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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. The Apostle John was exiled on the island of Patmos.
      1. It was the Alcatraz, the Devil’s Island of that day.
      2. He was incarcerated there because he was a preacher of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
      3. When men shut him out, God took him up and gave him a great revelation.
   2. Revelation 1:12-13
   3. A key number in the book of the Revelation is seven.
      1. There are seven churches in the first three chapters.
      2. There are seven seals in chapters 4-7.
      3. There are seven trumpets in chapters 8-11.
      4. There are seven personages in chapters 12-14.
      5. There are seven bowls of judgment in chapters 15-16.
      6. There are seven judgments in chapters 17-20.
      7. There are seven new things in chapters 21-22.
   4. Revelation 13:18
      1. The number of the Beast is 666.
   5. In this message, we will study the science and symbolism of numbers as we look at “666 vs. 777.”
2. the science of numbers
   1. God is a God of order and design.
      1. This is seen in all of creation.
      2. Numbers and numerical law are written into the universe.
   2. God really wrote two books:
      1. The book that we call the Bible.
      2. The book that we call nature.
   3. God’s handiwork is seen in nature.
      1. The Bible tells us that the heavens declare the glory of God.
         1. Psalm 19:1
   4. All astronomy can be reduced to mathematical laws.
      1. We can chart the heavens, past and future, by mathematics.
   5. Chemistry is primarily a study of mathematics and numbers.
   6. There is a mathematical formula in all of biology.
      1. All flowers have a certain number of petals.
      2. There is a mathematical arrangement to everything that is biological.
         1. The same is true for zoology.
   7. God does nothing by accident.
   8. Aristotle said that number is the principle of all things.
   9. To really understand God’s universe, one needs to be good in mathematics.
3. the symbolism of numbers
   1. To the Jewish people, numbers had a spiritual significance.
   2. The use and the consistency of numbers in the Bible is one of the amazing confirmations of inspiration.
   3. Understanding the meaning of numbers will help the Bible become clearer to us.
   4. In the Bible, “one” is the number of unity, and it speaks of God.
      1. Deuteronomy 6:4
      2. Zechariah 14:9
         1. The name of God is one because there is only one God.
      3. Ephesians 4:4-6
         1. This passage speaks of the primacy, the unity of Almighty God.
   5. “Two” in the Bible is the number of witness.
      1. John 8:17
      2. Even in business meetings, someone with make a motion to do something, and someone else will “second” the motion.
      3. God has given us His revelation in two testaments:
         1. The Old Testament
         2. The New Testament
      4. Jesus, who is called the Faithful Witness, is the second person in the Trinity.
         1. Revelation 1:5
      5. After the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, there were two angels at the tomb to testify and to witness that He had risen.
         1. John 20:11-13
      6. There were two angels at Jesus’ ascension.
         1. Acts 1:9-11
      7. Two witnesses are going to come back and witness during the Great Tribulation.
         1. Revelation 11:3
      8. It is still wise to send soul winners out two-by-two.
   6. “Three” is the divine number.
      1. We worship one God who has revealed himself in three persons.
      2. Matthew 28:19
         1. God is a triune God.
      3. Isaiah 6:3
         1. Holy is the Father, holy is the Son, and holy is the Spirit.
      4. Three is the simplest compound unity.
      5. Since man is made in the image of God, man is triune in his nature.
         1. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
      6. Christ arose on the third day.
      7. Everything God has made which reflects His tri-unity is all around us.
         1. Space is height, width, and depth.
            1. Each is distinguishable from the other, but each is inseparable.
         2. Time is past, present, and future.
            1. Each can be distinguished from the other, but they cannot be separated.

You cannot have one without the other.

