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INTRODUCTION

In our enlightened, intellectual, and cultured society, many are searching for reality, truth, and meaning in life. Christianity claims to be the answer to all of man's problems.

The Book of Christianity, The Bible, is the object of much criticism, ridicule, and rebuke by an assortment of unbelievers. The real Christian adores it and cherishes its precious pages. This blood-stained book claims to be more than an ordinary book.

The purpose of my putting this material together is to show forth the Handiwork of God to non-believers and to encourage Believers to study its depths.

I pray that the Lord will grant you light and understanding as you read this book and think of your relationship to God. May God bless you as you are honest with yourself and Him.

In Christ Our Lord,
ROCKY FREEMAN

Validity of the New Testament Documents

"The Bible was written by men, therefore I don't believe it."

This is a statement made over and over by many people who refuse the claims of Christianity. Yet, these same people almost never look at the objective evidence which, actually, is overwhelming.

For example, the manuscripts available of Biblical material are far superior to any piece of literature written in the days of Biblical history.

A survey of Biblical data assures us that an historical approach to Christian evidences is valid. It is grounded in objective events.

That Christianity rests upon an objective, historical foundation is a priceless asset in this world in which there is a criteria of clues as to the meaning of life. The beauty of the message of Christ consists in its openness to examination; Christ was a public figure, and His resurrection a public event.

The Roman historian Tacitus wrote in the early 2nd century concerning events half a century earlier. His writings are considered a first rate historical source for this period *despite* the fact that the oldest manuscript copy of his work which remains, is dated 1000 years after he wrote. Add the fact that we possess only 20 manuscripts in all.

In like manner, a full 1000 years separate the writings of Caesar's *Gallic Wars* and the date of the oldest manuscript we now have.

Aristotle wrote his *Poetics* 3½ centuries B.C. and the oldest manuscript, we have available, dates from 11th century A.D. — a full 1400 years later.

Thucydides, a noted Greek historian, the oldest manuscript "was copied" 1300 years after his death.

In every single case cited, critical scholars do not think of dismissing the evidence because the original manuscripts are not readily available. Each is considered an A-1 historical source.

other language. The facts being discussed then, are beneath the surface of the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament text.

III. NUMERIC VALUES

What is meant by the term "numeric value"? In the Hebrew and Greek every letter, word, sentence, phrase, clause, and passage has a definite "numeric value".

The Hebrews and Greeks did not use figures such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etcetera to express their numbers — they used the letter of their alphabets instead.

For example, if a Hebrew or Greek wanted to write "1", he would write the first letter of his alphabet. If he wanted to write "2", he wrote the second letter of the alphabet. Each letter in the Hebrew and Greek alphabet stands for a certain number or each letter has an assigned "numeric value".

Since each letter has a numeric value, each word will have a numeric value, for every word is made of one or more letters. This "value" of a word is obtained by adding the numeric values of the various letters in that word. To illustrate let us look at the numeric value of the word "Jesus". In the Greek, "Jesus" is spelled "IHSOUS". "I" stands for 10, "H" stands for 8, "S" stands for 200, "O" for 70, "U" for 400, and "S" for 200. If we add these figures we total 888. In like manner, every sentence, paragraph, and book of the Bible has a definite numeric value or arithmetical sum. The sum of the sentence is attained by adding the value of each word; for each paragraph the numeric value of all the words in the paragraph. The numeric value of the sixty-six books of the Bible is determined in the exact same manner.

Let us point out something extremely important — attention is directed to a certain number — a number which occurs more times than any other. It is the number "seven". From Genesis' first word to the last word in the Book of the Revelation, the number "seven" is predominant. Some examples are:

1. The Sabbath was the seventh day.
2. In Egypt there were seven years of plenty and seven years of famine.
3. When the city of Jericho was captured, the people and seven priests who had seven trumpets marched around the city seven times.

4. Every seventh year the land of the Israelites was not to be cultivated or planted.
5. Solomon was seven years building the temple; after its completion, he held the feast for seven days.
6. Naaman waded seven times in the river.
7. In the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, the number seven is especially outstanding. Seven churches, seven trumpets, seven lampstands, seven seals, seven vials, seven stars, seven spirits, etcetera, are spoken of. The number seven occurs in this one book more than *FIFTY* times.

It is not new knowledge that the number seven occurs in the Bible more than any other number. However, only recently it has been discovered that this same numbers occurs in a mysterious and peculiar manner beneath the surface of the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament texts.

In speaking of a "peculiar manner" or "beneath the surface" of the original Bible text, it is meant that the "sevens" occur in such a way that they are not noticed or discovered by merely reading the surface, or words. They are strangely out of sight to the average Hebrew and Greek reader. These "sevens" are so deeply concealed that special searching and special counting are necessary in order to find them.

The following are examples of facts of "sevens" which have been discovered beneath the surface of the Hebrew text — the very first verse of the Bible.

BOOK OF GENESIS, CHAPTER ONE, VERSE 1

The number of Hebrew words in the verse is not 6, not 8, but exactly 7. The number seven is here discovered by counting the words.

Now if a person counts the Hebrew letters in these seven words, he will see that the number of letters divides perfectly by seven — is an exact multiple of seven. The number of letters in the seven words are not 27, not 29, but exactly 28, or 4 7's.

Each of these numerical facts are called "numeric feature".
FEATURE ONE. The number of Hebrew words in this verse is exactly 7.

FEATURE TWO. The number of letters in the seven words is exactly 28 or 4 7's.

FEATURE THREE. The first three of these seven Hebrew

words contain the subject and predicate of the sentence. These three words are translated – “In the beginning God created.” The number of letters in these first three Hebrew words is exactly 14 or 2 7’s. The last four of these seven words contain the object of the sentence. These four words are translated – “the heavens and the earth.” The number of letters in these last four Hebrew words is 14 or 2 7’s.

FEATURE FOUR. The last four Hebrew words consist of two objects. The first is “the heavens” and the second is “and the earth.” The number of letters in the first object is exactly 7. The number of letters in the second object is 7.

FEATURE FIVE. The three leading words in this verse of seven words are “God” – the subject, and “heavens” and “earth”, the objects. The number of letters in these three Hebrew words is exactly 14 or 2 7’s. The number of letters in the other four words of the verse is 14 or 2 7’s.

FEATURE SIX. The shortest word is in the middle. The number of letters in this word and the word to its left is exactly 7.

FEATURE SEVEN. The number of letters in the middle word and the word to its right is exactly 7.

These sevens are truly beyond the view of ordinary readers of the Hebrew text and are discovered only by special study. The above features are only a few examples of the facts which have been discovered in the structure of this first verse of only seven words.

The following are examples of the newly discovered facts of “sevens” which occur in a peculiar manner beneath the surface of the Greek text of the first verses in the New Testament.

BOOK OF MATTHEW, CHAPTER ONE, VERSES 1-17
(The account of Christ’s Genealogy)

The first seventeen verses in the book of Matthew form a natural logical division by themselves, for they deal with one particular subject, the genealogy of Christ. These seventeen verses have two main sections, (1) verses 1-11 (2) verses 12-17. Each section contains amazing numeric features in the structure of its text.

The following features are a few examples of the facts of “sevens” in the first main section, verses 1-11.

FEATURE ONE. The number of Greek vocabulary words used in the first eleven verses is not 48, not 50, but exactly 49, or 7 7’s.

It must be remembered that the number of vocabulary words in a passage is usually different from the total number of words in a passage.) The vocabulary words are the different words used.)

FEATURE TWO. The number of letters in these 49 words is exactly 266, or 38 7’s.

FEATURE THREE. Of these 266 letters of the vocabulary words, the number of vowels is exactly 140, or 20 7’s. Of these 266 letters of the vocabulary, the number of consonants is 126, or 18 7’s.

FEATURE FOUR. Of these 49 words, the number which begin with a vowel is exactly 28, or 4 7’s. The number of words which begin with a consonant is 21, or 3 7’s.

FEATURE FIVE. Of the 49 Greek vocabulary words, the number which are nouns is exactly 42, or 6 7’s. The number which are not nouns is 7.

FEATURE SIX. Of the 42 nouns in the first eleven verses, the number which are proper nouns is exactly 35, or 5 7’s. The number which are common nouns is 7.

FEATURE SEVEN. The number of Greek letters in these 7 common nouns is exactly 49, or 7 7’s.

