could not offer blood on the altar until aged thirty.

Tabernacle goat's hair curtains were thirty cubits long.

Thirty One-Offspring (p. 158)

The 31st mention of Noah's name is in Gn 9.1 where he and family are told to be fruitful and multiply. The virtuous woman in Pv 31 has thirty one virtues and is called blessed by her offspring.

Thirty Two-Covenant (p. 159)

The 32nd mention of Abraham's name is Gn 9.8-9 where God made a covenant with him.

Thirty Three-Promise (p. 160)

The 33rd mention of Noah's name is in Gn 4.28 where Isaac is the child of promise.

Thirty [blood] plus three [resurrection] lead to the promise of eternal life.

Thirty Four-Naming of a Son (pp. 161)

In Gn 11.16 Eber begat Peleg, and on Abraham's 34th mention Isaac is named.

Thirty Five-Hope (pp. 162)

Faith [nineteen] and love [sixteen] give hope [thirty five]

Thirty Six-Enemy (pp. 163-165)

In Es 7.5 is the 36th mention of Esther (when she approaches Ahasuerus about Haman's wicked plot.

In Es 7.6 is Haman's 36th mention where Esther calls him an enemy.

Thirty Seven-The Word of God (pp. 166-169)

'Berashith Elohim'in Hebrew sums to 999, or $37 * 27$, 27 in turn being the cube of 3.

For the nine factors 3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24,27, multiplication by 37 always gives a palindrome. This occurs with no other number.

888 [Jesus] is 24 [priest] * 37 [Word of God].

There were two Bethlehems (one in Judea, the other Zebulun). The town is mentioned thirty seven times in the OT (eight in the New).

Caleb's name is mentioned 37 times in the Bible.

Thirty Eight-Slavery (pp. 170-171)

The infirm man in John 5.5 at Bethesda was afflicted for thirty eight years; in the 38th year of Asa King of Judah wicked King Ahab began to reign in Israel.

Thirty Nine-Disease (p. 172)

This is the age Asa is recorded as getting diseased in his feet and turning from the Lord (II Ch 16.12).

Forty-Trials (pp. 173-176)

[years] Exile in the wilderness; [days] Moses on the mountain top with God; [days] Elijah's time in Horeb; [days] Jonah's preaching time to Nineveh; [days] Ezekiel laying on his right side; [days] Jesus' temptations; [days] Jesus' post-resurrection ministry; three segments of Moses' life (Egypt, desert, wilderness); duration each of Saul, David and Solomon's reigns

Forty Two-Israel's Oppression or the Lord's Advent (pp. 177-180)

Total generations from Abraham to Christ; after forty two months of the beast's rule Christ will come; the two she bears sent by God killed forty two children (idolaters of Bethel) which mocked Elisha (II Kn 2.23-25)

Forty Five-Preservation (pp. 181-182)

Joshua was preserved forty five years after Moses (Js 14.10).

Fifty-Holy Spirit (pp. 183-187)

Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; fifty days after Firstfruits an offering was required; the court Tabernacle was fifty cubits wide and the linen curtains had fifty gold taches; Jubilee was the fiftieth year; priests served until age fifty.

Sixty-Pride (p. 188)

Nebuchadnezzar's image was sixty cubits high.

Sixty Six-Idol Worship (pp. 189-190)

Jacob's house totalled sixty six when they went into Egypt. Adding himself, Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh (four) while in Egypt gives seventy, the bondage time foretold in Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar's idol was six cubits wide (plus 60 high) gives 66.

Seventy-Universality (pp. 191-198)

Duration of the Babylonian kingdom; number of elders ordained by Moses; number in the Greater Court of the Sanhedrin (excluding the High Priest); number of disciples Jesus sent forth; number of sevens required for Israel's un-kept sabbaths to be paid back.

One Hundred-God's Election of Grace (pp. 199-202)

Isaac was born to Abraham at this age; Jesus' parable of the hundred sheep; length in cubits of the Tabernacle court.

One Hundred Nineteen-Resurrection Day (pp. 203-209)

Psalm 119 contains the whole Hebrew alphabet (22 letters) in eight-verse sections.

119 [resurrection] is precisely seven [perfection] multiplied by seventeen [victory].

Nahor lived after he begat Nahor 119 years.

One Hundred Forty Four-Spirit Guided Life (pp. 211-215)

The square of twelve [governmental perfection].

New Jerusalem's walls will be 144 cubits high; 144 thousands are saved during the Tribulation period; Noah's Ark had a cubic capacity of 5^5 multiplied by 144 cubits!; Israel remained in Egypt 144 years after Jacob's death.

One Hundred Fifty Three-Fruit Bearing (pp. 216-219)

Sum of the arithmetic progression with difference of one from one [unity] to seventeen [victory] which was the number of fishes caught in the net.

Also, seventeen [victory] multiplied by nine [fruit].

Two Hundred-Insufficiency (pp. 220-221)

In Jn 6.7 200 penny's worth was not enough to buy required food;

Absalom's two hundred shekel's weight of hair polled annually; Micah's graven image was bought for 200 silver shekels.

Six Hundred-Warfare (p. 222)

Weight in shekels of Goliath's spear.

Six Hundred Sixty Six-Number of the Beast (pp. 223-228)

An interesting application of the admonition to count (Rv 13.18) is found in Revelation 17 as pertaining to 666:

*In Rv 17.9 (where the mind with wisdom is mentioned) are seven (7) heads and seven (7) mountains on which one (1) woman sits.

*v10: there are seven (7) kings, five (5) kings have fallen, one (1) is, and one (1) is yet to come.

*v11: the beast is the eight (8) and is of the seven (7).

*v12: ten (10) horns are ten (10) kings which receive power as kings with the beast each for one (1) hour.

*v13: the kings have one (1) mind.

*In Rv 17.14 the kings make war [600] with the Lamb.

This gives:

7+7+1

7+5+1+1

8+7

10+10+1

1

600

666

Further, the fifth number listed is 5, eighth is 8 and the tenth is 10 which sum to 23 [death].

Five Greek words add to 666:

- *απολλυμεθα ('we perish')-lack of faith on the boat.
- *παραδοσις ('tradition')-Roman Catholic church.
- *πλευραν ('side')-Christ was speared in his side.
- *ευπορια ('wealth')-Demetrius the silversmith.
- *διασπορας ('scattered')-persecuted Church.

Eight Hundred Eighty Eight-Resurrection of the Saints (pp. 229-231)

*Noah (58) + Shem (340) + Japheth (490) all add to 888: righteous saved from the flood.

*Daniel (95) + Hananiah (120) +Mishael (381) + Azariah (292) total to 888: faithful servants delivered from Babylon and the fiery furnace.

Thousand-Glory of God (p. 232)

Millennial reign; thousands of ministers in Dn 7.10 and Rv 5.11.