* 1. The number “four” is the Earth number.
     1. In the Bible, four is used to speak of the Earth.
        1. Isaiah 11:12
           1. This does not mean that the Earth is a cube when it speaks of the four corners of the Earth.
           2. It is speaking of the four points of the compass: North, South, East, and West.
        2. Ezekiel 7:2
        3. Revelation 7:1
        4. Revelation 20:8
     2. Revelation 4:4-8
        1. The word for “beast” in this passage is not the same word that is used for the Antichrist Beast.
           1. It means “living creature,” and it represents all creation.
        2. In this passage, there are four creatures that represent all creation praising God.
     3. There are four world empires that have existed upon the Earth.
     4. In the Bible, “forty” is the number of testing and trial while we are here upon the Earth.
        1. Forty is just simply four multiplied by ten.
           1. Ten is the complete number.
        2. While Noah was in the ark, it rained forty days and forty nights.
        3. Moses was on Mt. Sinai forty days and nights.
        4. Jonah preached forty days that Nineveh would be destroyed.
        5. Jesus was tested and tempted in the wilderness for forty days.
  2. The numbers “five” and “ten” stand for completeness.
     1. A person has five fingers and five toes.
     2. We have five senses.
     3. Five and five put together speaks of completeness.
     4. There are ten commandments.
        1. It is impossible to add an eleventh commandment because all of moral law is summed up in those ten commandments.
     5. Ten is spoken of as having completeness.
        1. Revelation 13:1
           1. A horn in Bible prophecy is emblematic of authority and power.
           2. The Beast has ten horns which means that he has complete power.
     6. The Bible speaks of ten in the sense of judgment.
        1. There were ten plagues upon Egypt.
        2. When the church receives trials and persecution, it will be ten-fold.
           1. Revelation 2:10

In this verse, the “ten days” are spoken of symbolically.

This means that there will be full persecution and full tribulation.

This is not the Great Tribulation.

* + - 1. John 16:33
         1. The church will receive tribulation.
  1. The number “six” is the number of man.
     1. Revelation 13:18
     2. Man was created on the sixth day.
     3. The mark 666 (three being the number of God and six the number of man) is man pretending to be God.
        1. The Bible says that the Antichrist will sit in the temple of God and show himself that he is God.
           1. 2 Thessalonians 2:4
  2. “Seven” is a perfect or complete number.
     1. It references the Lord Jesus many times, as well as the Holy Spirit.
     2. The Bible speaks of the seven spirits of God.
        1. This does not mean that there are literally seven spirits of God.
        2. It means that the Holy Spirit is the perfect Spirit of God.
     3. The number six is one less than seven.
        1. Six stands for perfect imperfection.
           1. That’s what man is.
        2. In the Bible, six is used to symbolize Satan and evil.
           1. The height of Goliath of Gath, the giant that David killed, was six cubits and a span.

His spearhead weighed 600 shekels of iron.

He had six pieces of armor.

Goliath represented 666.

* + - 1. David represented the Lord Jesus.
         1. He killed Goliath.

One man won the battle for all the rest.

This is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus who defeated Satan for all of us.

* + 1. The number seven is made up of three and four.
       1. Three is the divine number, and four is the Earth number.
          1. It is Earth crowned with Heaven.

Matthew 6:10

* + 1. There are seven days in a week.
    2. There are seven notes in the musical scale.
       1. The eighth note in an octave is but a repetition of the first.
    3. Revelation 3:1
       1. There are only three in the Trinity.
       2. The “seven spirits of God” means the “perfect Spirit of God.”
    4. Revelation 5:6
       1. In this verse, the lamb is Jesus.
       2. The seven horns speak of His perfect power.
       3. Seven eyes speak of His perfect omniscience.
       4. The seven spirits of God (the Holy Spirit) speak of His holiness.
    5. Joshua marched around Jericho seven times on the seventh day.
    6. There are seven parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13.
    7. In the book of the Revelation, there are seven lampstands.
       1. The lampstand was a seven-pronged lampstand.
          1. It had one central shaft which speaks of the unity of God.
          2. It had six shafts coming out, three on each side, which speaks of man united with God becoming the light of the world.
    8. Examples of multiples of sevens and sevens and tens put together:
       1. Daniel was given a revelation of future history.
          1. It was a revelation of seventy weeks of years, or 490 years.
       2. Seventy were sent out to preach the Gospel.
       3. The Bible teaches that there are seventy years in the human life span.
          1. Psalm 90:10
       4. Seventy speaks of unlimited forgiveness.
          1. Matthew 18:22
    9. In the study of prophecy, the number seven will be cut in half.
       1. This speaks of division and danger.
       2. The Great Tribulation will be seven years of horror.
          1. It will be divided into two periods:

Three-and-a-half years of peace.

The last half will be the time of great and horrible tribulation.

* + - 1. The prophet Elijah shut up Heaven for three years and six months so that it would not rain.
         1. This is half of seven.
      2. The Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel for seven years.
         1. But in the middle of those seven years, he will break the covenant.
      3. Daniel 7:25
         1. For three-and-a-half years, the Antichrist will have unlimited power.
      4. Daniel 9:27
         1. The Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel.
         2. “One week” mentioned here is a week of years (seven years).
         3. A peace treaty will be signed; but the Bible says of the Antichrist that by peace, he will destroy many.