FEATURE EIGHT. The number of times the 35 proper names occur is exactly 63, or 9 7’s.

FEATURE NINE. Of the 35 proper names in the vocabulary of the first eleven verses of Matthew, the number of male names is exactly 28, or 4 7’s. The number which are not male names is 7.

FEATURE TEN. The number of times these 28 male names occur is exactly 56, or 8 7’s.

FEATURE ELEVEN. In these first 11 verses, three women are mentioned – Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. The number of Greek letters in these three names is exactly 14, or 2 7’s.

FEATURE TWELVE. Just one city is named in this passage, namely “Babylon.” The number of Greek letters in this word is exactly 7.

FEATURE THIRTEEN. Of these 49 Greek vocabulary words in the first eleven verses, the number of words which occur more than once is exactly 35, or 5 7’s. The number of words

which occur only once is 14, or 2 7's.

FEATURE FOURTEEN. Of these 49 Greek vocabulary words, the number which appear in only one form is exactly 42, or 6 7's.

The number which appear in more than one form is 7.

The above are merely a few examples of the many amazing numerical features which have been discovered beneath the surface of this first section of eleven verses. The very structure of the passage is literally saturated with phenomenal occurrences of the number seven.

The second section, verses 12-17, contains equally profound numeric features of its own.

A few more examples from the Greek text of other New Testament passages.

The section following the first seventeen verses of Matthew is verses 18-25. I will mention only two features of the many phenomenal numeric facts.

BOOK OF MATTHEW, CHAPTER ONE, VERSES 18-25 (The account of Christ's Birth)

FEATURE ONE. It is interesting to note that the number of Greek vocabulary words in this passage is not 76, not 78, but exactly 77, or 11 7's.

FEATURE TWO. Of the 77 Greek vocabulary words, the number of words the angel used in speaking to Joseph is exactly 28, or 4 7's.

Even the angel's little speech has amazing numerical features all of its own. They are intertwined in such a way that the entire passage contains remarkable occurrences of the number seven. This number strangely underlies the very structure of the passage in every conceivable manner. The Greek letters and words are literally permeated with astounding numeric features.

We continue and give two of the many numerical facts which are mysteriously hidden beneath the surface of the second chapter of Matthew.

BOOK OF MATTHEW, SECOND CHAPTER (The Account of Christ's Childhood)

FEATURE ONE. The number of Greek vocabulary words in the second chapter of Matthew is exactly 161, or 23 7's.

FEATURE TWO. The number of Greek letters in these 161 words is exactly 896, or 128 7's.

FEATURE THREE. The number of Greek vocabulary words in the paragraph formed by the first six verses is exactly 56, or 8 7's.

There are three speeches in the chapter. Herod speaks, the wise men speak, and the angel speaks. Each speech shows numeric features in itself, yet each forms only part of the chapter, which as a whole has phenomenal features of its own. Each division alone shows the same numeric phenomena found in the chapter as a whole.

The same type of numeric phenomena that we found hidden in the structure of Matthew, are also found beneath the surface of Mark.

BOOK OF MARK, CHAPTER ONE, VERSES 1-8

The number of Greek vocabulary words in these first eight verses is not 76, not 78, but exactly 77, or 11 7's. Of these 77 vocabulary words, the ones which begin with a consonant is 35, or 5 7's. Of the 77 vocabulary words, the number John used in his speech is exactly 21, or 3 7's.

The next natural paragraph following these eight verses consists of verses 9, 10, 11. This paragraph gives an account of the baptism of Jesus. The number of vocabulary words in this passage is exactly 35, or 5 7's.

BOOK OF MARK, CHAPTER TWO, VERSES 13-17

Here we find the account of the call of Levi (Matthew), and Christ's conversation with the Scribes and the Pharisees. The number of Greek vocabulary words in these five verses is exactly 49, or 7 7's. Of the 49 vocabulary words, the number used by Christ is exactly 14, or 2 7's, while the number of words used by the Scribes is exactly 7.

BOOK OF MARK, CHAPTER FOUR, VERSES 3-20 (Christ Relates Parable of the Sower)

The number of Greek vocabulary words in this parable is exactly 49, or 7 7's.

BOOK OF MARK, CHAPTER THIRTEEN, VERSES 5-37
Here we find the Lord's important message regarding future

events and the Second Coming of Christ. The number of Greek vocabulary words in the passage is exactly 203, or 29 7's.

Going to the very last passage in the book of Mark, we find the same marvelous numeric phenomena. Just four of the over one hundred features are mentioned.

BOOK OF MARK, CHAPTER SIXTEEN, VERSES 9-20

FEATURE ONE. The number of Greek vocabulary words in these 12 verses is exactly 98, or 14 7's.

FEATURE TWO. The number of letters in the 98 vocabulary words is exactly 553, or 79 7's.

FEATURE THREE. Of these 553 letters, the number of vowels is exactly 294, or 42 7's.

FEATURE FOUR. The number of consonants is 259, or 37 7's.

FEATURE FIVE. Of the 98 Greek vocabulary words, the number used by Christ in addressing His disciples is exactly 42, or 6 7's.

FEATURE SIX. The number of vocabulary words which form no part of Christ's speech is 56, or 8 7's.

This passage not only shows amazing numeric features as a whole, but it shows features within the features, and further features within those. The separate paragraphs have features of their own within the features of the complete passage. It is marvelous indeed.

Now let us go back to the verse of Genesis. There are three important nouns in this verse — "God", "heaven", and "earth". The numeric values of these three nouns are 86, 395, and 296 respectively. When we add these three numbers, we find that the total numeric value of the three words is not 776, or 778, but strangely enough is exactly 777 or 111 7's. Neither 776 nor 778, of course, divides evenly by 7. It is strange to note that the numeric value of the "verb" in the first verse of Genesis is also a number which divides perfectly by 7. The numeric value of the Hebrew word "created" is exactly 203, or 29 7's.

MATTHEW: The first seventeen verses, the account of Christ's genealogy, shows the numeric value of the vocabulary words in those verses is also an exact multiple of 7, namely 42,364, or 6,052 7's. Notice the number is not 42,363, or 42,365. Neither of these divides evenly by 7.

If even one Greek letter were taken out or exchanged for another the numeric value of the passage would be changed.

We mentioned previously that exactly 77 vocabulary words are used in the account of Christ's birth, Matthew 1:18-25. The numeric value of these 77 words is also an exact multiple of 7, namely 51,247, or 7,321 7's. We also mentioned that the angel used exactly 28 of these 77 vocabulary words when speaking to Joseph. The numeric value of the angel's words is exactly 21,042 or 3,006 7's. In the second chapter of Matthew, the account of Christ's childhood, exactly 161 vocabulary words are used. The numeric value of these words is exactly 123,529 or 17,647 7's.

IV. CHAIN FEATURES

Before we see how these discovered facts scientifically prove the divine inspiration of the Bible, we must note one other particular manner in which the "sevens" are found in the structure of the Bible text. The following features occur in a different manner than those discussed previously. They are called "chain features" because they occur in the structure of words that are separated by great distance. The words in a "chain" feature are scattered throughout many different books of the Bible. They are not confined to any one particular passage.

The name of the Bible-writers, for instance, are widely separated throughout the Scriptures. It is remarkable to note that the number "seven" is found even in the scattered occurrences of these names. The number of Old Testament writers named in the Bible is exactly 21, or 3 7's. The numeric value of these 21 Hebrew names is also divisible by 7. It is exactly 3,808 or 544 7's.

The name which appears the greatest number of times in the Old Testament is David. The number of times his name is found is exactly 1,134 or 162 7's. The name Jeremiah, for instance, occurs in 7 Old Testament books in 7 different forms in Hebrew, and the number of times it occurs in those 7 Old Testament books is exactly 147, or 21 7's. The number of times that the name Moses, writer of the first five books, occurs in the Bible is exactly 847, or 121 7's.

In all of these features we see just a conception of the thousands of amazing facts which have been found in the very structure of Bible passages. It has been discovered that amazing numerical facts occur beneath the surface of the original

Bible text from the very first verse in Genesis through the very last in Revelation. Phenomenal mathematical features, similar to the examples already presented, underlie and pervade the text of every one of the sixty-six Bible books. They occur in the very structure of every paragraph in the entire Bible, not in the paragraphs only, but frequently in the many subdivisions of paragraphs. These features extend to all parts of the text, vocabulary, grammatical forms, parts of speech, etcetera.

