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PREFACE

Welcome to our 2024 Camp Meeting!

This is the last Camp Meeting in this the Second Watch of this fifth generation after the end of the 2300 year prophecy on 22nd October 1844. This fifth generation is functionally a new *first* generation in a *new* cycle. October 22, 2024 will begin the *third watch* in this generation which started on October 22, 2004.

Generations and Watches are *not* about setting a time for our Lord's return, but rather, they show *our need to repent for the long delay and the need to get ready with urgency for Final Crisis.*

Let this be a Camp Meeting of much prayer, praise, and consecration to God, praying for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome to Camp Meeting 2024! May God richly bless us all!



Brother Elliot Douglin

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INTRODUCTION

Palmoni, the Wonderful Numberer, by the Holy Spirit, *the Teacher of Righteousness according to Righteousness* teaches us to **count** in the word of God. The command of Revelation 13:18 is “Here is wisdom. *Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast.....*”. But we must understand that the wisdom to count 666 and to *overcome* 666, is received by counting and *experiencing the number of the Name of Jesus 888!* In order to count 888 and 666 we must learn the Biblical meaning and significance of **many other numbers**, indeed an exciting and deep intellectual and spiritual exercise!

We must have the Holy Spirit to teach us the *deep things* of Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour. 1 Corinthians 2: 11- 13

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, but the Spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the Spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things which are freely given us of God. Which things we speak not in the words which man’s wisdom teachers, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14.

“Through the ministry of the angels the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent and draw him to Christ... But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that man may cooperate with the Divine, and it is given to Him to draw the soul but never to force obedience. OFC 136.2

“Christ is ready to impart all heavenly influences. He knows every temptation that comes to man, and the capabilities of each. He weighs his strength. He sees the present and the future, and presents before the mind the obligations that should be met, and urges that common, earthly things shall not be permitted to be so absorbing that eternal things shall be lost out of the reckoning. The Lord has fullness of grace to bestow on every one that will receive of the heavenly gift. The Holy Spirit will bring the God-entrusted capabilities into Christ’s service, and will mold and fashion the human agent according to the divine Pattern. OFC 136.3

“The Holy Spirit is our efficiency in the work of character building, in forming characters after the divine similitude. When we think ourselves capable of molding our own experience, we make a great mistake. We can never of ourselves obtain the victory over temptation. But those who have genuine faith in Christ will be worked by the Holy Spirit. The soul in whose heart faith abides will grow into a beautiful temple for the Lord. He is directed by the grace of Christ. Just in proportion as he depends on the Holy Spirit’s teaching he will grow. OFC 136.4

“The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as another. It works in and through every one who

receives Christ Those who know the indwelling of the Spirit reveal the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. OFC 136.5

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Chris. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen”.2 Peter 3: 18

CHAPTER ONE

THE FOURFOLD VICTORY OF THE 144, 000

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. Rev.15: 2.

The end-time remnant must be victorious over:

1. The beast, 2. His image, 3. His mark, 4. The number of his name.

NAME AND CHARACTER

Understand that the name has a number, and in scripture name means character

Exodus 33: 18, 19

When Moses asked God to show him His *glory*, God said “I will make all my *goodness* pass before thee, and I will proclaim the *name* of YAHWEH before thee.

Notice the equivalence between God’s *goodness* (character) and the *name* of the Lord.

Exodus 34: 6, 7; John 17: 26; James 1: 17; 1 John 1: 5; 2 Corinthians 4: 4 to 6

Similarly, the *name* of the beast and his image will be indicative of the Satanic *character* of the end-time image of the beast and the mark of the beast USA-led global confederacy.

The fundamental principle of Satan's government is *selfishness, self-centredness, self-exaltation*. *Satan originated the thought-pattern or mind-set of selfishness*. 1 John 3:8; Isaiah 14: 12 -14. Paul calls it the carnal mind in Romans 8: 7 and the "I" in Gal.2: 20. The carnal mind is self-centred motivation, attitude and thinking.

This satanic *mind of self is opposed to God's Love, God's Law and God's truth, craves the worship that is due to God alone, and employs compulsive force and cruelty to achieve its goal*. This *mind of self* will fall to the second death Isaiah 14: 15.

In contrast *the mind of Christ will be exalted above every other name*. Philippians 2: 5-11.

LAMB -LIKE VS DRAGON- LIKE (REVELATION 13:11)

"The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The "speaking" of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy.

The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation(USA) is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." GC 442.1

Read: John 8: 44; John 16: 1 to 3; Romans 8: 6,; 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.

TWO DIFFERENT CHARACTERS AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT

“The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God’s government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known.” DA22

“Compelling power is found only under Satan’s government The Lord’s principles are not of this order. His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God’s government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power”. DA 7591

The number of a name is another way of revealing the character of that name.

INTRODUCING THE WONDERFUL NUMBERER

Daniel 8: 13 is mysterious Hebrew text: One holy being is speaking to another holy being and says unto ***that certain holy one who was speaking.***

*The Hebrew word translated **that certain holy One (KJV)** is Palmoni which means **Wonderful Numberer** or **Numberer of Secrets** and is none other than the Son of God. Colossians 2: 1 to 3.*

“And I hear a certain holy one speaking, and a certain holy one saith to the Wonderful Numberer who is speaking: Till when is the vision of the continual sacrifice, and of the transgression, an astonishment, to make both sanctuary and host a treading down?” Young’s Literal WWTranslation of Daniel 8: 13

In contrast to the majority who will worship the image of the beast and **have his number** and name.Rev.13: 15 to 18....

God's end-time remnant will have Jesus' **Name** and His Father's **Name** in their foreheads, His character fixed in their minds. Rev.14: 1

*“Then I looked, and behold the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion and with Him 144000 who had His **name** and His Father's **Name written in their foreheads**” Rev.14:1(New American Standard Bible)*

The numbers 6, 7, 8 are among the significant numbers of Bible prophecy.

From these primary numbers we derive 666, 777, 888

Only the Wonderful Numberer, by His Spirit, through His word, can teach us the meaning of these numbers

We are challenged to count or calculate the **number 666 of the beast in Revelation 13: 18**

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six”

In order to have the wisdom to count the **number of the beast** we must have the **mind of Jesus brought** to us by **the Holy Spirit** to enable us to count the **Number of the Name of Jesus and in Jesus Name and its Number be victorious over the number and name of the beast.**

COUNTING WITH PALMONI

We will see that we have a lot of counting to do. The end-time saints must be victorious over the **number** of the **name** of the beast!

THE NAME OF JESUS

Read of the power of Jesus Name in these texts: Luke 10: 17; Mark 16: 17; John 14: 14; John 16:26, 27; Philippians 2: 10, 11.

The name “Jesus” is unique, because it means “Yah (Yahweh) is salvation” and this is additionally strengthened by the numerical value **888** ($24 \times 37 = 8 \times 111 = 2 \times 444$). This important number symbolizes eternity and perfection. It also symbolizes the victory over evil. We do not know of any other person's name that also gives the value **888** in the Greek language. «Iesous” consists of **6** letters. The **6** is the number of man, because the Son of God became the Son of man and won the victory for us.

Ι	η	σ	ο	υ	ς	Χ	ρ	ι	σ	τ	ο	ς
I	e	s	o	u	s	Ch	r	i	s	t	o	s
10	8	200	70	400	200	600	100	10	200	300	70	200
888						1480						
2368												

CLOSING ADMONITION

“There are many mysteries in the Word of God that we do not comprehend, and many of us are content to stop our investigation when we have just begun to receive a little knowledge concerning Christ. When there begins to be a little unfolding of the divine purposes to the mind, and we begin to obtain a slight knowledge of the character of God, we become satisfied and think that we have received about all the light that there is for us in the Word of God. But the truth of God is infinite. With painstaking effort we should work in the mines of truth, discovering the precious jewels that have been hidden.... Jesus meant just what He said when He directed His disciples to “**search** the Scriptures” (John 5:39). Searching means to compare scripture with scripture, and spiritual things with spiritual. We should not be satisfied with a superficial knowledge.” OFC 133.2

CHAPTER TWO

LET HIM THAT HATH UNDERSTANDING COUNT THE NUMBER REV.13: 18.

In Daniel 8: 13 we are introduced to the mysterious name *Palmoni* which means *Wonderful Numberer*. The Bible is replete with *numberings of The Wonderful Numberer*.

THE NUMBER 6

In Genesis 1: 26 to 31 mankind was created on the *sixth* day of creation week. God gave them all they needed as free gifts. They, as created intelligences, were to keep themselves fully surrendered to God. The very next day was God's creation *seventh day sabbath rest*. And so long as they remained in complete *self-surrender* to their Creator, their Number 6 would rest in God's Rest Number 7, and victory, number 8, would be guaranteed.

But if they put *self* before God, their Number 6 would then signify *self-exaltation* and there would be no rest.

Satan had planned his strategy of approach to the woman with his nefarious, insidious and deceptive, false reasoning. Genesis 3: 1 to 5. Satan inserted the fundamental principle of his government as written down in verse 6. Eve was deceived and disobeyed. Though Adam realized that she was deceived, he,

nonetheless, chose also to disobey, and thus occurred the perversion of the Pre-fall innocent *self* into a perverted self-centered *self* and their 6 became the same as Satan's 6.

How do we know this? In Genesis 3 after their disobedience, God called unto Adam and then also spake to the woman. *In their answers to God they used "I" six times*, count their *I's* in verses 10, 12, 13!