Daniel 8:25

* + - * 1. The temple will be rebuilt.
        2. The Beast will move into the temple of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

* + - * 1. After three-and-a-half years, the Antichrist will break the covenant.

He will turn on Israel.

Matthew 24:15

Matthew 24:21

* + - * 1. These things can be understood better if we understand that seven is the perfect number and three-and-a-half is a division of seven, and that is when the anti-Christ breaks the covenant.

Revelation 13:5

Forty-two months is three-and-a-half years.

* 1. The number “eight” speaks of new beginnings and the new birth.
     1. The eighth day is the first day of the week.
     2. Jesus appeared eight days after His resurrection.
     3. We do not worship on the seventh day.
        1. We worship on the eighth day, which is the first day because it speaks of new beginnings.
     4. A newborn male child was circumcised on the eighth day.
        1. This is analogous of speaking of new life because the Bible uses this as an analogy of salvation.
           1. Colossians 2:11
     5. Eight people came through the flood to a new world.
        1. 2 Peter 2:5
        2. 1 Peter 3:20
     6. When a leper would be healed of his leprosy, he would be pronounced clean on the eighth day.
     7. Jesus was transfigured on the eighth day.
        1. Luke 9:28
     8. Jesus arose after three days in the grave, but it was the eighth day (Sunday) when He came out of the grave.
     9. Jesus appeared to His disciples on the eighth day.
     10. John 20:26
  2. The number “twelve” is the governmental number.
     1. Twelve apostles were in the foundational government of the church.
     2. There were twelve patriarchs in the Old Testament.
     3. When John went up to Heaven, he saw twelve thrones.
        1. Matthew 19:28
           1. All of the redeemed are going to rule and reign with the Lord Jesus.
        2. Revelation 4:4
           1. These are likely the twelve patriarchs of the Old Testament and the twelve apostles of the New Testament.
     4. Revelation 21:16
     5. This is God’s governmental number which teaches that we are going to rule and reign with Almighty God.
  3. The significance of this:
     1. There is one God.
     2. That one God has given witness to us; that is two.
     3. He witnesses of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; that’s three.
     4. This witness is given to all the world; that’s four.
     5. He will complete what He has begun; that is five and ten.
     6. Man is a failure; that is six.
     7. God demands perfection; that is seven.
     8. Eight says that we can be born again.

1. the minister of propaganda
   1. There is coming a man who will be the minister of propaganda for the Beast.
   2. He will be a servant of Satan.
      1. Revelation 13:11
         1. This is speaking of the false prophet.
         2. There is a holy Trinity and an unholy trinity.
            1. Revelation 16:13
            2. The unholy trinity is the dragon, the Beast, and the false prophet.

The dragon is the anti-God.

The Beast is the anti-Christ.

The false prophet is the anti-Spirit.

* + 1. Revelation 13:11 speaks of the anti-Spirit.
       1. “Two horns” speaks of witness, and the lamb speaks of Jesus.
          1. But this is speaking of a false prophet.
          2. He is a dragon in lamb’s clothing.
  1. He will be a worker of worship.
     1. Revelation 13:12
     2. Satan can hardly wait to be worshipped.
     3. The spirit of the Antichrist is already in this world.
  2. He will be a master of miracles.
     1. Revelation 13:13-14
     2. Satan has the power to do miracles.
        1. Jesus said that he would deceive the very elect if it were possible.
           1. Matthew 24:24
        2. 2 Thessalonians 2:9
     3. In Egypt, Pharaoh’s magicians imitated the miracles of Moses.
  3. He will be a controller of commerce.
     1. Revelation 13:16-18

1. CONCLUSION
   1. The rapture is coming, and the church will be taken out.
   2. The Great Tribulation is the great day of God’s wrath.
      1. God is not going to pour out His wrath upon His children.
         1. This does not mean that we will not have tribulation.
            1. John 16:33
         2. The flood did not come until Noah was in the ark.
         3. Fire and brimstone did not fall upon Sodom and Gomorrah until Lot was taken out.
   3. It is going to be dark for Israel.
      1. The kingdoms of this world will be gathered together at Armageddon to decimate Israel.
      2. Just when 666 thinks he has it all made, 777 is coming from Heaven.
   4. Jesus is coming again.
      1. Are you ready for His coming?
   5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   6. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16