V. HOW DO THESE FACTS SCIENTIFICALLY PROVE THAT THE BIBLE IS A GOD-INSPIRED, GOD-GIVEN BOOK?

The presence of the amazing numerical feature or facts beneath the surface of the original Bible text cannot be denied by anyone. One can ignore them and turn his eyes from them, but the facts continue to be there. Since these facts are actually found in the Bible text, a certain logical question arises —

VI. HOW CAN WE ACCOUNT FOR THE PRESENCE OF THREE FACTS?

How did these features occur or come to be in the very structure of the Bible text? Their presence must be explained in some satisfactory way. There are only two possible ways in which these amazing facts could have occurred. They could have occurred either by accident, that is, by sheer chance, or either by design. No doubt some will be of the opinion that these features occurred accidentally. Therefore, let us suppose that there are twenty-four numerical features or facts in the structure of a certain passage. What chances are there that these 24 features would occur together in one passage accidentally? This is easily calculated, for there is a standard, recognized, scientific method of calculating chances — there is an established law of chances.

Only one number in seven is a multiple of seven. The other six numbers which are not multiples of seven have as good a chance to occur accidentally as the one that is a multiple of seven. Therefore, according to the law of chances, for any 1 number to be a multiple of 7 accidentally, there is only 1 chance in 7. According to the law of chances, for any 2 numbers to be multiples of 7 accidentally, there is only 1 chance in 7×7 , or only 1 chance in 49.

According to the law of chances, for any 3 numbers to be multiples of 7 accidentally, there is only 1 chance in 7×49 , or only 1 chance in 343.

For 1 feature to occur accidentally, there is 1 chance in	...7.
For 2 features ° 1 chance in	.....49.
For 3 features ° 1 chance in	.....343.
For 4 features ° 1 chance in	.....2,401.
For 5 features ° 1 chance in	.....16,807.
For 6 features ° 1 chance in	.....117,649.
For 7 features ° 1 chance in	.....823,543.
For 8 features ° 1 chance in	.....5,764,801.
For 9 features ° 1 chance in	.....40,353,607.
For 10 features ° 1 chance in	.....282,475,249.
For 11 features ° 1 chance in	.....1,977,326,743.
For 12 features ° 1 chance in	.....13,841,287,201.
For 13 features ° 1 chance in	.....96,889,010,407.
For 14 features ° 1 chance in	.....678,223,072,849.
For 15 features ° 1 chance in	.....4,747,561,509,943.
For 16 features ° 1 chance in	.....33,232,930,569,601.
For 17 features ° 1 chance in	.....232,630,513,987,207.
For 18 features ° 1 chance in	.....1,628,413,597,910,449.
For 19 features ° 1 chance in	.....11,398,895,185,373,143.
For 20 features ° 1 chance in	.....79,792,266,297,612,001.
For 21 features ° 1 chance in	.....558,545,864,083,284,007.
For 22 features ° 1 chance in	.....3,909,821,048,582,988,049.
For 23 features ° 1 chance in	.....27,368,747,340,080,916,343.
For 24 features ° 1 chance in	.....191,581,231,380,566,414,401.

(° to occur accidentally, there is only ...)

Thus according to the law of chances, for 24 features to occur in a passage accidentally, there is only 1 chance in 191,581,231,380,566,414,401 — only 1 chance in one hundred ninety-one quintillion, five hundred eighty-one quadrillion, two hundred thirty-one trillion, three hundred eighty billion, five hundred sixty-six million, four hundred fourteen thousand, four hundred one.

Many brief Bible passages have as many as seventy or a hundred of amazing numeric features in the very structure of their text. If there is only one chance in quintillions that 24 features could occur together accidentally, what would the chance be for 70 features to occur together accidentally?

When there is only one chance in thousands for something

to happen accidentally, it is already considered highly improbable that it will occur at all. When there is only one chance in hundreds of thousands, it is considered practically impossible. But here there is one chance in not only millions, but billions, and trillions, and quadrillions, and quintillions, that merely 24 features could occur together in a passage accidentally.

All of this evidence simply cannot be explained by the doctrine of chances.

If these features did not occur accidentally, then there is only one conclusion, one alternative. They were purposely designed or arranged. The point is illustrated as follows: 0 0 0 0

Supposing for example, someone were carrying a 0 0 0 0 bag which contained 24 oranges. Suppose that suddenly the bag broke and the 24 oranges fell to the 0 0 0 0 floor. What chance would there be that the oranges 0 0 0 0 would fall into four perfect rows with six in each 0 0 0 0 row, each orange being exactly opposite the other? Such self-arrangement would be considered impossible!

Suppose on the other hand you came into the room and found the oranges arranged in the manner described. You would come to only one conclusion, namely, that they were purposely designed or arranged in that unusual manner.

Likewise, these profound numeric features found in the very structure of the original Bible text are not there by sheer chances or accident, but by design. They are arranged according to definite plan; they form thousands of perfect and uniform designs.

Since the discovery of a design is proof of a designer, the next logical question arises —

VII. WHO PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT THESE AMAZING NUMERIC DESIGNS?

The thousands of perfect patterns and designs came into the Scripture through some intelligence. There are two possible intelligences that could have planned and brought about these profound designs. They could have come into the Scripture either by human intelligence or by superhuman, namely, divine intelligence.

A. Were these amazing numeric designs planned by the men who wrote the books of the Bible?

(1) The profound numeric patterns in the structure of the Bible passages could not possibly have been planned and worked out by mere human beings alone.

(a) If anyone could write an intelligible passage of 300 words, constructing it in such a way that the same designs and schemes of sevens occur in the structure of its text as those found in the first seventeen verses of Matthew, indeed he would prove himself a wonder if he could accomplish it in six months.

(b) If anyone could write an intelligible passage of 161 words, constructing it in such a manner that the same designs and arrangements of sevens occur in the structure of its text as those found in verses 18-25 of the first chapter of Matthew, he would accomplish a still greater wonder if he were able to do it in three years.

(c) If anyone, in an entire lifetime of continuous work, could write an intelligible passage of some 500 words, containing in its structure as many intertwined yet harmonious numeric features as are found in the second chapter of Matthew, it would be a miracle of miracles.

(d) No mortal in a lifetime of a hundred years could possibly have carried out the design which is found in even a single book of the Bible, if he devoted the entire hundred years to the task. It would require some centuries to write a book designed and constructed in the manner in which the book of Matthew is constructed.

It must be remembered that with each additional sentence the difficulty of constructing these numerical features increases not only in arithmetical progression, but in geometrical progression, for each paragraph is designed so as to develop constantly fixed numeric relations to the material which precedes and follows it. Every additional letter, word, and sentence makes the matter tremendously more complicated and comprehensive.

Observe that many of the Scripture writers were men chosen from very ordinary walks of life, men who had little or no schooling at all. If Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, for instance,

had attempted to construct and produce the harmonious numeric features and designs which are found in their books as a whole, and had attempted to produce separate numeric schemes and designs – it would have taken them centuries upon centuries.

Certainly mere human beings alone could not possibly have planned and worked out the amazing designs of numeric features which occur in the structure of the Bible text. The limitations of the human intellect and the shortness of human life make it impossible for any man or any set of men combined to accomplish such stupendous feats.

(2) The marvelous designs which extend over many books of the Bible could not possibly have been planned and carried out by the writers themselves.

(a) Not only are the phenomenal designs confined to the text of single Bible passages, but widely separated portions of the Bible are woven into intricate and perfect patterns. Special words which are scattered through many different books of the Bible form amazing "chain-designs" that literally teem with numerical features. The numeric designs in the structure of the Bible writer's names, for instance, extend throughout the entire Scriptures.

The double design of sevens in the name "Moses", for example could not have been planned and carried out by Bible writers themselves. (There are over 38 occurrences of numeric features in the name "Moses" alone.) It must be remembered that the writers did not live at the same time – there was a vast period of time between the writing of the first book and the last. Also the Bible was written by over 30 different writers who were scattered throughout various countries of the world and they were men of widely different backgrounds.

How could each one of these writers insert the name "Moses" just enough times to keep the numeric design in suspense until it came to John, the last writer who used it in the Book of Revelation just once to complete the design? How could each writer have known that he should use a particular word a certain number of times so that when all would be finished, after centuries, the total would divide perfectly by seven and would show numeric design?