And in Isaiah 14:12 to 14 Lucifer used the personal pronoun *6 times* in a God defiant manner. (Count the *five "I's" and one "my"*)

In the Genesis 11 account of the building of the Tower of Babel, the *personal* pronoun "us" or "we" is used just 6 times. Genesis 11: 3, 4. Thereafter whenever Babylon is mentioned in scripture, the number 6 is mysteriously prominent. Examples:-

- (a) The measurements of Nebuchadnezzar's image of gold: Daniel 3: 1: - (60 cubits × 6 cubits)
- (b) In Daniel 3 the term '*worship the golden image*' is mentioned **6 times** (verses 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 18)
- (c) And in the Book of Revelation the term "**worship of the image**" is mentioned 6 times as well! Rev. 13: 15; 14: 9, 11; 16: 2; 19: 20; 20: 4.
- (d) Also in Daniel 3 **six** different musical instruments were used in the worship-celebration of the golden image.
- (e) In Daniel 4 the '**tree**' that symbolized Babylon's supremacy under Nebuchadnezzar is mentioned **6** times.
- (f) In Daniel 5: 4 Belshazzar met his doom while praising the gods of *gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, stone -- 6 in all*.
- (g) In Revelation the name Babylon is mentioned just 6 times. Revelation 14: 8; 16: 19; 17: 5; 18: 2, 10, 21.

To the Jew the number 6 was the number of unrest, the number of sinful man. If a number was written in treble it indicated the eternity of the thing symbolized, thus 666 meant eternal unrest. (See Rev. 14: 11). King Solomon found it so

in his experience, for his annual income was 666 talents of gold, a fabulous income but completely unsatisfying to his soul (1 Kings 10: 14; Eccles.2: 8 to 11, 17).

END- TIME APPLICATION

The Satanic principle of self-exaltation will be fully expressed through a deceived world in the final crisis.

Read Revelation 16: 13, 14,

Unclean spirit out of the mouth of	The dragon	6
Unclean spirit out of the mouth of	The beast	6
Unclean spirit out of the mouth of	The false prophet	6

Revelation 16: 15 of Revelation 3: 18

White raiment = Christ's Righteousness: New Birth	We must receive His righteousness	8
Spiritual growth	And keep His Righteousness	
Ripened by latter rain	And we will conquer in the final crisis. Romans 8: 37	8
And receive the Rev. 7 Seal of the Living God		8
Rev 14:1		
Having the Lamb's Name and His Father's Name written in the foreheads	Jesus = Iesous	= 888

THE NUMBER SEVEN

THE NUMBER SEVEN IN CREATION

Genesis tells us that God created our planet and solar system in six days, and, upon *completion*, God *rested, blessed, and set apart as holy the Seventh Day!* Genesis 2: 1-3. Based on this cycle of work and rest, God commands us to also work for *six* days and then *complete* the week by *resting* on the **seventh day**, the day God set apart as the Holy Sabbath. Exodus 20: 8 – 11; Hebrews 4: 1- 11; Mark 2: 27, 28.

The Number Seven in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament): 7(other) Notable References.

1. In Genesis 21: 28 -32 Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech and gave him a gift of seven ewe lambs to seal the covenant.
2. Every seventh year was to be a Sabbath of rest for the land. Leviticus 25:1-7
3. The Israelites were to count Seven sabbaths of years = 7 times 7 years = 49 years, and cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month throughout all the land to announce the Jubilee to be celebrated in the fiftieth year. Leviticus 25: 8- 17.

4. Every seventh year, the Israelites were to cancel all debts and free their slaves. Deuteronomy 15:1, 2, 9
5. In the well known account of the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6 (read the first 6 verses), God instructed Joshua and his army to march around the city once a day for six days and then seven times on the seventh day with seven Priests blowing seven trumpets.
6. The Psalmist extolled the completely perfect purity of God's word as silver tried in the furnace purified seven times. Psalm 12:6
7. Solomon declared the complete perfection of Divine Wisdom: "Wisdom hath built her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars" Proverbs 9:1. We must thoroughly study and rightly divided the word of God to arrive at the complete truth.

The Number Seven in Christ's Sufferings and Death at the Cross

The number seven also denotes the completion of Christ's sacrificial atonement at Calvary. He uttered seven statements from the Cross:

1. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" Luke 23: 34
2. "Truly, I say unto you today, you will be with me" Luke 23: 43
3. "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother" John 19: 26, 27.
4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27: 46
5. "I thirst" John 19:28
6. "It is finished" John 19: 30
7. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" Luke 23: 46

Then after His death on the 6th day of the week, He rested in the tomb on the **seventh day sabbath of that week**, before His resurrection on the first day of the next week. Luke 23: 52 – 56; 24:1-3.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS IN GROUPINGS OF SEVEN STATEMENTS

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus gave 7 petitions to our Heavenly Father. Matthew 6: 9 – 13

1. Hallowed be thy Name
2. Thy Kingdom come
3. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven
4. Give us this day our daily bread
5. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors
6. Lead us not into temptation
7. And deliver us from evil

Jesus also used 7 *Statements* in St John's gospel to describe Himself as God's gift of salvation to humanity. Jesus is: 1. The bread of life(John 6: 35); 2. The Light of the world (John 8:12); 3. The Door to salvation (John 10: 9); 4. The Good Shepherd (John 10: 11); 5. The resurrection and the Life(John 11: 25, 26); 6. The way, the truth, and the life(John 14:6); 7. The Vine (John 15: 1, 5).

THE NUMBER SEVEN IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The number 7 is very prominent in the book of Revelation. There are 7 *churches* (Revelation chapters 2 and 3; 7 *seals* (Revelation 6:1 to 8:1); 7 *trumpets* (Revelation 8:2 to 11: 15). And the mysterious 7 *lamps of fire before the Throne, which are the 7 Spirits of God*" (Revelation 4:5 KJV)

SEVEN: COMPLETENESS AND REST

The number 7 represents *perfect completeness* and *Rest*. We have already discussed the fact that the *Cross* in Greek is *stauros* which carries the numerical value 777= *eternally complete perfection!*

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom, the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" Galatians 6: 14.

“I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave His life for me” Galatians 2: 20.

Self (6) must be crucified (7) with Christ in order that the victorious life of Christ (8) be ours. And it is all in Christ! **Seven** is the number of **Sabbath rest** in Christ. **Seven** is the number of **death to self** in Christ in order that **eight** be number of Christ’s **victory** in our lives. The only way of escape from **666** is **through 777** to **888**. Colossians 2: 10; Colossians 1: 28, 29.

Eternal Rest from sin, eternal perfection occurs only by the principle of the Cross which is **unselfish, self-sacrificing Agape Love**, which is the eternal principle of the government of God, and was fully demonstrated and revealed at Calvary where the incarnate Son of God suffered the **full** consequences of our collective human guilt in order to redeem mankind. Jesus, as our Substitute and Surety, suffered the infinite pain of separation from His Father, caused by our Corporate human guilt! Individual humans are free to see, respond to, and receive this **indescribable Love of God and accept the free gift of salvation and in this final generation receive the seal of the living God**, fully reflecting His Character of Agape Love before the on-looking universe!

CHAPTER 4

THE NUMBER EIGHT

The *Wonderful Numberer, Palmoni*, is introduced in Daniel 8: 13 just before the announcement of the 2300 day-years of Daniel 8: 14. This signifies that increasing light on the symbolic numbers of the Bible will enable the *remnant of the woman's seed* to have the *understanding to count*, that is, to analyze the end-time issues through the *numbers* given to us by *The Wonderful Numberer*.

Last study we introduced the symbolic numbers six and 666, and 888! In order to understand 888 better we need to study the number 8.

THE NUMBER 8

The number 8 is *first counted* in the Genesis account of the Flood when 8 **persons** were saved. Noah and his wife, his 3 sons and their wives. Genesis 6: 10; Genesis 7: 1. 1 Peter 3: 20; 2 Peter 2: 5. God used those **eight** persons for a new beginning of the human race after the Flood. Here we see the number 8 as the number salvation *victory* and also the number of a *new beginning*.

CIRCUMCISION ON THE EIGHTH DAY

We next see the number **8** in Genesis 17: 7- 12, when God promised to establish His covenant with Abraham and commanded him to circumcise all the males in his household and that thenceforth **new born male babies** were to be circumcised on the **eighth day** after birth. Isaac was circumcised on the **eighth day**. Genesis 21: 4.

The Apostle Paul explained that that rite of circumcision was to keep before Abraham and us the new covenant truth that **selfishness(=works of the flesh) must be cut off from the controlling position in the human spirit and replaced by the living principle of unselfish Agape Love in the Holy Spirit in Christ and by Christ**. Romans 2: 28, 29; Colossians 2: 11 -13; Ephesians 4: 22- 24; Romans 8: 2 (in fact verses 1 to 4).

The instrument of circumcision of the flesh was a knife, the instrument of circumcision of the heart is the **principle of the cross of Christ**. Christ Himself won the victory over our fallen flesh (which He took on) by the principle of the cross (= self emptying), which was continuously and constantly applied to His **learning obedience by the things He suffered**. Romans 15:3; John 5: 30; John 6: 38; John 4: 34; Hebrews 2: 10; Hebrews 5: 8.

Self must be **dethroned** and **Agape Love enthroned** in the human spirit for spiritual growth and character perfection. This requires initial and daily conversions and daily receiving of increasing measures of the Holy Spirit.

