

God's Amazing Use of the Numbers 3 and 7

Scientists and astro-physicists have long yearned for any evidence, anywhere in the universe, for a message, or any kind of communication – if one were there – from extraterrestrial beings.

But they have also pondered the obvious question: If such an attempt at communication were made, what language would they use?

After much consideration, they concluded that the only language that would make sense to all intelligent forms of life, anywhere in the universe, would be a mathematical one.

Mathematics, they said, is not so much a body of knowledge as it is a special kind of language – one so perfect and abstract that it could be understood by any intelligent creatures, existing anywhere. The grammar of the language is simple logic, and the vocabulary of the language are simple symbols – basically numerals that represent numbers.

As children we were taught numerals as if they were dead symbols of amount. Their function as a language was not part of our journey through the three R's. Thus, their function as a language does not find in us a response of recognition. And for this we are the poorer.

The 5th century B.C. mathematician, Pythagoras, said: "Numbers are the language of the universe." Indeed, numbers are the very building blocks of Creation – but they are more than this. They are a language that communicates through time and space – an external language – a language of beginning.

One of the ways our Creator has chosen to communicate with His human family is through the language of numbers.

The word of God has come down to us in primarily two phonetic languages: the Old Testament was largely given to us in Hebrew; and the New Testament given to us in Greek. (There were a few other languages involved, but those have been replaced by their Hebrew and Greek translations.)

Both of these special languages (Hebrew and Greek) are "dual character" systems. They have a function of phonetics as well as a function of quantity, which provides every word with an equivalent in number value. The Greeks called this function "Gematria." By using this function, every word, both in our Hebrew Old Testament and in our Greek New Testament, has a number equivalent.

How amazing to realize that in the Hebrew language, the word "*Hebrew*" has a Gematria value of 333; and in the Greek language the word "*Greek*" also has a Gematria value of 333. It is communicating to us that there is something very basic and profound about the number 333. It represents the Creator Himself.

Each Creation Day is described as an evening followed by a morning. These brief statements describing both evening and morning each add to 333.

333 = “*and it was evening*” (Genesis 1:19)

333 = “*there was morning*” (Genesis 1:5)

And after each of the Creation Days were accomplished, we are told “*and God saw that it was good.*” This, too, is an expression of 333.

333 = “*and God saw that it was good*” (Genesis 1:18)

(underlined words add to 333)

The commission given to Adam and Eve was “*Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.*” The underlined words again give us 333. This suggests that man’s work of “subduing” the earth was to be in perfect harmony with God’s work of Creation.

The number 3 is intricately interwoven into the work of Creation.

In geometry, the number 3 is the first number that will create shape – an enclosed space. It is basic to Creation. But in God’s work of Creation this number is partnered with the number of “perfection” – the number 7. This becomes evident in the Bible’s first statement about Creation.

37 x 73 = “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*” (Genesis 1:1)

In reality this statement is telling us that all things were created with perfection. But it is indicating something even more profound, which is hinted at in Proverbs 3:19 – “*The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth*” The Hebrew word here translated “*wisdom*” has a Gematria value of 73 and a place value of 37. The numbers look like this:

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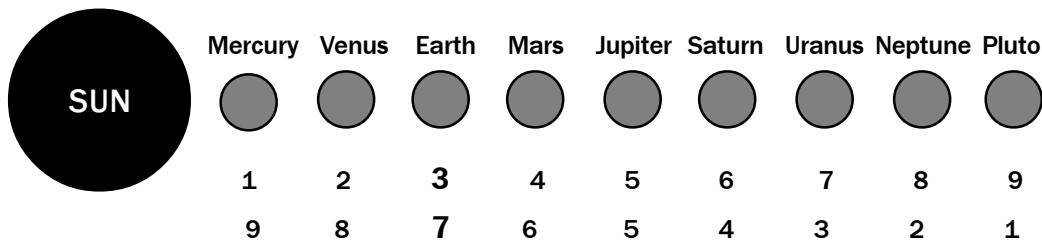
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Gematria value 5 + 40 + 20 + 8 = **73**

Place value 5 + 13 + 11 + 8 = **37**

The Apostle John told us that the One who was the active agent in the creation of all things was the “*Word.*” It is the English translation of the Greek word “*Logos.*” It has a Gematria value of 373. Amazing!

This same interchange of 3 and 7 is apparent in our Solar System. A simple diagram will easily convey the obvious.