Each word of the whole Scripture is linked and connected in one marvelous pattern. The entire Bible is tied together by a continuous pattern from Genesis to Revelation. The designs interlock paragraph with paragraph, book with book, and the Old Testament with the New Testament.

It is observable that the minds of the cleverest men who have ever lived would not be capable of devising such sublime mathematical problems. No human minds could possibly have devised such a means of binding the whole of the word together.

(3) The special elaborate numeric designs in each book of the Bible could not possibly have been planned and carried out by the writers "unaided".

(a) The number of words found in Matthew, not found in any of the other New Testament books, shows elaborate designs. How did Matthew know that he should use certain words which would not be used in any of the other 26 books of the New Testament? In order for him to have done this it would have been necessary for him to have had all these other books before him as he wrote his book. If he had the others before him, it would mean that he wrote his Gospel last.

It so happens, however, that each of the other books has a certain number of words which are not found in any other New Testament book. These words show phenomenal numeric designs. How did each writer know that he should use a certain number of words which would not be used in any other book? Such a thing is an utter impossibility!

These are only a few of the many problems which confront a person who tries to figure out how mere men could have designed and arranged the phenomenal numeric features in the structure of the original Bible text. Certainly these designs could not possibly have been planned and carried out by mere human beings.

As far as is known –

VIII. THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY BOOK IN EXISTENCE WHICH IS CONSTRUCTED ON AN AMAZING NUMERIC DESIGN

No other piece of literature anywhere in the entire world is

known to contain amazing numerical features such as are found in the structure of the Bible text. For example, the Apocrypha, those books between the Old and New Testament (in some Bibles) shows no evidence of such numeric design. Various persons have devoted much time to the examination of the Greek classics in an effort to find the same mathematical structure, but no such phenomena have been found anywhere.

Various professors of Greek have been requested to submit Greek prose classics to the numeric test to ascertain if these same amazing numerical phenomena could be found. No one has ever reported success in finding such numeric designs.

If human logic is worth anything at all we are simply driven to the conclusion that the thousands of designs in the structure of the original Bible text could not possibly have been planned by the men who wrote the books of the Bible — they could never have been produced by mere human minds.

It is evident that the Bible is not the work of many minds, but the work of One Mind. The designs furnish clear proof that the whole Bible has but one Author. All the books of both the Old and New Testaments were planned and produced by the same Mind.

Every logically minded individual is simply compelled to admit that the intelligence which planned and designed the Bible must have been Superhuman, Divine. That One Designer was a Supernatural, Master Designer. Only the Supreme, Omniscient, Omnipotent God could have caused such numeric designs to occur beneath the surface of the Bible text. Only God could have constructed the Bible in the manner in which it is constructed. There is no escape from this conclusion.

The newly discovered designs of numerical features or facts scientifically prove that the great Bible "claim" concerning itself is actually true. The words which the writers of the Bible recorded were not their words, but were the very words of God Himself — they wrote only as they were "moved" or "in-breathed" by the Spirit of God.

In geometry the two angles at the base of an isosceles triangle are proved to be equal by cold, unimpassioned, mathematical reasoning about which there can be no dispute. So the divine inspiration of the Bible is proved with all the clearness and positiveness of mathematical precision. Skeptics can bring no indictment against the proof made possible by the

numerical facts, for the proof deals with mathematical certainties.

The facts are undeniable and indisputable — their conclusions are unavoidable. They are stupendous, over-whelming evidence of divine inspiration which shatter all the arguments of non-believers.

The results are staggering. One is forced to say, "This is the work of God Himself". God has written His signature in His Word in this phenomenal manner so that no man can claim it as a human production.

The evidence and facts are such that no destructive critic can successfully face them. Facing them means unconditional surrender to the inevitable. Let anyone deal with these facts and show how they occurred in the structure of the original Bible text if they did not occur in a miraculous way!

IX. WHAT ABOUT THE APOCRYPHA?

The Apocrypha consists of the 14 books which the Roman and Greek Catholic churches include at the close of the Old Testament and consider them to be an integral part of the Old Testament. The books of the Apocrypha date from 300 B.C. to 100 A.D. With the exception of these books, the Roman and Greek Catholic Bibles are practically identical with the Protestant Bible.

What is the correct number of Bible books?

There are many marvelous numeric designs which run through all of the 66 books of the Protestant Bible as a whole — patterns which bind these books into one great unit. If a single book is added or removed, certain elaborate numeric designs or chains which tie these books together are completely destroyed. Furthermore, there is no evidence of numerical features and designs in the text of the Apocrypha. The Bibles of the Roman and Greek Catholic church, so far as the number of books is concerned, are proved to be incorrect.

X. "PLACE VALUES" AND "ORDER NUMBERS"

The exact order of Bible words is determined by the numeric designs in the "place values" and "order numbers" of the words. Suppose someone should change the order of the names

of our Lord in a certain passage from "Jesus Christ" to "Christ Jesus". The number of letters in the passage would remain the same, but the order of those two words would be different. Could such a change be detected?

Since the proper order for each particular passage is definitely established by the numeric designs in the place values and order numbers of the words, the correct order could be determined by submitting both passages to the numeric test. The passage which gives the true order of the words would show numeric design, whereas the passage which gives the false order would not show numeric design. A change in the order of words in any Bible passage invariably destroys perfect designs in the place values and order numbers. Even the exact "spelling of words" may be determined by the designs in the order numbers.

It is remarkable also to note that a profound "cross-section" method — a system of multiplication — makes it possible to promptly detect any errors which one might make when checking on the place and order of words in the vocabulary. Not only is there a definite numeric scheme in the "numeric values" of each letter and word, but there are also separate designs in the "place values" and "order numbers" of each letter and word. Every letter and word is so intricately intertwined and interlocked that it is impossible to move a letter or word either to the right or to the left without destroying the perfect patterns. The very order of every letter and word is definitely designed. Each letter and word has its own special place.

The Bible itself claims that divine inspiration extends not only to every sentence and every word, but even to the smallest letter and the smallest mark. In Matthew 5:17-18, when Jesus said that not one "jot" or one "tittle" would pass from the law till all be fulfilled. He referred to the smallest letter (jot) and the smallest mark or point (tittle), thus indicating that even they were inspired.

The numerical facts demonstrate that the words, syllables, letters, and even every jot and tittle are numbered and have their own special divinely appointed place in the text. The Bible is scientifically proved to be divinely inspired, not only in "thought", but in actual word and letter, Christ's significant statement, "The Scripture cannot be broken" is proved to be

true. Indeed, God has protected and preserved His Word in a wonderful manner.

These facts and designs are interwoven in the Bible text in such a peculiar and marvelous manner that no power on earth can blot them out. They are imprinted on the pages of Scripture as watermarks are imprinted in paper for verification and identification.

So it has been demonstrated that the vast numerical structure of the Bible is a supernatural divine work. While it is utterly impossible for human beings to construct a book on such a marvelous mathematical design, it is only the normal work of God.

God as the Creator has stamped all of His Creation with the same number system.

XI. NUMBERS IN ALL OF NATURE

All departments of nature are based on a system of mathematics — great mathematical laws govern the activities of the entire universe. For example:

A. Sphere of Light

In the sphere of light, there are exactly seven colors. The seven colors merged together form light.

B. Sphere of Music

There are exactly seven whole notes in the scale, while every eighth note begins a new octave and is merely a repetition of the first note.

The seven colors correspond to the seven notes in music, and sounds that harmonize correspond with colors that harmonize, while discords in color harmonize with discords in music.

C. Human Body

- (1) The human body is completely renewed or changed every seven years. Every part of the body is constantly throwing off old effete matter, and constantly receiving deposits of new and living matter. In seven years the whole structure is altered down to the minutest particles and becomes essentially a new body.
- (2) In certain diseases, the seventh, fourteenth, and twenty-first are critical days. In diseases resulting from physical exhaustion, the pulse changes every seventh day. Man's pulse beats slower every seventh day.

whether he is sick or well.

- (3) With the human being the period of gestation is 280 days, or 40 7's.

Indeed, seven is stamped upon physiology. Is it not significant that God ordained every seventh day to be a day of rest, and that he declared man's years to be "Threescore and ten" (10 7's)?

D. Animal Life

Even with the animal world God has wondrously stamped His mark (seven).