“It is one thing to assent in a general way to the agency of the Holy Spirit, and another thing to accept His work as a reprover calling to repentance. Many feel a sense of estrangement from God, a realization of their bondage to self and sin; they make efforts for reform; but they do not crucify self. They do not give themselves entirely into the hands of Christ, seeking for divine power to do His will. They are not willing to be molded after the divine similitude. In a general way they acknowledge their imperfections, but they do not give up their particular sins. With each wrong act the old selfish nature is gaining strength”. COL 48.2

“The only hope for these souls is to realize in themselves the truth of Christ’s words to Nicodemus, ‘Ye must be born again.’ ‘Except a man be born from above, he can not see the kingdom of God.” John 3:7, 3, margin. COL 48.3

“True holiness is wholeness in the service of God. This is the condition of true Christian living. Christ asks for an unreserved consecration, for undivided service. He demands the heart, the mind, the soul, the strength. Self is not to be cherished. He who lives to himself is not a Christian.” COL 48.4

“Love must be the principle of action. Love is the underlying principle of God’s government in heaven and earth, and it must be the foundation of the Christian’s character. This alone can make and keep him steadfast. This alone can enable him to withstand trial and temptation.” COL 49.1

“And love will be revealed in sacrifice. The plan of redemption was laid in sacrifice—a sacrifice so broad and deep and high that it is immeasurable. Christ gave all for us, and those who receive Christ will be ready to sacrifice all for the sake of their Redeemer. The thought of His honor and glory will come before anything else.” COL 49.2

“If we love Jesus, we shall love to live for Him, to present our thank offerings to Him, to labor for Him. The very labor will be light. For His sake we shall covet pain and toil and sacrifice. We shall sympathize with His longing for the salvation of men. We shall feel the same tender craving for souls that He has felt.” COL 49.3

“This is the religion of Christ. Anything short of it is a deception. No mere theory of truth or profession of discipleship will save any soul. We do not belong to Christ unless we are His wholly. It is by halfheartedness in the Christian life that men become feeble in purpose and changeable in desire. The effort to serve both self and Christ makes one a stony-

ground hearer, and he will not endure when the test comes upon him." COL50

Christ's victory is given to us as a free gift and also the method of obtaining that victory is given to us as well. Luke 9:23, 24; Galatians 2: 20; Galatians 5: 24; Galatians 6: 14.

Victory Over 666

Selfishness fully developed in a last day man or woman will cause that person to receive and be part of the end-time number 666 and the image and mark of the beast confederacy. All aspects of selfishness (self) must be cut away from the character by the Cross of Christ **(777)** in order for a last day remnant believer to have the number **888** of Jesus Character fully reproduced in the sanctification of spirit, soul and body. 1 Thessalonians 5: 23.

The Revelation 18: 1 - 4 final gospel message will call Jesus' "other sheep" out of Babylon (666) into Jesus (888) by the message of His character of ***self- sacrificing Agape Love and the Seventh-Day Sabbath Rest of crucifixion of self (777) will be sealed in them by the Holy Spirit!***

THE NUMBERS 8 AND 888

THE NAME “JESUS” AND THE NUMBER 888 (NUMERICAL VALUE)

The Septuagint (Latin for seventy, abbreviation LXX) is the oldest translation of the Hebrew Bible and into ancient Greek everyday language (Koine). The translation originated around 250 BC and was made by the Hebrews (mainly in Alexandria). Most books were translated until about 100 BC. Important to note: The three Hebrew names “Yehoshua”, “Yahoshua” and its short version «Yeshua» (or Yashua) were all translated by the Jews into Greek as “Ἰησοῦς” (**Iesous**). From this the English **JESUS** is derived. This means concretely that the Jews themselves have translated the name “**Jesus**” from Hebrew into Greek. It was not a pagan or Christian invention, as some falsely claim.

In our last lesson we learnt that 8 is the number of *spiritual* circumcision, circumcision of the heart which means *victory over the flesh, over self, over the old covenant*. The incarnate Son of God won this victory **over Satan**, over the flesh, over the world, **over or *self-will***; and He won the victory **in our fallen flesh which He took on in the incarnation**. Romans 8:3; Hebrews 2: 14 -17; Romans 1 3; Hebrews4:14-17

SATAN WAS UTTERLY DEFEATED

On the Cross, Christ utterly defeated Satan. Let us read Colossians 2:11- 15. This victory is *given* to us and we *receive* it by being *in Him*. Read 1 Cor.15: 57; 2 Cor.2: 14; Romans 8: 1- 4.

CHRIST INVITES US TO OVERCOME AS HE OVERCAME

Read Rev.3:21. We are to receive His victory and use it to overcome as He overcame. Philippians 2:13.

Hebrew				Greek		
יהושוע	=	יהושע	=	ישוע	=	Ιησους
Yehoshua		Yehoshua		Yeshua		Iesous = Jesus

Let us read Philippians 2: 5 – 11 ESV

$$10 + 8 + 200 + 70 + 400 + 200 = 888$$

*⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, **he made himself nothing** (= **Emptied Himself**) by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

“The scenes of the past and the future were presented to the mind of Jesus. He beheld Lucifer as he was first cast out from the heavenly places. He looked forward to the scenes of His own agony, when before all the worlds the character of the deceiver should be unveiled. He heard the cry, “It is finished” (John 19:30), announcing that the redemption of the lost race was forever made certain, that heaven

was made eternally secure against the accusations, the deceptions, the pretensions, that Satan would instigate. DA 490.2

“Beyond the cross of Calvary, with its agony and shame, Jesus looked forward to the great final day, when the prince of the power of the air will meet his destruction in the earth so long marred by his rebellion. Jesus beheld the work of evil forever ended, and the peace of God filling heaven and earth. DA 490.3

“Henceforward Christ’s followers were to look upon Satan as a conquered foe. Upon the cross, Jesus was to gain the victory for them; that victory He desired them to accept as their own. “Behold, ” He said, “I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” DA 490.4

“The omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit is the defense of every contrite soul. Not one that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy’s power. The Saviour is by the side of His tempted and tried ones. With Him there can be no such thing as failure, loss, impossibility, or defeat; we can do all things through Him who strengthens us. When temptations and trials come, do not wait to adjust all the difficulties, but look to Jesus, your helper. DA 490.5

“There are Christians who think and speak altogether too much about the power of Satan. They think of their adversary, they pray about him, they talk about him, and he looms up greater and greater in their imagination. It is true that Satan is a powerful being; but, thank God, we have a mighty Saviour, who cast out the evil one from heaven. Satan is pleased when we magnify his power. Why not talk of Jesus? Why not magnify His power and His love? DA 493.1

“The rainbow of promise encircling the throne on high is an everlasting testimony that “God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. It testifies to the universe that God will never forsake His people in their struggle with evil. It is an assurance to us of strength and protection as long as the throne itself shall last DA 493.2

“Christ did not yield up His life till He had accomplished the work which He came to do, and with His parting breath He exclaimed, “It is finished.” John 19:30. The battle had been won. His right hand and His holy arm had gotten Him the victory. As a Conqueror He planted His banner on the eternal heights. Was there not joy among the angels? All heaven triumphed in the Saviour’s victory. Satan was defeated, and knew that his kingdom was lost” DA 758.1

“To the angels and the unfallen worlds the cry, “It is finished, ” had a deep significance. It was for them as well as for us that the great work of redemption had been accomplished. They with us share the fruits of Christ’s victory”. DA 758.2

THE NUMBER 8 AND 888 PART 2

Revelation 15: 2 describes the fourfold victory of the end-time remnant. We are still focusing on victory over the *number 666*. In order to count and overcome 666, we must understand 8 and 888.

Remember 8 is the number of God's ownership, the number of *New Covenant victory* over self. The number of *a new beginning*, a *new creation in Christ*. The Name of Jesus in the Greek is **IESOUS** and carries the number 888, eternal victory. This victory is ours *in Christ!* And enables the born again believer, by the Holy Spirit, to employ Christ's *victory* to overcome every dimension of selfishness and sin and to grow to Christian character *perfection*. Revelation 3:21; Revelation 12: 10, 11; 2 Cor.2:14. Gal.2:20.

Counting the Number of the Process of Victory for the Name of Jesus in Phil.2:5-9

Verse 6: One> “Who being in the form of God”; Two> “*thought it not robbery to be equal with God*”

Verse 7: Three> “*but emptied Himself*”; Four> “*took upon Him the form of a servant*”; Five> “*...and was made in the likeness of men*”

Verse 8: Six> “*He humbled Himself; Seven*> “*and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.*”

Verse 9: Eight > “*Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a NAME which is above every name.*”{ = eternal victory 888}

This is the Name and Number we must have in the character of Christ fully reproduced in us to be victorious over the name and number of the Beast and its Image.

COUNTING STEPS AND TABLES IN EZEKIEL 40

The Prophet Ezekiel was given a mysterious vision, of a glorious temple, written down in Ezekiel 40. This chapter contains mysterious systems of numbers (inviting us to count). Ezekiel 40:3 reveals the Messenger who spoke to the prophet, comparison with Rev. 1:15, would indicate that this was the Son of God, *Palmoni*.

Verse 6 describes the *east gate*. Verse 17(KJV) introduces *the outward court*, verse 20 mentions the *north gate* of the outward court (verses 19 to 21, describe the relevant measurements), *verse 22 states that 7 steps led up to this north gate*. Verse 24 introduces the *south gate* of the outward court, (verse 25 describes its measurements), *verse 26 states that 7 steps led up to this south gate*. But since there are *three gates (east, north and south)*, we have in this Ezekiel 40 vision *3 gates with 7 steps each for the outward court: three sevens 777*. The *outer court* was where the sacrifices were made representing Christ's sacrifice and in the Greek the cross, *stauros*, has a Numerical value of 777. Rev.5:12.

Let us move on now to the *inner court* (containing the *Holy* and *Most Holy apartments*) which is introduced in verse 27. The *south gate* to the inner court is mentioned in verse 28 (verse 29, 30 state its measurements). Then in verse 31 we are told that *going up to the inner court* by the *south gate had 8 steps*. Verse 32 introduces the *east gate* to the *inner court*, (verse 33 gives the relevant measurements), then verse 34 informs us that *going up to the inner court by the east gate had 8 steps*. Verse 35 introduces the *north gate* to the inner court and after the description of measurements in verse 36, verse 37 informs us that

the going up to the inner court by the north gate had 8 steps. So we have 3 gates with 8 steps each for the inner court. Three eights! 888. The Name of Jesus, Iesous = 888.

In the Outer Court at the *inner north gate*, verse 41, there were 4 tables on one side and four tables on the other = **8 in all, where they slew the sacrifices. Christ's Sacrifice was a perfect and victorious (number 8) sacrificial atonement for all mankind.**

SIX GATES

There were **6 gates; 3 for the outer court, 3 for the inner court.** Six is the biological number of mankind and the theological number of *self*. The Six gates indicate that sinful men and women can **come** to Jesus, sinful as they are, and receive the free gift of salvation **but they will only accept if they yield to the convincing, convicting wooing of the Holy Spirit indicated by the number 3.**

Six gates; three to enter into the outer court with seven steps to accept Christ's sacrifice, to be justified by faith and to be born again and to begin to climb up to perfection; and 3 to enter into the inner court with eight steps indicating the work of our High Priest to perfect the end-time *remnant!*

Here again we see the character *transformation: 6 to 8 via 7. Victory over self* by the cross of Christ for perfection of character. The only deliverance from 666 is by 777 to reach 888! Gal.2: 20.