If we are counting out from the sun (the center of our solar system) Earth is the 3rd planet; but if we are counting from the edge of our solar system inward, Earth is the 7th planet. Man's home is the embodiment of 3 and 7. And the One who made it – Logos – bears the number 373. (The theory of a 10th planet has not been proven. If there is such a body out there, it is not to be considered a “planet,” but some other object.)

The number 3 is basic to Creation because it is basic to the Creator. Below are some examples of its use in Scripture.

300 = “*The spirit of God*” (Genesis 1:2)

300 = *Maker* (Hebrew)

300 = “*The great, the Mighty God*” (Jeremiah 32:18)

330 = “*He is the God of gods and Lord of lords*” (Deuteronomy 10:17)

330 = “*Jehovah is our Lawgiver*” (Isaiah 33:22)

333 = “*Thy throne, O God, is forever*” (Psalm 45:6)

333 = “*He is like a fire*” (Malachi 3:2)

3330 = “*Lord of lords*” (Greek)

3330 = “*The will of God in Christ Jesus*” (I Thessalonians 5:18)

God has used many things to illustrate His plans and purposes for man. He has even used the topography of the earth to tell of these things. One of the most beautiful topographic “signs” He has given us is Mt. Hermon, on Israel's northern border. According to its use in Scripture, Mt. Hermon represents the dwelling place of God.

On a clear day, wherever you are in Israel, look up, and you will see beautiful snow-covered Mt. Hermon dominating the northern horizon. It is always there, like a jewel in the sunlight, a beacon of hope to all who dwell in the land. From deepest winter to sweltering summer, its snows are ever seen, ever present, never failing.

Mt. Hermon sits at 33.3 degrees north latitude, bearing the number of God. And in the days when the prime meridian went through Paris, Mt. Hermon was also at 33.3 degrees east longitude, making its peak the cross-hairs of the world. This is

why organizations such as the Knights Templar and the Masons have taken the symbolism of Mt. Hermon as an integral part of their order. Their Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree is, in fact, a reference to the location of Mt. Hermon.

As the warmth of the sunlight melts the snow that tops the mountain, its waters seep down through its rocky crevasses and comes out below in the form of three beautiful, cold, clear, refreshing springs: the Leddan, the Hasbani, and the Banias. Together, they flow into pure Lake Huleh; but at the lake's southern end these pure waters plunge below sea level and form the Jordan River. The Jordan begins as snow on Mt. Hermon – the place of God's dwelling. "Snow" in Hebrew has a Gematria value of 333.

333 = Snow (Hebrew)

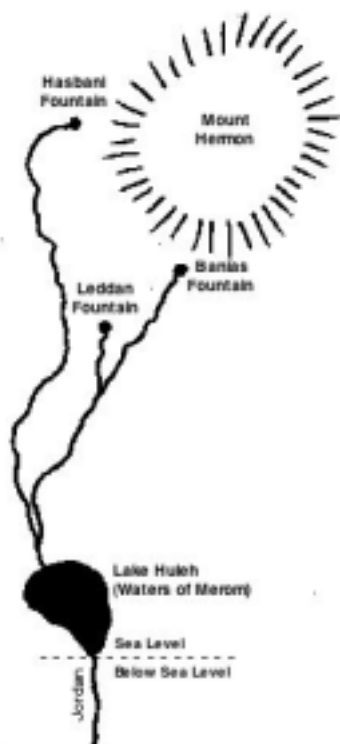
333 = "Thy Throne O God is forever."

Symbolically, as well as quite literally, Mt. Hermon provides the water of life.

God, speaking to Jeremiah (18:4) gave us a beautiful word picture of the life-giving water that flows from this lofty mountain.

"Does the snow of Lebanon ever vanish from its rocky slopes? Do its cool waters from distant sources ever cease to flow?"

These three refreshing fountains, flowing from the snow-covered mountain, tell us, by their Gematria, the source of their life-giving waters.



127 = Hasbani
 84 = Leddan
 122 = Banias

 333

These three fountains, when spelled in Hebrew, have a total number value of 333. It is not a coincidence, nor are they random numbers. They are telling us that the water of life comes from God, who is represented by the number 333.

Amazingly there are said to be 70 more smaller springs in the Huleh Valley – all flowing from the snows of Mt. Hermon. This totals 73 springs, bringing life-giving water from the dwelling place of God. It sounds like the same number 73 that describes Creation.

The Huleh Valley covers an area of 73 square miles, being clearly defined by the highlands that surround it.