The period of gestation of the mouse is 21 days, or 3 7's.

The period of gestation of the hare is 28 days, or 4 7's.

The period of gestation of the cat is 56 days, or 8 7's.

The period of gestation of the dog is 63 days, or 9 7's.

The period of gestation of the lion is 98 days, or 14 7's.

The period of gestation of the sheep is 147 days, or 21 7's.

E. Bird Life

The incubation of the common hen is 21 days, or 3 7's.

The incubation of the duck is 28 days, or 4 7's.

Thus we see that God's mathematical laws are at work in all departments of nature. Indeed, nature does not operate by chance, but by design.

"God made . . . the stars . . . and 'set' them in the firmament of the heaven" — Genesis 1:16-17. "He counteth the 'number' of stars." — Psalm 147:4. He "bringeth out their host by 'number' — Isaiah 40:26. "God hath 'measured' the waters in the hollow of his hand, and 'meted' out the heaven with a 'span', and comprehended the dust of the earth in a 'measure', and 'weighed' the mountains in 'scales', and the hills in a balance" — Isaiah 40:12.

If God "placed" the stars in their proper order, and "numbered" them and "measured" the waters and "weighed" the mountains, is it surprising or incredible that He has "placed" the words and letters of His book in exact order, and "numbered" them, and guided them into combinations of numbers?

The same God who created the universe and was careful to weave designs and intricate patterns into the smallest detail of creation, has taken the same care with His Word. He has placed the same peculiarity in both.

"The very hairs of your head are all 'numbered' (counted) — Matthew 10:30. The word "numbered" in Greek is "arith-

meo", the very word from which our English word "arithmetic" is derived. If God counts the very hairs of our head, is it strange that He has counted the words and letters of His Scripture?

XII. HOW DO THE NEWLY DISCOVERED FACTS AFFECT US?

These discovered facts actually prove that the Bible is God's inspired book! Since the Bible is God's Word, it is our duty and responsibility to know, believe, and obey the instructions He has given us.

Let us turn to the Bible with an open mind and an open heart and see what God's message is.

A. Bad News

We find that the Bible gives a sad picture of the human race. It gives us a description of ourselves as we appear in our natural condition — it tells us just what we look like in God's sight. By nature we are sinners.

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" — Romans 3:23.

"By nature we are (spiritually) dead" — Ephesians 2:1.
"(Spiritual) death passed upon all men, for all have sinned" — Romans 5:12.

"We are guilty before God" — Romans 3:19.

We are "condemned already" — John 3:18.

We are "separated" and "far off" from God — Isaiah 59:2; Ephesians 2:13.

We are "in darkness" — I Peter 2:9.

"Without Christ", without "hope" — Ephesians 2:12.

Without "peace" — Isaiah 48:22.

If this were the only message in the Bible it would be tragic indeed, but fortunately, God has another message for lost, needy humanity.

B. Good News

God has provided a way of salvation. Christ, the Son of God, paid the debt of sin by His substitutionary death upon the cross.

"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" — Romans 5:8.

"His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree (cross) — I Peter 2:24.

Christ arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God – Ephesians 1:20.

Now all who receive Him – all who believe on Him have spiritual life instead of spiritual death.

“He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” – I John 5:12.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life.” – John 3:36.

If we receive Christ, we become “children of God”, and are “born of God” – John 1:12,13.

Our sins are forgiven – Ephesians 1:7.

We have “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding” – Philippians 4:7.

Our Lord is able to save, cleanse and care for all who come to Him.

“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” – Acts 2:21.

The Bible is the only Book that has the dynamic to change the nature of man if one will honestly search the Scriptures for truth. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” – John 14:6.

You can unashamedly, unreservedly put your confidence in the Bible, the inspired, inerrant, Word of God –! Amen. Jesus Is Coming Again – Soon!!!

CORRECTION

On Page 25.

Wrong- 7. Seven Horses. (Revelation 5:6)

Correct- 7. Seven Horns. (Revelation 5:6)

THE SEAL OF THE SEVEN

1. Seven churches. (Revelation 1:4, 11, 20)
2. Seven Spirits. (Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6)
3. Seven candlesticks. (Revelation 1:12, 13, 20; 2:1)
4. Seven stars. (Revelation 1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1)
5. Seven lamps. (Revelation 4:5)
6. Seven seals. (Revelation 5:1; 5:5)
7. Seven horses. (Revelation 5:6)
8. Seven eyes. (Revelation 5:6)
9. Seven angels. (Revelation 8:2, 6)
10. Seven trumpets. (Revelation 8:2, 6)
11. Seven thunders. (Revelation 10:3, 4)
12. Seven thousand. (Revelation 11:13)
13. Seven heads. (Revelation 12:3; 13:1; 17:3; 7, 9)
14. Seven crowns. (Revelation 12:3)
15. Seven angels. (Revelation 15:1, 6, 7, 8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9)
16. Seven plagues. (Revelation 15:1, 6, 8; 21:9)
17. Seven vials. (Revelation 15:7; 17:1; 21:9)
18. Seven mountains. (Revelation 17:9)
19. Seven kings. (Revelation 17:10, 11)
20. Seven beatitudes. (The statements beginning with “Blessed . . .” Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14)
21. Seven years of judgments. (Revelation 11:3; 12:6, 14; 13:5)
22. Seven divisions of each of the letters to the seven churches.
 - (1) Salutation.
 - (2) Identification of Christ as Sender.
 - (3) Assertion of Knowledge.
 - (4) Comment Exhortation.
 - (5) Promised (or Threatened) Coming.
 - (6) Admonition to heed.
 - (7) Promised Blessing.
23. Seven “I Am’s” of Christ. (Revelation 1:8, 11, 17, 18; 21:6; 22:13, 16)
24. Seven doxologies in Heaven. (Revelation 4:9-11; 5:8-13; 7:9-12; 11:16-18; 14:2,3; 15:2-4; 19:1-6)

XIII. UNDERSTANDING NUMERICAL DESIGNS IN THE BIBLE

There is an intriguing type of evidence for divine inspiration of the Bible that is contained in certain remarkable arithmetical and geometrical phenomena found scattered here and there in its pages.

When one deals often with data of any kind on a statistical basis, he tends to develop a sort of instinctive feeling for what is and what is not strictly accidental in the arrangement of those data even in the absence of a formal statistical analysis.

I believe it is obvious, to the Bible student, that the many remarkable mathematical patterns in Scripture are far too improbable to admit of explanation on a naturalistic basis.

I, personally, repudiate any "spiritualizing" interpretations of Scripture. "Numbers" in the Bible should never be used to prove or even to intimate any point of doctrine.

Of course, one must not overlook the fact that SOME numbers in the Bible are used in such a way as to indicate that the writer did regard these numbers themselves as being of special significance. The most obvious example is the number "SEVEN", which ALL expositors recognize to be symbolic of completeness, but there are others (e.g. 10, 12, 40, 70, 666, etc.) which clearly are regarded as significant in various ways.

We must not ignore the fact that the Bible writers, controlled by the Holy Spirit, did intend deeper meanings in many cases. The true "LITERAL" interpretation is that which seeks to reproduce what the writer himself (and the Divine Author Who directed his pen) INTENDED to mean.

TWO RULES TO FOLLOW:

1. Never use Biblical numbers to TEACH doctrine. They should only be used to ILLUSTRATE doctrine, and then, only when there is clear and unequivocal teaching related to that doctrine elsewhere in Scripture, and also only when there is clear contextual justification for that use.
2. The primary use of such numbers and mathematical patterns is not doctrinal, but apologetic, providing a distinctive evidence that the Bible writings are uniquely and supernaturally inspired.

THE OCCURENCE OF MATHEMATICAL PHENOMENA IN SCRIPTURE

To find mathematical phenomena in Scripture is not as surprising

as it may seem at first. The Author of Scripture is also the Designer of the universe.

Of the Latter, the Scripture says:

Isaiah 40:26:

"Lift up your eyes on high and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number."

Isaiah 40:12:

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?"

The natural world has been very carefully and meticulously planned by God; its structures are highly ordered and its processes precisely controlled.

It is significant that man has found it appropriate to develop the science of mathematics to describe these structures and processes. In fact, most scientists would agree that a phenomenon is not really understood until it can be formulated in mathematical terms. Mathematics indeed is the very LANGUAGE of science and engineering.