Right here in Ezekiel's vision in chapter 40, we see *The Wonderful Numberer* speaking to us in the numbers: 3, 6, 7, 8 (and also the number 5 and its multiples which will be a future study)

Peter's Ladder: 8 Steps to Perfection: Complete in Christ= 888. 2 Peter 1: 4

"These words are full of instruction, and strike the key-note of victory. The apostle presents before the believers the ladder of Christian perfection, every step of which represents continual advancement in the knowledge of God, and in the climbing of which there is to be

no standstill. Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and Agape love are the rounds of the ladder. We are saved by climbing round after round, mounting step after step, to the height of Christ's ideal for us. Thus he is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."God has called his people to glory and virtue, and these will be manifest in the lives of all who are truly connected with him. Having become partakers of the heavenly gift, they are to go on to perfection, being 'kept by the power of God through faith.' It is the glory of God to give his virtue to his children. He desires to see men and women reaching the highest standard; and when by faith they lay hold of the power of Christ, when they plead his unfailing promises, and claim them as their own, when with an importunity that will not be denied they seek for the power of the Holy Spirit, they will be made complete in him." RH September 19, 1912

COUNTING THE VICTORY OVER THE NUMBER 666

We have done a preliminary analysis of the number 666. This is the number of Satan's *self-exaltation fully* developed in *mankind* in the end-time. We have also studied the numbers 7, 8 and 888. *Iesous in the Greek has the numerical value 888*, which is the *number of His Name* and represents *His victory* over Satan, sin and *the destructive Satanic principle of selfishness*.

Christ's victory is a free gift to be received by *being in Him by faith*. Genuine faith, working by Love produces repentance, surrender, the New birth and spiritual growth. But remember it is *all in Christ!*

GOD WORKS IN AND THE BELIEVER WORKS OUT.

In Philippians 2: 12, 13, we are told to:

".....work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure".

And in John 16: 7 to 15 Jesus explains that the *Holy Spirit* brings *into us all that Christ has accomplished for us*. Read John 16: 14, 15. So it is the **Holy Spirit** Who works *in*, *Who imparts* the *victorious character of Christ into the believer*. Read also Romans 5: 1 – 5 and Romans 8: 2 and 9– 15.

We shall learn that the *working in* of the Holy Spirit is represented by the number 9 while our *working out our salvation in spiritual growth to perfection* is represented by the number 8. First let us count the *nine* of the *working in*.

NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

In 1 Corinthians 12: 1 to 6 the Apostle Paul gives an introduction to, and a foundation of, the *doctrine* of **Spiritual Gifts**. In verse 7 the Apostle states that “*to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*” **ESV**. Then in verses 8 to 10 Paul lists the *gifts of the Spirit*. Let us count them (**KJV**): (1) *the word of wisdom*; (2) *the word of knowledge*; (3) *faith*; (4) *gifts of healing*; (5) *working of miracles*; (6) *prophecy*; (7) *discerning of spirits*; (8) *divers kinds of tongues*; (9) *interpretation of tongues*.

All 9 gifts “*worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to everyman severally as he will*”. 1Cor 12: 11. The Holy Spirit imparts the gifts, each individual has the responsibility to recognize his/ her gift or gifts and use the gift or gifts for the advancement of God’s kingdom, to the glory of God.

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Read Matthew 25: 14 to 30. Here we read of 3 sets of talents: *five; two; one*. ($5+2+1=8$). The man who received 5 traded them and made from them five more. The man who received 2, traded them and made 2 more. The man who received 1 talent *could* have traded that one and could have made 1 more, had he done that, the original 8 talents would have been doubled making *two eights*. **And one more cycle of trading would have produced another 8, making three eights in all ($888=$ victory!)** But the one-talent man refused to trade his talent and made nothing. The reason for his refusal to trade is plainly stated to be his having a *wrong understanding of his Master’s character*. As a result, as a member of the three- man team, he delayed the achievement of ultimate success.

“To every man is committed individual gifts, termed talents. Some regard these talents as being limited to certain men who possess

superior mental endowments and genius. But God has not restricted the bestowal of His talents to a favored few. To every one is committed some special endowment, for which he will be held responsible by the Lord. Time, reason, means, strength, mental powers, tenderness of heart—all are gifts from God, entrusted to be used in the great work of blessing humanity. 5BC 1100.1

“Some apparently have but few talents, but by diligent trading on their Lord’s goods their endowments will be greatly increased.... 5BC 1100.2

“The Lord is watching every one to see whether he will use his talents wisely and unselfishly, or whether he will seek his own advancement. The talents are distributed to every man according to his several ability, that he may add to them by wise investment. Each one must give an account to the Master for his own actions. 5BC 1100.3

“The Lord will not require from those who are poor that which they have not to give; He will not require from the sick the active energies which bodily weakness forbids. No one need mourn because he cannot glorify God with talents that were never entrusted to Him. But if you have only one talent, use it well, and it will accumulate. If the talents are not buried, they will gain yet other talents.” 5BC 1100.4

NINE COMPONENTS OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5: 22, 23 KJV: “But the **fruit** of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance**: against such there is no law”

The Holy Spirit imparts the **9 gifts** and the **9 components of the fruit of the Spirit**.

The number **9** is *three sets of 3 three*: ($3 \times 3 = 9$). In order to understand the *meaning* and *significance* of the number **9** we need to learn the meaning of the number **3**.

THE NUMBER 3

The number 3 is the number of *Persons* in the **Godhead**; the **Holy Spirit** being the **third Person** in the Godhead. Matthew 28: 19.

There were 3 divisions in the earthly Sanctuary and there are 3 of the Heavenly Sanctuary (the outer court, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place, see Exodus chapters 25 to 27; Hebrews 9). And there are 3 components of the human body temple. 1 Thessalonians 5: 23.

The resurrection of Christ occurred on the *third* day. 1 Corinthians 15: 1- 4.

Jesus likened the kingdom of Heaven to leaven which a woman took and hid in 3 measures of meal until it was all leavened. Matthew 13: 33.

In the story of Gideon and the Midianites (in **Judges** chapters 6 and 7) God selected 300 men from Gideon's original 32, 000. Then the 300 men were **divided** into 3 companies and each man was given 3 things: (i) a trumpet, (ii) an empty pitcher and (iii) a torch inside the pitcher. A resounding victory was accomplished.

Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. John 21: 15 to 17.

Paul in 1Corinthians 13: 13 says “ And now these *three* remain: *faith, hope, and love*. But the greatest of these is *Love*” (NIV).

Consider also the 3 Angels' Messages of Revelation 14: 6- 12; the 3 woes of Revelation 8: 13; **three Holies (Holy, Holy, Holy)** in Isaiah 6: 3; **three Patriarchs** in Matthew 22: 32; Daniel prayed 3 times a day (Daniel 6: 10)

In Exodus 19: 10, 11 God told Moses to tell the people to be ready by the *third day* because He would come down to give the Law.

In Hosea 6: 2, after 2 days, in the **third day** God raises up His people to live in His sight! And in Matthew 22, after 2 calls, the King accomplished his purpose in the *third* call!

The number 3 represents the accomplishment of the Divine Will by Divine Decisive Action.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCOMPLISHES GOD'S WILL IN OUR LIVES

Nine gifts, nine components of the fruit of the Spirit. $9 = 3 \times 3$. The Holy Spirit accomplishes the Divine Will in the lives of believers and sanctifies and perfects the character of the believer in Christ ($3^2=9$)!

The number 9 occurs 49 times in the Bible ($7 \times 7 = 49$). In the Hebrew the numerical value of the word *Amen* is 99: so let it be!

The Holy Spirit imputes and imparts Christ's **righteousness and victory** in the believer's spirit, soul, and body. 2 Cor.13: 14; John 14: 26; Phil.2: 1 – 2; Romans 8: 9– 17.

"In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. ***The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.*** DA 671.2

"Of the Spirit Jesus said, "He shall glorify Me." The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love; so the Spirit was

to glorify Christ by revealing His grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people. DA 671.3

“When He [the Spirit of truth] is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” The preaching of the word will be of no avail without the continual presence and aid of the Holy Spirit This is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. Only when the truth is accompanied to the heart by the Spirit will it quicken the conscience or transform the life. One might be able to present the letter of the word of God, he might be familiar with all its commands and promises; but unless the Holy Spirit sets home the truth, no souls will fall on the Rock and be broken. No amount of education, no advantages, however great, can make one a channel of light without the co-operation of the Spirit of God. The sowing of the gospel seed will not be a success unless the seed is quickened into life by the dew of heaven. Before one book of the New Testament was written, before one gospel sermon had been preached after Christ’s ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the praying apostles. Then the testimony of their enemies was, “Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine.” Acts 5:28. DA 671.4

“Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord’s promise; they talk **about** Christ and **about** the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies. We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people “to will and to do of His good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13. But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait

humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. " DA 672

"Christ rejoiced that He could do more for His followers than they could ask or think. He spoke with assurance, knowing that an almighty decree had been given before the world was made. ***He knew that truth, armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the contest with evil; and that the bloodstained banner would wave triumphantly over His followers. He knew that the life of His trusting disciples would be like His, a series of uninterrupted victories, not seen to be such here, but recognized as such in the great hereafter.***" DA 679.2

WORKING OUT WHAT GOD WORKS IN

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure” Philippians 2: 12, 13.