Fresh clean water was in abundance (prior to the drainage project of 1951-1958 which dried up much of the area). The average annual 60 inches of precipitation (mostly snow) falling on Mt. Hermon supplied the 73 springs which water the fertile valley. Those 60 inches are obviously 5 times 12, suggesting Divine Law (12) multiplied by grace (5). Such was the condition into which man was created. He was placed into a fertile, well-watered garden, and given Divine Law administered by grace.

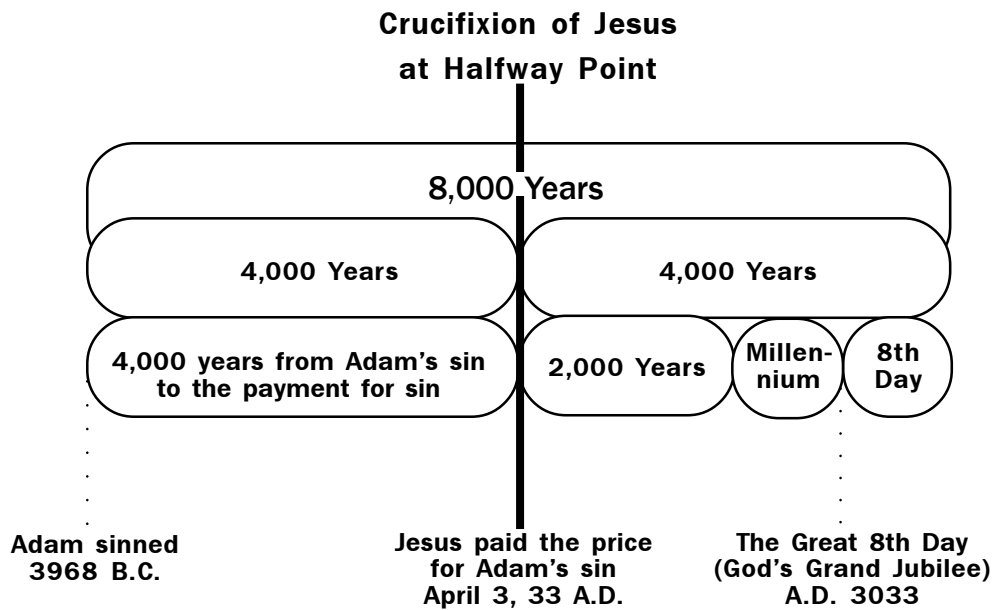
I am not suggesting that the Garden of Eden was in the Huleh Valley. However, I am suggesting that the later is a picture of the former – a beautiful picture, planted in the earth from the beginning. It illustrates man's condition of perfection, supplied with all his needs in abundance. This was the condition into which God placed the man He had created.

But Adam violated Divine Law, and as a consequence he was driven out of the perfect Garden. At the south end of Lake Huleh the water plunges into the Great Rift Valley and begins its rapid downward course, eventually being swallowed up by the stagnant waters of the Dead Sea. A great rift between God and man happened when Adam disobeyed Divine Law and fell from Divine Grace. For 6,000 long and tragic years Adams family have come face to face with the awful results of disobeying Divine Law. But God's plans for His human family will not be thwarted. They will indeed receive the refreshing waters of life prepared for them from the beginning.

Jesus came as a substitute for Adam. He shed his innocent blood in place of the guilty blood of Adam. He paid the price, thus, our salvation is free.

He shed his innocent blood on the afternoon of April 3, 33 A.D. Have you ever looked at that date as 333? I think it is significant! He was also 33 years old. Such numbers are not there by random chance. They are part of a magnificent plan. And that plan did not end on Calvary. That was only the halfway point. But it is amazing that the halfway point – the central main event of the entire plan of God for man, the fulcrum on which the whole plan rests – should bear the number 333.

Let's take a look at that amazing timeline.



The grand octave of time is like the musical scale: seven notes (epochs) followed by the eighth, which is the “Tonic” note, and also the first note of the next octave. But notice! God’s time set to music ends the seventh note and begins the eighth note at precisely A.D. 3033. There it is again – 333 – marking the fulfilling of the promise, the return to all that Adam lost – the refreshing water of life from God, flowing again from 3 fountains – 333.

From the death of Jesus in A.D. 33 to the end of earth’s great Millennium is precisely 3,000 years. The work of the Millennium is the restoration of mankind to the condition of “sonship” with God, which Adam lost because of his sin. Before Adam sinned he was a perfect man. By the end of the Millennium mankind will have learned righteousness – learned it by means of God’s righteous Laws being written in their hearts. This learning process comes through Jesus Christ, the administrator of Divine Government. Thus, not only “belief” in him will be required, but also by the effect of God’s Laws being written in their hearts. This is why Jesus could say *“He who believes in me, though he was dead, yet shall he live.”* This verse has a Gematria value of 3000 – telling us that by the end of earth’s great Millennium (3,000 years from the payment for sin) mankind will have life, fulness of life, perfect life, just like Adam had.