That being so, it is not unreasonable to anticipate mathematical phenomena in God's Written Revelation, as well as in His natural creation. All we can do at the present is to note occasional instances where particular numerical relationships emerge to the surface.

THE NUMBERS "SEVEN" AND "TEN"

- A. The most obvious examples of numeric significance in the Bible are associated with the number "SEVEN". This is the most frequently occurring number in Scripture and is very commonly invested with the symbolic meaning of "FULLNESS" or "COMPLETION".

God created all things in six days and then marked the seventh day as a day of rest and contemplation of all His glorious work of creation (Genesis 2:1-3). In like manner, man is to do his own work for six days and then rest and honor the Lord, and His completed work every seventh day (Exodus 20:8-11).

This primeval emphasis on the number "SEVEN" has been carried out into numerous other applications in Scripture, normally conveying the same basic thought of "FULLNESS" or "COMPLETION".

The climax of this "SEVEN-NESS" is found in the Revelation, in which all the developments of the book are clustered around groups of seven--seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven vials, seven thunders, seven years, etc.

- B. Another number which also is used in a similar sense is the number "TEN".

In a way, this number is more naturally associated with completeness even than the number "seven".

The quickest and most natural way for man to count numbers is by means of his fingers, of which there are ten. Thus, man's number systems have most commonly been structured around the number "TEN". The decimal system, the metric system of units, etc., all recognize the naturalness of the number.

Obvious examples:

- (1) Ten Words (Commandments);
- (2) Ten Kings of the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation;
- (3) Ten plagues of Egypt;
- (4) The ten visions of Zechariah, and others.

The number "ten" is also used when the concept is one of "judgment" as well as does the number "seven".

COMBINATIONS OF "SEVEN" AND "TEN"

When the numbers "seven" and "ten" are combined, either by multiplying them to get "seventy" or by adding them to get "seventeen", two very interesting Bible numbers appear.

The one seems to be used in relation to "JUDGMENT" in a special sense as it affects Israel among all the nations of the world, the other in reference to "FULLNESS" in a special sense as it relates to the fullness of eternal life received by those who are redeemed from all the nations of the world.

- A. The original number of the children of Israel as they left Canaan to go into Egypt was "seventy" (Genesis 46:27; Exodus 1:5; Deuteronomy 10:22). Also, there were "seventy" original nations established by God, as indicated by adding up the names in Genesis 10, the "Table of Nations".

That this correspondence of numbers had significance was

indicated by Moses in Deuteronomy 32:8:

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel."

Evidently, the Israelites took this statement very seriously as the number "seventy" was thenceforth predominate in their judgmental councils.

- (1) They ordained 70 original elders to judge the people.
- (2) There were 70 scholars designated to translate the Scriptures into the Greek language (Septuagint).
- (3) There were 70 men on the Council of the Sanhedrin.
- (4) Christ sent 70 disciples to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Luke 10:1).

- B. The number "70" was also important in another way in Israel's history.

Because of their failure to keep the seventh-year Sabbath for the land, for 70 of those Sabbatical years, they were sent into captivity in Babylon. (Leviticus 25:1-4; 26:14; 32-35; Jeremiah 25:8-11; II Chronicles 36:15-21).

Thus the people of Israel had despised the Sabbatical Law for 70 x 7 or 490 years, and were cast out of their land for 70 years.

- C. This brings us to a remarkable set of 490-year periods in Israel's history.

From the time of God's first dealings with Abraham until the final establishment of the children of Israel in the millennial kingdom, there appear to be four 490-year cycles, totaling 1960 years, when God is dealing with Israel in full covenantal relationship.

These years do not include those years when the relationship was suspended, as it were, by Israel's disobedience. Such years were simply lost, as far as Israel is concerned, and are not counted in the covenant years.

- (1) The first cycle began with the birth of Abraham. From then until God called him out of Ur was 75 years (Genesis 12:4). There were 430 more years until the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the beginning of a new era (Galatians 3:17).

However, from this total of 505 years can be

the 15 years when Abraham had lapsed from faith in God's promise and went in to Hagar (Genesis 16:3), until the promised seed was finally born (Genesis 21:5). This leaves 490 years during which Abraham and his descendants were abiding under the covenant promise.

- (2) With the giving of the Law began a new cycle.

This was acknowledged by God through His Presence at the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle. This continued until the dedication of Solomon's Temple and the incoming presence of God in that new Holy Place.

The years from the Law to the Temple seem to total 601. These include 40 years in the Wilderness (Acts 13:18), plus approximately 20 years under Joshua, plus 450 years under the Judges, including Samuel (Acts 13:20), plus 40 years under Saul (Acts 13:21), plus 40 years under David (I Kings 2:11), plus 11 years under Solomon until the dedication of the Temple (I Kings 6:1, 38; 8:1-11).

From this 601 year total should be subtracted the years under the Judges, during which God withdrew His protection and allowed the Israelites to be subjugated by the peoples whom they had, contrary to God's command, allowed to remain in the land.

They were in Captivity to:

- (1) Mesopotamia eight years (Judges 3:8).
- (2) Moab 18 years (3:14).
- (3) The Canaanites 20 years (4:3).
- (4) Midian seven years (6:11).
- (5) The Philistines again 40 years (13:1).

These captivities total 111 years which, subtracted from 601 years, leave 490 years!

This particular cycle of 490 years can be calculated in still a different way.

From the total 601 years may be subtracted the 111 years from the time the Ark of the Covenant was taken out of the Tabernacle until it was set up in Solomon's Temple. This includes 20 years under Samuel (I Samuel 4:22; 7:2), 80 years under Saul and David, and 11 years under Solomon.

- (3) From the dedication of the Temple in 1005 B.C. to Artaxerxes' commandment to build Jerusalem in 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:18) are 560 years.

Both these dates are accepted in secular history and agree with standard Biblical chronologies. However, the 70-year captivity in Babylon must, of course, be deducted from this, once again leaving 490 years.

It is significant, therefore, that the Ark landed exactly five months later, again on the 17th day of the month (Genesis 8:4). The seventh month of the Jewish civil year later became the first month of the religious year (Exodus 12:2).

The Passover Lamb was always slain on the 14th day of this month (Exodus 12:6). Christ ate the Passover with His disciples on this day.

- C. The theme of "security" and eternal life is stressed in Romans 8:35-39, where there are 17 entities---". . . tribulations, distress, . . . height nor depth, nor any other creature" listed---all of which are "unable to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".
- D. Psalm 23, the great chapter on the believer's security in the Old Testament, contains 17 personal references to the believer (i.e. "MY SHEPHERD", "all the days of MY life", etc.).
- E. An interesting number is derived from the number 17 when one adds up all the numbers from 1 to 17.

This gives 153, which is also equal to 9×17 . The digits in the number 153 add up to 9 and the cubes of the digits add up to 153 again.

The miracle of the 153 fishes (John 21:11) is the 9th great sign in the Gospel of John, all of which testify that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His Name" (John 20:31).

The 153 fish seem to have been mentioned by their number in this way because they represent those whom the disciples, as fishers of men, were to go forth into the world to catch with the "NET" of the Gospel. "For all there were so many, yet was not the net broken" (John 21:11).

- (4) The fourth cycle is the great "Seventy Week" prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27.

This prophecy defines a 490-year period to begin with the decree of Artaxerxes and to end with "CONSUMMATION" (verse 27), evidently the destruction of the "abomination of desolation," and the fulfillment of God's original promise to Abraham in the millennial kingdom.

The first 69 weeks (483 years) of this cycle terminated in the crucifixion of the Messiah. As a result, God broke off His covenant relation with His people, and so, for a long period of time, time is standing still for Israel.

The clock will start again when the last seven-year period begins, quite likely immediately following the translation of the church after the "fulness of the Gentiles has come in" (Romans 11:25), and, therefore, when "the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

This is the "70th Week of Daniel," as summarized in Daniel 9:27, and as expounded fully in Revelation 6-19.

The number 70, therefore, 7×10 , is a most remarkable and fascinating number in its identification throughout the Bible with Israel, especially with Israel in relation to the other nations of the world.

When combined again with the number 7, to make the 490-year cycle, it reminds us again and again both of God's judgment and also of His repeated forgiveness.

It seems singularly appropriate, therefore, when we hear Christ telling Peter to forgive his brother, not seven times but 70 times seven (Matthew 18:21,22).