The Godhead, (*all Three Persons*) have already, completely and perfectly, worked out the salvation of humanity in the incarnation, earthly life, sufferings, death, resurrection, glorification and ascension of Christ. The faith of Jesus working by Agape Love enabled Him to remain always perfectly surrendered to His Father and to render perfect sinless obedience to God’s Law for us. He accomplished this in our fallen flesh which He took on in the incarnation. Moreover He carried the burden of our complete corporate guilt, and suffered the separation from His Father (wrath) which our collective human guilt had incurred. All our sins have already been ‘punished’ in Him. He, therefore, has fully satisfied Divine justice for all mankind. The Law of God demands life-long perfect sinless obedience of faith working by love. Only Christ has satisfied that demand and He has satisfied it for all mankind as our Substitute and Surety. In addition, the transgression of God’s law

(sin) incurred wrath, that is, sin separates from God: God has to withdraw and give up sin and sinners to their own way. Christ as our Substitute and Surety suffered that ‘punishment’ for all human sin of all time for us. *This is the only ground of our acceptance by God.* Christ is our Righteousness. When the Holy Spirit opens our eyes of faith to see such infinite love and we, in repentance and surrender, accept Christ as our personal Saviour, His Righteousness is imputed to us as a free gift, we are justified by faith and experience the new birth. And so long as we *abide in* Christ we are complete in Him, while the Holy Spirit imparts His righteousness into our spirit and soul saving us *from* disobedience and saving us *to* love-motivated obedience of God’s law of Love expressed in the *Ten Commandments*. This gift of righteousness gives us victory over sin and restores in us God’s Sabbath Rest. Isaiah 53: 6; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; Romans 3:23, 24; Romans 5:18; Titus 3:3-7; Eph. 2: 8 -10; Romans 5:1 -9; Hebrews 4: 1 -11.

Always remember that the sacrifice of Christ is the ultimate revelation of God’s Spirit of Love, this is an *all for the other unselfish self-sacrificing unconditional Love*. God loves us at any cost to Himself.

REMEMBER THE NUMBER 9

We have already learnt that the *number 9* applies to what God, in Christ, works *in, by His Spirit*. There are 9 spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12: 7 to 11. And 9 components of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22, 23. The number *nine* (3×3) represents the accomplishment of the Divine Will, by the LOVE of GOD in the Holy Spirit, in the believer who *is abiding in Christ*.

THE NUMBER 8 AND WORKING OUT WHAT GOD WORKS IN.

We must receive what God works in *by faith, and only by faith can we work out* what God works in. This is true because both the *working in* and the *working out* are by the word of God *and faith is believing the word of God and depending on the word of God to accomplish what it says!*

“Now faith is entire dependence on the word of God, that that word shall accomplish what that word says. ‘It will accomplish that which I please’ Isaiah 55: 11”. AT Jones RH March 7, 1899.

Putting On The Whole Armour of God. Ephesians 6: 10 to 18

Let us count the components of the armour: Verse 14: 1. Loins girt about with (belt) *truth*; 2. Breastplate of righteousness; Verse 15: 3. Feet shod with (shoes) the preparation of the gospel of peace; Verse 16: 4. Shield of faith; Verse 17: 5. Helmet of salvation; 6. Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; Verse 18: 7. Prayer (*praying* always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit); 8. Watching (and *watching* thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints).

PRAYER AND WATCHING OFTEN NOT COUNTED

In counting the components of the armour, some Bible students stop at 6, others count 7, only a few count 8 by including *watching*. So let us check out the importance of *watching* by reading and analyzing some texts of scripture: Proverbs 4: 23; Matthew 25: 13; Matt. 26:41; Mark 13: 37; 1Cor. 16: 13; 1Thess. 5: 6; 1 Timothy 4: 16; 1Peter 5: 8; Rev. 3: 2; Rev. 16: 15.

The first *six* components of the armour cannot function effectively or efficiently without *prayer* and *watching* which are the last *two* components. **So there are 8 components of the amour of God in Ephesians 6. Prayer and watching are absolutely essential to the abiding relationship in Christ.**

Summarizing Three Important Dimensions of *Watching*

1. Attentiveness

Paying attention to our own hearts/ souls as to how we receive the truth of God in His **word and how we are growing in the intellectual and experiential knowledge of God.** Luke 8: 15-18. Keeping our focus on Jesus, seeking the daily conversion and daily receiving of the Holy Spirit thereby experiencing daily victory over lukewarmness and sin.

2. Diligence in Vigilance

Watching, under the Spirit's guidance *against temptation*. Matthew 26: 41; Proverbs 4: 23-25.

3. Expectancy

“Looking for and *hasting* unto the Coming of the Lord”² Peter 3: 12 (KJV). “*Waiting for and hastening the coming the coming of the day of God...*” (ESV). We are to especially pray and watch in the *second and third watches, and hasten the second coming of Jesus*. Luke 12: 35- 40.

The Victory ‘Number’ of Being Emptied of Self. Galatians 2:20

We explained already that the Cross (777) of Christ crucifies the “**I**” or self (6), and the Holy Spirit reproduces Christ's victory (888) in us as we abide in Christ. (If the 6 of self is not crucified it will be enveloped in the *end time* 666 of the Mark of the Beast)

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” Galatians 2:20.

When we check the number of times the personal ‘I’ and ‘me’ occur in Galatians 2:20, we count 5 “I’s” and 3 “me’s” = 8! ***This text, then, counts the number of the victory over self when the believer is in Christ! And it is the number 8!***

THE SPIRITUAL UNIFORM

In Ephesians Paul itemized the components of the whole armour of God and we counted 8 components. In Colossians 3 Paul itemized the components of the ‘spiritual uniform’ which the believer *in Christ* must *put on*.

Let us read Colossians 3:12 to 14 (KJV) and learn what the believer in Christ must *put on*. 1. Bowels of mercies; 2.Kindness; 3.Humbleness of mind; 4.Meekness 5.Longsuffering; 6.Forbearance;7.Forgiveness; 8.Love, which is

the bond of perfectness. (Remember Ephesians 4:3 and also Phil.2).

So there are 8 components in the *spiritual uniform* that we are to put on even as we have put on and carry the 8 components of the *armour* of God and *climb to victory on* the 8 rungs or steps of Peter's ladder in 2 Peter 1: 5 to 7.

These three eights (3×8) = 24! The two nines (2×9) = 18. Adding $24 + 18 = 42$. And $42 = 3 \times 14$. We, shall learn later on that 14 is the number of redemption. We have many numbers to understand and the *Wonderful Numberer*, Palmoni (Daniel 8:13), must teach us through His Spirit because...."truths essential for us to know lie too deeply buried to be understood by unaided human reason" 13 MR 243.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3: 12 to 14 (NIV)

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 2 Peter 1: 5 to 7 (NKJV)

TWELVE: THE KINGDOM- SUBJECT NUMBER

*“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. **Thy Kingdom come.** Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6: 9, 10.*

*“Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the **kingdom of God**” John 3:3.*

Born- again believers are subjects of the Kingdom of Grace (Hebrews 4: 16) being prepared for the Kingdom of Glory (Matthew 25: 31).

Scriptural Evidences For Twelve Being The Kingdom – Subject Number

1. There were **12** tribes of ancient **Israel**. (Genesis 49:28)
2. Jesus had **12** disciples. (Mark 3: 14; Matthew 10: 1- 7)
3. In John’s vision of the New Jerusalem we note the following facts: (a) There are **12** gates, with **12** angels and the names written are of the **12** tribes of the children of Israel; (Rev.21: 12); (b) In the **12** foundations

are the names written of the 12 Apostles of the Lamb. (Rev.21:14); the foundations of the Holy City are garnished with 12 precious stones. (Rev.21: 19, 20); (c) The **Tree of Life** was seen by John bearing 12 manner of fruits.(Rev.22:2).

4. “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad.....” James 1:1.

True Christians are God’s true Israel; God’s **true Israel** today is the body of Christ. See Matthew 21:42, 43; 1Peter 2: 7-10; Galatians 3: 26- 29; Romans 10: 12, 13; Romans2: 28, 29; Ephesians 5.

Kingdom Citizens

Citizenship in God’s Kingdom is by *being born again*(the **New Birth**)into the *Kingdom of Grace* to be prepared for citizenship in the *Kingdom of Glory*. After being saved in the Kingdom of Grace believers will enter the Kingdom of Glory through *glorification by the first resurrection* or by *translation* at the **Second** Coming of Christ.1Thessalonians 4: 14 –18; 1Corinthians 15: 50-58;Philippians 3: 20, 21; Romans 8: 16 – 23; Hebrews 9: 28; Rev.20:4 – 6; (Remember that *some believers* in ancient times were resurrected, glorified and taken to Heaven; and *two* were *translated: Enoch* before the Flood and *Elijah* before the first Advent of the Messiah.)

THE NEW BIRTH: ESSENTIAL.

Entrance into the Kingdom of Grace is by *initial* conversion (initially being born again) and spiritual *growth* in the Kingdom of Grace is by *daily conversions, the daily dying to self*, this can only be accomplished by *abiding in Jesus*. Luke 9:23; 1Corinthians 15: 31; 2Cor.4: 10, 11; John 15: 1–11.

The End-time Remnant

The end-time remnant church (body of believers) will grow from *blade* to *ear* and be will ripened to *full grain in the ear*, (Mark 4: 26- 29)*and be sealed*, (Rev.7:3) *meaning that by free choice they will fix their minds in righteousness*

against sin, then after the closure of probation they will be *further ripened* to harvest ready *Christian character maturity* by the unimaginably severe intensity of the time of **Jacob's Trouble**, and will be translated (glorification) at the **Second Coming of Christ!**

THE SQUARE OF TWELVE

The perfect square of 12 =144; and this is the *key numerical component* of the number given to the sealed end-time remnant, **144, 000!** The square of twelve is indicative of the *mature, perfect, symmetrical character of Christ fully reflected in and through them*. The square of 12(144)is again mentioned in Rev.21:17 as the thickness of the wall of the New Jerusalem indicating that His wife would have made herself ready.Rev.19: 6-8.

The number of the sealed end-time remnant is 144, 000. A thousand is 10×10×10. This points us to the number **10**.