The 3 springs of pure clean water from Mt. Hermon, represent the pure clean life that was given to Adam, with all the provisions for its needs. Because Jesus purchased Adam (and all his posterity), all mankind will have access to this pure water of life by the end of earth’s great Millennium – the year 3033. In the book of Revelation, when describing the restoration of all that Adam lost, God promises pure life-giving water: *“To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.”* (Revelation 21:6)

The numbers tell the story – the story unveils the numbers. Creation in perfection (7) is described to us in Genesis by the number 333. When the earth and all of Adam’s posterity are restored to that perfection it will be represented by the number 333. The date will be A.D. 3033.

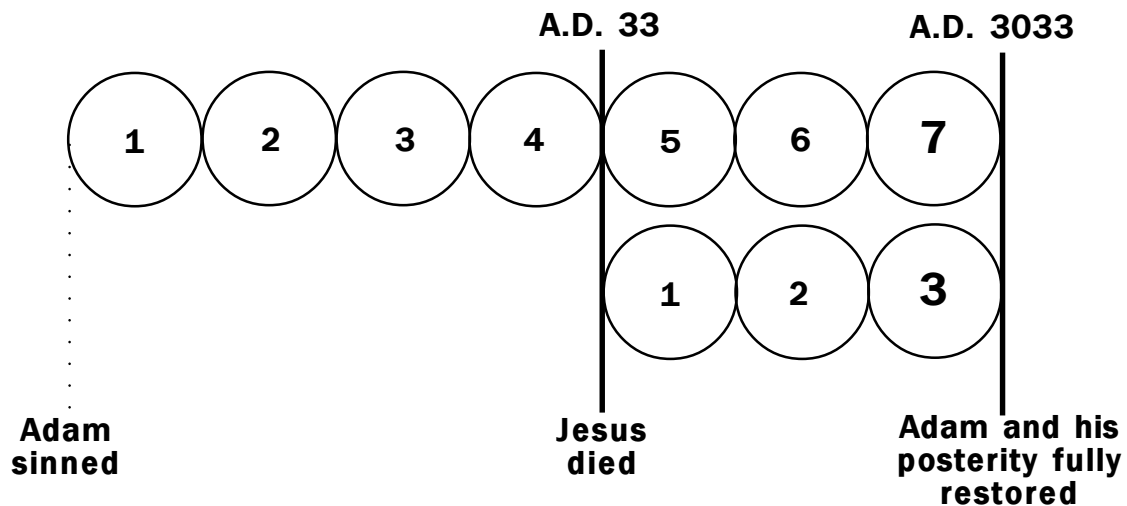
When God led Moses and the Israelites through the wilderness, He gave instruction to them for a method of keeping themselves “clean” and undefiled. Touching a dead body was an act that would make a person “unclean” in God’s sight. But God gave them a way to become clean. They were to sacrifice a red heifer and burn it with fire, and then sprinkle some of the ashes on the person who had touched a dead body, and the person would become clean. These ashes were to be sprinkled on the third day and the seventh day –and the person would become clean on the seventh day. This whole ritual was prophetic of the work of cleansing all mankind from the effects of death during earth’s great Millennium.

The red heifer represents Jesus Christ, who gave his perfect human life in payment for the sin of Adam. Those who had “touched death” are all of Adam’s posterity who have shared in his death penalty. But through Jesus Christ, they will be made clean by the application of his sacrifice on the third day and on the seventh day. Is it a contradiction in terms? How can the third day be the seventh day?

In reality it is the union of 3 and 7, just like in Creation. These two numbers that were basic to Creation will also be basic to restoration. And the means through which both are accomplished is Jesus Christ.

How?

It might be best explained by a simple graphic. Each circle represents 1,000 years.



Notice the amazing relationship of 3 and 7 again. The third day and the seventh day are, together, earth's great Millennium – the “resurrection and restoration day.” Jesus set the pattern by being raised on the third day from his crucifixion. And he raises all mankind on the great “third day” from his crucifixion. It is also the seventh day from the sin of Adam. The conclusion of that Great Day will be the date A.D. 3033.

333 = “Thy throne O God, is forever” (Psalm 45:6)

777 = “Love of God” (Romans 8:39)