When the two numbers, "7 and 10" are added instead of multiplied together, the intriguing number "17" is obtained. The concept of "FULNESS" is now doubly in view, with the idea of full judgment superseded by full blessing. So, it seems to be connected with fulness of grace, eternal life, eternal security.

The number first occurs in Genesis 7:11 in connection with the coming of the great judgment of the Flood on the 17th day of the second month.

The flood that brought judgment to the world also brought deliverance to those on the Ark, who would have otherwise been inundated in the universal corruption of the antediluvians.

The division is to be eternally established as the governmental basis for both the millennial earth (Matthew 19:28) and the eternal earth (Revelation 22:12, 14).

Numerous other examples are available such as the 144,000 witnesses (Revelation 7:4).

PSALM 23

There are 17 occurrences of the first person singular pronoun. Please note that there are 12 references to the Lord and these occur in a remarkable geometric pattern. Thus:

"THE LORD"	— once in verse 1	
"HE"	— twice in verse 2	
"HE"	— thrice in verse 3	TESTIMONY
"THOU"	— thrice in verse 4	
"THOU"	— twice in verse 5	PRAYER
"THE LORD"	— once in verse 6	

THE NUMBERS "6" AND "8".

On either side of the perfect number "7" is "6" and "8" respectively.

- A. The number "6" is short of perfection or completeness and speaks especially of man without God.
- B. The number "8" is being over and beyond completeness and speaks of a new beginning, of regeneration, resurrection, new life.

It is especially identified with Jesus Christ as the One Who brings salvation and eternal life.

- C. Man was created on the "6th" day.
It was Noah's "600th" year, 1656 years after the Creation ($1656 = 6 \times 6 \times 46$) that the Flood came to destroy man (Genesis 7:11).
- D. There are numerous examples in the Bible of this apparent identification of the number "6" with man, especially as in rebellion against God.
- E. The most striking is the establishment of the number "666"

as the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:18) in the coming Tribulation Period.

The number "666" is a very interesting number. It would be written $\chi\xi\varsigma$ (chi, xi, stigma).

In the Greek and Hebrew language each letter was also used as a number.

The title "CHRIST" in Greek is " $\chi\rho\iota\sigma\tau\omicron\varsigma$ ", thus beginning and ending with the letters "x" and "s" that appear in the number of the Beast.

The central part of the name of Christ is forced out, as it were, by the letter " ξ ", which is in the form of a coiling serpent!

The Beast is mentioned by that name exactly 36 times in the Book of Revelation. There are two beasts (Revelation 13:11,12) collaborating as one, which perhaps correlates with the repeated appearances of 6×6 .

The "number of his name" most obviously refers to the numerical value of the name, either the human name or assumed official name of the man who is to be revealed as this man of sin.

The message of Revelation 13:18 seems to be that one who "hath wisdom" will be able to identify this man before he is openly revealed by "counting the number of his name."

Most likely this would involve transliterating his name as pronounced in his native language into the corresponding sounds in the New Testament Greek language, then adding the numbers corresponding to the letters of that name.

Probably about one out of every ten thousand names will actually have a value of 666, and one of these will ultimately turn out to be the Beast.

(1) In remarkable contrast to this, the name "JESUS" ($\text{I}\eta\sigma\upsilon\varsigma$) has the value of "888," and it occurs 888 times in the New Testament!!

(2) The name "CHRIST" ($\chi\rho\iota\sigma\tau\omicron\varsigma$) has a value of 8×185 , and the name "LORD" ($\text{K}\upsilon\rho\iota\omicron\varsigma$) 8×100 .

(3) There are exactly eight combinations of these three names used in the New Testament ("LORD"—"JESUS"—"CHRIST"—"LORD JESUS"—"LORD CHRIST"—"JESUS CHRIST"—"CHRIST JESUS"—"LORD JESUS CHRIST"), and each,

of course, has a numerical equivalent which is a multiple of "8"!!

- G. The number "8" is associated with "resurrection," since Christ was raised on the "8th" day, and there are "8" resuscitations (temporary resurrections) from the dead. (1) Kings 17:22; (2) II Kings 4:34-35; (3) II Kings 13:21; (4) Matthew 9:24-25; (5) Luke 7:15; (6) John 11:44; (7) Acts 9:40-41; (8) Acts 20:9-12.

The resurrection of Christ Himself is the "8th" of the NINE great signs around which the Gospel of John is centered!

THE NUMBER "22" AND THE HEBREW ALPHABET

The number "22" is fascinating.

- A. There are exactly "22" letters in the Hebrew alphabet, and the Hebrew language is that through which God has chosen to convey His Word to man.

The language of the antediluvians was most probably the same language as spoken in Eden between God and Adam and also spoken by Shem after the Flood. Since Noah and Shem did not participate in the rebellion of Nimrod at Babel, there is no reason to suppose that their language was among those "confused" by God at that time.

This inference is further supported by the fact that the names of the antediluvian patriarchs (Adam, Seth, etc.) all have a definite meaning in the Hebrew language in the present nation Israel.

This is possibly the "pure Language" which will be restored to all people in the millennium (Zephaniah 3:9).

- B. The number "22" aptly symbolizes God's revelation to man.

The very purpose of language is that God might communicate His Word to man, and that man might respond in praise and thanksgiving to God.

- C. (1) Of direct significance is the interesting appearance of the number "22" in the Book of Psalms.

This book is unique in the Bible. Not only is it the longest book, with 150 chapters, located in the middle of the Scriptures, but it is the only book whose chapter and verse divisions are part of the inspired writing. Each Psalm was separate, with its own specific heading, and its verse divi-

sions were clearly delineated by its poetic structure, right from the beginning.

The Book of Psalms ("hymns of praise") is also known as the "Book of the Praises of Israel." It is especially designed to form the definitive pattern for man's use of language in the response of praise to God. The theme of "praise" is the keynote of the Book of Psalms.

(2) Psalms has been divided into five Books, the first four ending with Psalms 41, 72, 89, and 106. Each of these four books ends with the exclamation: "BLESSED BE THE LORD."

The fifth book seems to end with a like exhortation, at the end of Psalm 145, instead of 150.

Then the last five Psalms form a glorious postscript of praise to all five books. Each of these begins and ends with the exclamatory phrase: "PRAISE YE THE LORD."

This phrase is actually in the Hebrew one word "Hallelujah," which could be considered the key word in the book of Psalms. It is composed of the verb "HALLEL" ("to praise"), and the name for God ("JAH").

Now it is significant that the word "hallelujah" occurs exactly 22 times in the book of Psalms!! Ten of these occurrences being those in the last five Psalms.

Even more significant is the first time the verb itself ("hallel") occurs in the book of Psalms. We find it in the midst of the most graphic scene of undeserved suffering and death in the entire Bible, on the lips of the one suffering.

Remembering that the chapters and verses in Psalms are themselves part of its Spirit-ordered structure, it is thrilling to note that the first occurrence of the verb "hallel" ("to Praise") is in Psalm 22:22!!

It is even more thrilling and praiseworthy when we see that this verse is quoted prophetically by the Lord Jesus Himself, right at the very climax of His sufferings on the cross, crying out in victory:

"I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I PRAISE thee."

This verse is quoted in Hebrews 2:10-12:

"For it became Him . . . in bringing many sons into glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings . . . for which cause

He is not ashamed to call them brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing Praise unto thee."

Therefore, when we assemble together in His Name, He is Himself the leader of our praises, our invisible son-leader, as it were, whenever we gather together.

Hebrews 13:15:

". . . by Him to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name."

PSALM 119

In many respects this is the most amazing chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119. This is the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses) in the longest Book of the Bible (Psalms).

Psalm 117, the shortest chapter in the Bible with only two verses, is the middle chapter and Psalm 118:8 ("It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man"), the middle verse in the Bible.

Psalm 119 is an amazing "acrostic" Psalm, consisting of 22 stanzas of eight verses each.

That is, each of the verses 1-8 begins with the first letter of the alphabet, "ALEPH," verses 9-16 each begin with the second letter, "BETH," and so on.

So the structure of the Psalm is stamped indelibly with the number 22, representing language, communicating God's Word to man and man's praise to God, and also the number 8, speaking of regeneration and victorious life.