THE NUMBER TEN

In scripture **ten** is used as a *general* number of a congregation or cycle or collection. The original meaning of the Hebrew root was *gathering, collection or union or general group*. We can read and see this use of **10** in these scriptures:1Sam.1: 8; Ecclesiastes 7: 19; Isaiah 5: 10; Zechariah 8: 23; Ruth 4:2; Matthew 25:1;Luke19: 12, 13, 17.

Jesus clearly showed the meaning of the numbers**10** and **5** in the parable of the *ten* virgins Matthew 25, *five* of whom were *wise*, and *five* were *unwise*.

Out of the general **10** came the *wise 5*.

THE NUMBER 5

This is the number of *grace*. The Hebrew word for **5** is *chamesh/ chameeshah* and in the Torah it means *grace, ministry, fruitfulness*. The Holy anointing oil had *five* ingredients: *four* spices (myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, cassia) and *olive oil*. Exodus 30: 22- 25. Compare with Hebrews 1: 8, 9.

In Matthew 14: 16- 21, *five loaves fed five thousand, and twelve baskets were left over.* In Matthew 25: 1- 13, the *five wise virgins* came out of the general 10. The five wise are saved and transformed and perfected by God's grace in the Holy Spirit represented by the *oil in the vessels with the lamps*. Matthew 25:4. This means that the *oil of grace in the Holy Spirit*, as we said before, prepares the 5 *wise virgins* for the Kingdom of Glory, *grace symbolized* by the number 5 is absolutely essential for justification, sanctification and *glorification in God's Kingdom* symbolized by the number 12.

THE 144, 000= 12×12×10×10×10.

We have already analyzed 144 as 12². Now let us analyze 10³. The Revelation 18: 1-4 final warning will call *all* God's end-time remnant people (the end-time 5 *wise virgins*) out of the general body of *professed* believers (represented by the number 10) who will end up as the end-time 5 *foolish virgins*. The 10 is raised to the power 3 because the Revelation 18 loud cry will be accomplished by the Divine Decisive Action (number 3) through the latter rain of the Holy Spirit.

"The two classes of watchers represent the two classes who profess to be waiting for their Lord. They are called virgins because they profess a pure faith. By the lamps is represented the word of God. The psalmist says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. COL 406.3

"The indwelling of the Spirit will be shown by the outflowing of heavenly love. The divine fullness will flow through the consecrated human agent, to be given forth to others. COL 419.4

"Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed. Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan. COL 408.3

“The Spirit works upon man’s heart, according to his desire and consent implanting in him a new nature; but the class represented by the foolish virgins have been content with a superficial work. They do not know God. They have not studied His character; they have not held communion with Him; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live. Their service to God degenerates into a form. COL 411

“The ten virgins are watching in the evening of this earth’s history. All claim to be Christians. All have a call, a name, a lamp, and all profess to be doing God’s service. All apparently wait for Christ’s appearing. But five are unready. Five will be found surprised, dismayed, outside the banquet hall”. COL 412.2

THE FIVE WISE VIRGINS REVEAL GOD’S CHARACTER

“It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth.” COL415.3

CHAPTER TEN

COUNTING 12, 13, 14

In Genesis 14 there is an intriguing account of a battle of 4 kings with 5 kings (Genesis 14: 1-3). Then in verse 4 and verse 5 we are told that the 5 kings in verse 2 had served Chedorlaomer (the chief king in verse 1) for *twelve* years and rebelled in the *thirteenth year*, and in the *fourteenth year* Chedorlaomer came to *get them back under his kingdom*. Here we see **12** as the *kingdom subject number*, *thirteen as the number of rebellion and 14 as the number of reclaiming or redemption*. We have already studied the number **12**, *the kingdom subject number*.

Bible Evidence: The Number 13, The Number of Rebellion.

1. In the book of Revelation the word **dragon**, the symbol for Satan, is mentioned **13** times. Revelation 12: 3, 4, twice in 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; Revelation 13: 2, 4, 11; Revelation 16: 13; Revelation 20:2.
2. In Daniel 2, the Word '**King**' when applied definitely to Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, is used **39 times (3 × 13)**. In that chapter King Nebuchadnezzar represented the concentration of rebellion against God by Satan through Babylon. (Isaiah 13: 19; 14: 4; 47:5).

3. The word Megiddo or its equivalent is mentioned **13** times in the whole Bible and the **thirteenth** time is in Revelation 16:16 where is described ***the battle of the great day of God Almighty*** against the world's final rebellion in the ***image and mark of the beast global confederacy***. (Joshua: 12:21; Judges 1: 27; Judges 5:19; 1 Kings 4:12; 1 Kings 9: 15; 2 Kings 9: 27; 2 Kings 23:29, 30; 1Chronicles 7:29; 2 Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:11; **Revelation 16:16**).
4. The name ***Nimrod*** means ***rebellious***. From the time **Nimrod**, the **rebellious** one founded Babylon(Genesis 10:8 – 10), we can trace Babylon in the scriptures as the Kingdom of rebellion until she comes to her end in the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16) which is the **thirteenth** time **Megiddo, meaning mountain of slaughter**, is mentioned in scripture.
5. Ishmael was **13** years old when he was circumcised, Isaac was **8** days old when he was circumcised. Ishmael was born after the flesh, **Old Covenant**. Isaac was born by the promise of the **New Covenant**.

THE NUMBER 14

Fourteen is 2×7 and as such the number **14** partakes of the importance of **7**, and being double **7** implies a double measure of perfection.

The Gospel of Matthew, in the first chapter, informs us that there were **3 sets of 14 generations** from Abraham to Christ.

“So all the generations from Abraham to David are Fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are Fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are Fourteen generations” Matthew 1: 17.

FOURTEEN AND DELIVERANCE: BIBLE EVIDENCES

6. The *fourteenth* day of the first month was the *Passover* when God *delivered* the firstborn of Israel from death. And some 430 years earlier also on Nisan 14, God had confirmed His covenant with Abraham, Exodus 12:6; Genesis 15.
7. In Esther 9:15-26, the *Day of Purim* was the *14th* day of the month, Adar, when the Jews were allowed to defend themselves against Haman's plot, this started a *new* freedom for them.
8. In Genesis 8: 9-12, Noah sent out the dove twice and waited a total of *14* days indicating that the land had dried and was ready for a new start.
9. In Genesis 14, in the *14th* year when Chedorlaomer reclaimed the rebellious kingdoms, Abraham rescued Lot and met *Melchisedek on the return from the rescue*.
10. In Ezekiel 40; *14* years after Jerusalem was destroyed Ezekiel had the vision of the New Temple.
11. In 1 Kings 8: 65 Solomon and the people had *14* days of celebration for the new temple
12. In Genesis **31: 41**, Jacob worked *14* years for his wives and then started working for his family.
13. **Acts 27: 27-36** informs us that it was on the *14th day after being in the storm* when Paul got the crew to eat.
14. Remember too the 70 year captivity at the end of which the Jews, having learnt the lesson God intended, were to return and rebuild Jerusalem. **70= 14×5**. The 70 year captivity was to be **redemptive** (number **14**) by God's **grace** (number **5**)

Before sin there was perfect happiness in God's Kingdom (symbolized by **number 12**). Then the Satanic rebellion (symbolized by **number 13**) occurred and sin and woe entered the universe and became centered on planet Earth. However, the plan of Redemption (symbolized by **number 14**) made a way for Earth's rebels to be reinstated into the Kingdom of God again.

So we see that 12 was attacked by 13, but 14 rescues believing rebels and reinstates them into 12. In the end 12 will have been vindicated through 14. The thirteen of rebellion will be totally vanquished by eternal unconditional Agape Love which is the eternal foundation of God's Kingdom.

The Glory of The Gospel/Redemption (James 1:17; 1John 4: 8 – 21)

"It is the glory of the gospel that it is founded upon the principle of restoring in the fallen race the divine image by a constant manifestation of benevolence. This work began in the heavenly courts. There God decided to give human beings unmistakable evidence of the love with which He regarded them. He "so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. CH 222.1

"The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit gave Themselves to the working out of the plan of redemption. In order fully to carry out this plan, it was decided that Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, should give Himself an offering for sin. What line can measure the depth of this love? God would make it impossible for man to say that He could have done more. With Christ He gave all the resources of heaven, that nothing might be wanting in the plan for man's uplifting. Here is love—the contemplation of which should fill the soul with inexpressible gratitude! Oh, what love, what matchless love! The contemplation of this love will cleanse the soul from all selfishness. It will lead the disciple to deny self, take up the cross, and follow the Redeemer". CH.222.2

HIS NAME AND HIS FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN IN THEIR FOREHEADS

THE NAME OF GOD

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144, 000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. Rev.14:1 ESV

Of all the names of God mentioned in the Hebrew scriptures none, is more striking than the very special name YAHWEH.

By comparing Exodus 3: 13 – 15 with Exodus 6: 2, 3 we understand that God's special name YAHWEH means I AM THAT I AM. This special name signifies the absolute eternity of God.

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57: 15 ESV

The Hebrew word translated eternity in this text is **עוֹלָם**(ad) which means perpetual continuation, timelessness. The Divine Nature is infinite in Power, Wisdom, and Love and is changeless and timeless. The special Name YAHWEH or Jehovah signifies the Absoluteness, the Eternity, the Omnipotence and the Infinity of the only true and living God. (Isaiah 40: 12-31; 43: 10 -13; 45:5, 6; 46: 1- 10).

The **Name** and the **Infinite Power, Infinite Wisdom, and Infinite Love**, of God have been *firstly* revealed in the *creation* of the Universe. The Father created all creation by His eternal only begotten Son(John 1: 1- 3; 1Cor.8:6; Col.1: 16; Hebrews1: 1, 2). After the creation of our planet and solar system in 6 days, **God** made the **Seventh-day Sabbath** as the immutable *memorial of His infinite creative Power, Wisdom and Love* Genesis 2: 1- 3. The *principle of God's Rest is grounded in the eternal Principle of unselfish, self- sacrificing Agape Love by which God's Infinite Power functions through His Infinite Wisdom for the eternal perfection, peace and restfulness of His creation!* There can be no rest without righteousness, and there can be *no* righteousness without unselfish Agape Love. God does not, in fact, *cannot* vary in the slightest degree from this absolute principle of His Character.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” James 1: 17.

The **Name** and *character* of God, His infinite Power, Wisdom, and Love have also, and even more amazingly, been revealed in the plan of Redemption in which the Creation gift of **Rest**, lost from humanity because of sin, has been fully restored in Christ by the Spirit of God. **Hebrews 4:1- 4, 9, 10.**

“It is the **love of self** that brings **unrest**. When we are born from above, the same mind will be in us that was in Jesus, the mind that led Him to humble Himself that we might be saved. Then we shall not be seeking the highest place. We shall desire to sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him. We shall understand that the value of our work does not consist in making a show and noise in the world, and in

being active and zealous in our own strength. ***The value of our work is in proportion to the impartation of the Holy Spirit. Trust in God brings holier qualities of mind, so that in patience we may possess our souls.*** DA 330.4

“The yoke is placed upon the oxen to aid them in drawing the load, to lighten the burden. So with the yoke of Christ *When our will is swallowed up in the will of God, and we use His gifts to bless others, we shall find life’s burden light. He who walks in the way of God’s commandments is walking in company with Christ, and in His love the heart is at rest. When Moses prayed, ‘Show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, ’ the Lord answered him, “My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”* DA 330.5.

Both in Creation and Redemption, the Name of the Father and His Son is inseparable from God’s Sabbath Rest and represents His *Character of unselfish, self-sacrificing Agape Love which is shed abroad in the hearts of His people by the Holy Spirit* (Romans 5:5). In the end-time *God’s Name, His Character and His Seventh Day Sabbath Rest will be sealed into the foreheads (the spirit of the mind) of the 144, 000 by the Holy Spirit.*

EIGHT COMPOUND NAMES

In the Hebrew scriptures the Name **YAHWEH** is used in 8 special Compound Titles. And remember that “*The Name of the Lord is a strong Tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe*” Proverbs 18:10. Here now is the list of 8 compound Names: (8 is the victory number)

1. ***Jehovah-Raah(Rohi)***: The Lord is my Shepherd. Psalm 23:1
2. ***Jehovah-Jireh***: The Lord will provide. Genesis 22:14
3. ***Jehovah-Shalom***: The Lord our Peace. Judges 6: 24
4. ***Jehovah-Rapha***: Exodus 15:26, The Lord our Physician. Psalm 103: 3; Psalm 147:3; Jeremiah 3:22

5. **Jehovah-Tsidkenu:** The Lord our Righteousness. Jeremiah 23:6
6. **Jehovah-Nissi:** The Lord our Victory - Banner. Exodus 17:15; Song of Solomon 2:4
7. **Jehovah M'kaddesh:** The Lord Doth Sanctify
8. **Jehovah -Shammal:** The Lord is There or The Lord is Present. Ezekiel 48: 35

"From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple. God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin, —from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul. "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver." Malachi 3:1-3. DA 161.1

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17. No man can of himself cast out the evil throng that have taken possession of the heart. Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple. But He will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but He says, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him.” Revelation 3:20. He will come, not for one day merely; for He says, “I will dwell in them, and walk in them;... and they shall be My people.” “He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” 2 Corinthians 6:16; Micah 7:19. His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so that it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and “an habitation of God through the Spirit” Ephesians 2:21, 22. DA 161.2

“The Godhead was stirred with pity for the human race, and the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit gave themselves to the working out of the plan of Salvation. In order to fully carry out this plan, it was decided that Christ, the only begotten Son of God, should give Himself an offering for sin. And in giving Christ, God gave all the resources of heaven, that nothing might be wanting for the work of man’s uplifting. What line can measure the depth of this love? God would make it impossible for man to say that He could have done more” RH May 2, 1912.

“The salvation of the human race has ever been the object of the councils of heaven. The covenant of mercy was made before the foundation of the world. It has existed from all eternity, and is called the everlasting covenant. So surely as there never was a time when God was not, so surely was never a moment when it was not the delight of the eternal mind to manifest His grace to humanity. OFC 68.1

“The more we consider this subject, the greater depths we find, and

yet there are depths that we do not reach as we study the Redeemer's glory. It is the glory of the Prince of life, and the mightiest powers of man cannot reach it. The angels themselves desire to look into this mysterious and wonderful theme, the redemption of the human race. OFC 68.2

666: MAN'S WRATH CONTRASTED WITH GOD'S WRATH

“The carnal mind (*the mind of self*) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” Romans 8: 7. KJV

This *enmity* will be fully ripened in those who reject God's truth and His law and accept the *false worship of the image of the Beast and receive the mark of the Beast* in the soon coming final crisis. This fully ripened *enmity* is symbolized by the *number 666*.

Inherent in this enmity and number 666 is the persecutory wrath of the *dragon*.

“And when the dragon saw that he was cast out unto the earth, he persecuted the woman...” Rev12: 13

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev.12:17

“.....The dragon gave him (*the beast*) his power, and his seat, and great authority.” Rev.13:2

The *authority* of the *beast* in the Middle Ages was manifested in the absolute control the dominant Roman Church had over the consciences of people by the enforcement of church doctrines through the civil governments of the kingdom-nations of Europe. Anyone who had a disagreement with Papal dogma was subject to *civil* penalties including the *death penalty* if he did not recant! In fact, down through history, Satan has used the *union of religion and civil government (religion and the State)* to persecute *true* religion. Pagan Rome was Satan's terrible persecutory engine against the early Christianity, but that was superseded by the union of the Papacy with the European kingdoms (civil governments) during the Dark Ages. Scripture had foretold the Papal persecutory dominance of the Middle Ages in such passages as Daniel 7: 25; Revelation 12: 6, 13, 14; 13:1- 10; 2Thess 2.

The Protestant Reformation proclaimed the open Bible with scripture interpreting scripture as the only basis of the true faith and showed, from scripture, that the human conscience should not be compelled, by State or Church, in matters of faith and worship. The Lutheran Reformation and the Reformed Princes of Germany caused persecution to be almost wholly eased by 1773. Before that date, in 1620, English Puritan Protestants had sailed across the Atlantic to establish a country without a king and a church without a pope. These developments were summarized in Revelation 12:16.

These principles of Protestantism eventually became the foundation of the USA Constitution.

Amendments to the Constitution, Article 1 states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances"

This separation of church and State, when fully implemented, guarantees *liberty of conscience in matters of faith, doctrine and worship; and is based on the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 22: 15 to 22; and of the Apostle Paul in Romans 13:1 to 10.*

The USA Constitution, guaranteeing liberty of conscience, with civil and religious freedoms, was foretold in Revelation 13:11. But this same verse predicts that the *lamb-like Constitution will eventually be repudiated, producing the dragon-like resurgence of religious intolerance and persecution through church-state union in the USA and throughout Christendom.* This is described as the *image and mark of the beast* in Revelation 13: 11 to 18. The specific doctrinal article of faith that will be attacked will be *freedom of conscience to keep the Seventh-day Sabbath instead of the Pagan-Papal Sunday.* All will be compelled to honor the Sunday and, as a result, seventh day sabbath keepers will be brought under increasing persecutory pressure ending with the death penalty. Revelation 13:15 to 17. That is how Revelation 12: 17 will be fulfilled.

Jesus made it clear that those professed religionists who deny others their God given-right of liberty of conscience and who sentence them to death for their faith, *neither know the Father nor the Son.* John 16: 1- 3.

It is *not* in the character of God to compel the conscience. Zechariah 4:6; John 18: 36; Rev.22: 17.

*“The earth was dark through misapprehension of God. That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan’s deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. **The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God’s government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world’s dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, “with healing in His wings.” Malach 4:2” DA 22.***

“God could have destroyed Satan and his sympathizers as easily as one can cast a pebble to the earth; but He did not do this. Rebellion was

not to be overcome by force. **Compelling power is found only under Satan's government.** The Lord's principles are not of this order. His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God's government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power." DA 759.1

Since compelling power is found **only** under Satan's government we must conclude that man's wrath and God's Wrath are completely different, and this is exactly what the Apostle James tells us.

"For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" James 1: 20.

The wrath of the *mind of self* is the wrath of *the enmity*, and since the *enmity* is not, and cannot be, subject to the law of God, the wrath of man *worketh **not*** the righteousness of God. In direct contrast to this *enmity* is Agape Love.

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" Romans 13:10

God is Love. His moral Law is a transcript of His Character. Moreover He has given His created beings ***genuine*** freedom of choice. 1John 4:8; 2 Corinthian 3: 17. The mechanism of God's wrath is explained in scripture as ***God giving up those whose minds are fixed in the rejection of His love, truth and righteousness.*** Since the Holy Spirit cannot force Himself upon those who reject Him, He has to withdraw and give them up to the ***way*** they have chosen, allowing them to ***reap*** what they have ***sown***. **Study these texts carefully: Romans 1: 15 to 28 (note verses 18, 24, 26, 28); Hosea 4:17; Hosea 11: 7 to 9; Proverbs 11: 5, 6; Ecclesiastes 10:8; Proverbs 8:35, 36; 1John 5: 11, 12; John 3: 36; James 1: 12 to 20; Galatians 6: 7, 8, 9, 10.**

"God does not stand toward the sinner as an executioner of the sentence against transgression; but He leaves the rejectors of His mercy to ***themselves***, to ***reap*** that which they have sown. Every ray of light rejected, every warning despised or unheeded, every passion

indulged, every transgression of the law of God, is a seed sown which yields its unfailing harvest **The Spirit of God, persistently resisted, is at last withdrawn from the sinner, and then there is left no power to control the evil passions of the soul, and no protection from the malice and enmity of Satan. The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful and solemn warning to all who are trifling with the offers of divine grace and resisting the pleadings of divine mercy. Never was there given a more decisive testimony to God's hatred of sin and to the certain punishment that will fall upon the guilty**" G C 36.1

"The Jews had forged their own fetters; they had filled for themselves the cup of vengeance. In the utter destruction that befell them as a nation, and in all the woes that followed them in their dispersion, they were but reaping the harvest which their own hands had sown. Says the prophet: "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself;" "for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity." Hosea 13:9; 14:1. **Their sufferings are often represented as a punishment visited upon them by the direct decree of God. It is thus that the great deceiver seeks to conceal his own work.** By stubborn rejection of divine love and mercy, the Jews had caused the protection of God to be withdrawn from them, and Satan was permitted to rule them according to his will." GC 35, 36.