Now the theme of Psalm 119 is simply the praise of the written Word! Almost every verse is an explicit testimony to the Scripture. These statements are built around exactly EIGHT different Hebrew names for the Scriptures. These occurrences follow a most interesting geometric pattern:

Word (Hebrew)	No. of Occurrences	Word (Hebrew)	
"Law" (Torah)	25	19	"Word" (Imrah)
"Testimonies" (Edah)	23	21	"Judgments" (Mishpat)
"Word" (Dabor)	23	21	"Precepts" (Piqqudim)
"Statutes" (Chuggah)	22	22	"Commandments" (Mitsvah)

The word occurring most, plus the word occurring least, add to 44, and so do each of the other rows, with the total occurrences then being 4 x 44 or 176.

In the first stanza occur the six words---law, testimonies, statutes, judgments, precepts, commandments---all of them speaking to the Psalmist of the demands of God's law which is "holy and just

and just and good," in which he finds "delight in the law of God after the inward man" (Romans 7:12, 22).

However, he also finds he is "in captivity to the law of sin which is in my members," and so has to cry out for mercy and deliverance (Romans 7:23, 24).

The first stanza ends with the plea:

"O forsake me not utterly" (Psalm 119:8).

In the second stanza, as the Commandments had brought conviction, now the living Word brings cleansing and victory. The remaining two words (both translated "WORD") both occur first in this stanza.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word (Hebrew "DABAR"), "Thy word (Hebrew "IMRAH") have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (vv. 9, 11).

The remaining stanzas and verses may be considered as a running testimony by the Psalmist, extending through his whole life, of the continued blessing received from the Word in meeting, experience by experience, every need of his life.

XIV. ALLEGED SCIENTIFIC MISTAKES

The so-called errors in the Bible will invariably be found, on closer examination, to be accurate scientific insights.

PROBLEM:

A good example is the often repeated charge that the Bible teaches that π (the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter) is only three, when it ought to have been given as 3.1416.

This interesting observation is based on the statement in I Kings 7:23 (in the description of Solomon's Temple):

"And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other; it was round all about, and his height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it about."

Thus, Solomon is charged with saying that the circumference of a 10 cubit diameter circle is only 30 cubits, when it should be 31.416 cubits. However, those who make the charge are themselves being unscientific.

ANSWER:

It is quite important that the scientist be accurate in his statement of the PRECISION of measurements. To assure this, he uses a conventional technique called "SIGNIFICANT FIGURES."

It is only correct to state a measurement to the number

of significant figures warranted by the accuracy of the measurement. Thus, if the number is stated as 10 cubits, it is accurate only to two significant figures, and might actually be anywhere between 9.5 cubits and 10.5 cubits. If the writer had said it was 10.0 cubits, it would supposedly be accurate to three significant figures.

Similarly, the 30-cubit is accurate only to two significant figures, and might really be anything from 29.5 cubits to 30.5 cubits. It served no purpose to specify the dimensions to a higher degree of precision than two significant figures and so the writer simply rounded them off.

For example, say the actual measurement of the diameter gave 9.67 cubits, accurate to three significant figures. This should then be multiplied by 3.14, which is π to the third significant figure. The result is 30.4 cubits, to the third significant figure.

There cannot properly be more significant figures in a product than in any of its factors.

It may not even be this accurate (if the diameter had been 9.665 cubits), multiplying by 3.14 would give 30.3 cubits instead of 30.4. It is quite common, for this reason, to retain one more significant figure in each factor than is needed in the product, which is then rounded off to one less significant figure than the factors have.

It would be perfectly proper and scientific, therefore, to round off the diameter of 9.67 cubits and the circumference of 30.4 cubits to 10 cubits, respectively. The writer of I Kings was more scientific than his critics.

Another scientific mistake is supposed to be the Biblical picture of a flat earth with four corners.

The Bible gives no such picture!

Revelation 7:1:

"Four corners of the earth" as translated in the King James Version.

However, the phrase "FOUR CORNERS" in the Greek means simply "FOUR QUARTERS," and is so translated in Revelation 20:8, and other Scriptures. It obviously refers to the four directions as measured from the particular focal point of interest, and is the standard convention used in surveying and mapping to this day.

A similar convention, used by astronomers and cartographers even today, is that of measuring the motions of the sun, moon, and stars relative to the earth.

Thus, when Joshua said:

Joshua 10:12: "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon,"

And when David said:

Psalm 19:6: "The (sun's) going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuits unto the ends of it,"

they were not just writing of the "prescientific" notion of a fixed earth and an orbiting sun.

All motion is relative motion and the sun is no more "fixed" in space than the earth is. Since all heavenly bodies are in motion relative to each other, it is impossible to specify their ABSOLUTE velocities.

The scientifically correct way to specify motions, therefore, is to select an arbitrary point of assumed zero velocity and then to measure all velocities relative to that point. The proper point to use is the one which is most convenient to the observer for the purpose of his particular calculations.

In the case of movements of the heavenly bodies, normally the most suitable such point is the earth's surface at the latitude and longitude of the observer, and this therefore, is the most "SCIENTIFIC" point to use.

David and Joshua are more scientific than their critics in adopting such a convention for their narratives.

A different type of "scientific mistake" has been ascribed to Moses in Leviticus when he forbade the Israelites to eat,

Leviticus 11:6:

"The hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof."

PROBLEM:

The objection is that the hare does NOT chew the cud.

This is evidently a mistake, but not a mistake by Moses.

ANSWER:

The translators should not have translated the Hebrew "ARNEBETH" by "HARE." The "arnebeth" is evidently extinct now, so that we do not know exactly what it was, but at any rate it was not a hare.

CONCLUSION:

These are some of the more frequently cited scientific "errors" in Scripture. In every case, it can be shown that the Bible is scientifically accurate.

The problem sometimes results from an inaccurate translation, or from the use of figures of speech, but more commonly simply results from the critics' carelessness in treating scientific speculations as if they were scientific facts.

An important point to be made!

The Bible stands alone among the religious books of antiquity in

the matter of scientific accuracy. All other ancient religious writings abound in obvious scientific fallacies and no one would think of writing a study on modern science in relation to, say, the Babylonian or Hindu or Greek sacred books.

Only the Bible can make a serious claim to being in accord with modern science, and this is in itself a witness to its uniqueness.

XV. SCIENTIFIC ALLUSIONS IN SCRIPTURE

Science	Phenomenon or Process	Scripture
HYDROLOGY	Hydrologic Cycle	Ecclesiastes 1:7; Isaiah 55:10
	Evaporation	Psalm 135:7; Jeremiah 10:13
	Condensation Nuclei	Proverbs 8:26
	Condensation	Job 26:8; 37:11,16
	Precipitation	Job 36:27,28
	Run-Off	Job 28:10
	Oceanic Reservoir	Psalm 33:7
	Snow	Job 38:22; Psalm 147:16
	Hydrologic Balance	Isaiah 40:12; Job 28:24-26
	GEOLOGY	Principle of Isostasy	Isaiah 40:12; Psalm 104:5-9
Shape of Earth		Isaiah 40:22; Psalm 103:12
Rotation of Earth		Job 38:12,14
Gravitation		Job 26:7; 38:6
Rock Erosion		Job 14:18,19
Glacial Period		Job 38:29-30
Uniformitarianism		II Peter 3:4
ASTRONOMY		Size of Universe	Isaiah 55:9; Job 22:12; Jeremiah 31:37
	Number of Stars	Jeremiah 33:22; Genesis 22:17
	Variety of Stars	I Corinthians 15:41
	Precision of Orbits	Jeremiah 31:35,36
	METEOROLOGY	Circulation of Atmosphere	Ecclesiastes 1:6
Protective Effect of the Atmosphere		Isaiah 40:22
Oceanic Origin of Rain		Ecclesiastes 1:7
Relation of Electricity to Rain		Jeremiah 10:13
BIOLOGY		Blood Circulation	Leviticus 17:11
	Psychotherapy	Proverbs 16:24; 17:22
	Biogenesis and Stability	Genesis 1:11,21,25
	Uniqueness of Man	Genesis 1:26
	Chemical Nature of Flesh	Genesis 1:11, 24-27; Genesis 3:19; I Peter 1:24,25
PHYSICS	Mass-Energy Equivalence	Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:17
	Source of Energy for Earth	Genesis 1:14-17; Psalm 19:6
	Atomic Disintegration	II Peter 3:10
	Radio Waves	Job 38:35

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