Jesus, as our Substitute and Surety, suffered, for all mankind, the wrath which our collective corporate human guilt had incurred. Isaiah 53:6; Romans 8: 32. Those who reject this great salvation will be condemned to the separation from Christ, (the wrath of the Lamb, Rev.6:16) which will produce the second death. John 12: 44 to 48; Revelation 2:11; 20: 6.

The Satan-inspired wrath of man is described in Revelation 13: 12 to 17. The wrath of God is described in the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14: 9 to 11. We have clearly proven from the scripture that these two wraths are *not* in anyway similar. In the giving of the *final* warning of the Third Angel's Message, Revelation 18: 1 to 4, the earth will be *lightened with the glory of God's*

Character. The Loud Cry messengers will explain that the *Image and Mark of the Beast global political-religious-economic Confederacy will be a final rejection of God, and that, therefore, God will withdraw His Spirit and give up all those who accept the Mark of the Beast to reap what they have sown.* The four angels in Revelation 7: 1 to 3 will cease “to hold the four winds”, which means the withdrawal of God’s protection, resulting in the seven last plagues described in Revelation chapters 15 and 16.

Under the latter rain of the Holy Spirit, the ‘loud cry’ will proclaim God’s character of Love, Truth, and Righteousness as revealed in the Plan Of Redemption, especially the infinite sacrifice of His Son, so powerfully, *that the whole world will be brought to its final decision for or against Jesus and His truth.* When every mind is fixed and the 144, 000 are sealed, probation closes. Christ’s Most Holy Place ministry is completed and the Heavenly Sanctuary, representative of God’s government, stands fully vindicated, justified, cleansed (Hebrew:*tsadaq*).

FOLLOWING THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES

We start this study by reading Revelation 14: verses 1 – 4 which describe the 144, 000 in the Kingdom of Glory after having “*gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of His Name, stand on the sea of glass...*” Revelation 15:2.

Revelation 14: 4 and 5 list **seven** dimensions of character *perfection* of the 144, 000.

1. They are not defiled with women = complete cleansing from the false doctrines and sins of the mother harlot and her daughters. Rev.17:1- 5; Rev.18: 1- 4 .
2. They are virgins (they are the *end-time 5 wise virgins* of Matthew 25, having not only the pure *faith* but also *latter rain oil* in their vessels, and have therefore been ripened for the harvest)
3. *They follow(ed) the Lamb whithersoever He goeth* (this we shall expand later)
4. They are redeemed from among men = translation at the Second Coming of Christ

5. They are firstfruits (= *fully ripened and perfected in Christ's character and fully reflecting that character to the world and the on-looking universe*)
6. There is no guile in their mouths (= they speak and live the truth without compromise)
7. They are without fault before **the Throne** (= they have on the wedding garment = the *pure spotless victorious righteousness of Christ, and their sins have been blotted out by virtue of His infinite sacrifice and High Priestly Ministry in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary.*) 1 Thessalonians 5: 23. Jude 1: 24, 25.

“Through the righteousness of Christ we shall stand before God pardoned, and as though we had never sinned” 5BC 1142

“Christ imputes to us His sinless character, and presents us to the Father in His own purity” RH JULY 12, 1892.

Read Romans 3: 21 to 28; Romans 4; Romans 5: 18 to 20; Ephesians 2: 8 to 10; James 2: 17.

“Well may our hearts turn to our Redeemer with the most perfect trust, when we think of what he has done for us, even when we were sinners. Through faith we may rest in his love. ‘Him that cometh to me, ’ he says, ‘I will in no wise cast out.’ It would be a terrible thing to stand before God clothed in sinful garments, with his eye reading every secret of our lives. But through the efficacy of Christ’s sacrifice we may stand before God pure and spotless, our sins atoned for and pardoned. ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.’ The redeemed sinner, clothed in the robes of Christ’s righteousness, may stand in the presence of a sin-hating God, made perfect by the merits of the Saviour. ‘As many as received him, ’ the promise is, “to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” RH May 5, 1910

“Let those who are oppressed under a sense of sin remember that there is hope for them. The salvation of the human race has ever been the object of the councils of heaven. The covenant of mercy was made before the foundation of the world. It has existed from all eternity, and is called the everlasting covenant. So surely as there never was a time when God was not, so surely there never was a moment when it was not the delight of the eternal mind to manifest His grace to humanity. He is ever calling, ‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.’ ‘Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it can not save, neither His ear heavy, that it can not hear.’

“Christians, is Christ revealed in us? Are we doing all in our power to gain a body that is not easily enfeebled, a mind that looks beyond self to the cause and effect of every movement, that can wrestle with hard problems and conquer them, a will that is firm to resist evil and defend the right? Are we crucifying self? Are we growing up unto the full stature of men and women in Christ, preparing to endure hardness as good soldiers of the cross?” ST June 12, 1901

“In the parable the wise virgins had oil in their vessels with their lamps. Their light burned with undimmed flame through the night of watching. It helped to swell the illumination for the bridegroom’s honor. Shining out in the darkness, it helped to illuminate the way to the home of the bridegroom, to the marriage feast COL 4:14.1

“So the followers of Christ are to shed light into the darkness of the world. Through the Holy Spirit, God’s word is a light as it becomes a transforming power in the life of the receiver. By implanting in their hearts the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the

attributes of God. The light of His glory—His character—is to shine forth in His followers. Thus they are to glorify God, to lighten the path to the Bridegroom’s home, to the city of God, to the marriage supper of the Lamb. COL 414.2

“The coming of the bridegroom was at midnight—the darkest hour. So the coming of Christ will take place in the darkest period of this earth’s history. The days of Noah and Lot pictured the condition of the world just before the coming of the Son of man. The Scriptures pointing forward to this time declare that Satan will work with all power and “with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10. His working is plainly revealed by the rapidly increasing darkness, the multitudinous errors, heresies, and delusions of these last days. Not only is Satan leading the world captive, but his deceptions are leavening the professed churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. The great apostasy will develop into darkness deep as midnight, impenetrable as sackcloth of hair. To God’s people it will be a night of trial, a night of weeping, a night of persecution for the truth’s sake. But out of that night of darkness God’s light will shine.” COL 414.3

“He causes “the light to shine out of darkness.” 2 Corinthians 4:6. When “the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, ” “the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light” Genesis 1:2, 3. So in the night of spiritual darkness, God’s word goes forth, “Let there be light” To His people He says, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.” Isaiah 60:1. COL 415.1

“Behold, ” says the Scripture, “the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.” Isaiah 60:2. COL 415.2

“It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth”. COL 415.3

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

“Christ declared that after his ascension, he would send to his church, as his crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take his place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit, –the soul of his life, the efficacy of his church, the light and life of the world. With his Spirit Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin.

“In the gift of the Spirit, Jesus gave to man the highest good that heaven could bestow. The Saviour looked on humanity, and saw that it was under the power of the prince of darkness; but he saw also that there was hope for human beings because there was power in the divine nature successfully to contend with evil agencies. With glad assurance he said, “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”

JOHN 3:5; ROMANS 8: 9, 14

“The Spirit was given as a regenerating agency, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had

been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of man to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress his own character upon the church.

"Christ said of the Spirit, "He shall glorify me." As Christ glorified the Father by the demonstration of his love, so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing to the world the riches of his grace. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of his people.

TITUS 3:3-7; ROMANS 8: 31-39

"At the cost of infinite sacrifice and suffering, Christ has provided for us every essential to success in the Christian warfare. The Holy Spirit brings power that enables man to overcome. It is through the agency of the Spirit that the government of Satan is to be subdued. It is the Spirit that convinces of sin, and, with the consent of the human being, expels sin from the heart. The mind is then brought under a new law, —the royal law of liberty.

"The Spirit works in us by bringing to mind, vividly and often, the precious truths of the plan of redemption. We should forget these truths, and for us God's rich promises would lose their efficiency, were it not for the Spirit, who takes of the things of God, and shows them to us. Our hearts are warmed by the contemplation of Jesus and His love, and we long to speak to others the comforting assurances that have been brought to our minds.

“It is the privilege of every son and daughter of God to have the indwelling of the Spirit. If those who know the truth would love and fear the Lord always, if they would abide in Christ, they would have moral and spiritual power. The grace of Christ would be in them as a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life, and would flow from them as streams of living water.

“The Spirit illumines our darkness, informs our ignorance, and helps us in our manifold necessities. But the mind must be constantly going out after God. If worldliness is allowed to come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with him who is the source of strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us. Those who are unbelieving do not receive the rich endowment of grace that would make them wise unto salvation, patient, forbearing, quick to perceive and appreciate heavenly ministrations, quick to discern Satan’s devices, and strong to resist sin. God can not do his mighty work for them because of their unbelief.

“Christ has promised the gift of the Spirit to his church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe, and profess to claim the Lord’s promise; they talk about Christ and about the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies. We can not use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in his people “to will and to do of his good pleasure.” But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for his guidance and grace, is the Spirit given.

“Christ declared that the divine influence was to be with his followers to the end. But the promise is not accepted and believed by God’s people; therefore its fulfilment is not seen. The promise of the Spirit

is a matter little thought of; and the result is only what might be expected, —spiritual drought, spiritual weakness, spiritual declension and death. Minor matters occupy the attention, and the divine power that is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in its infinite plentitude.

“Just so long as the church is satisfied with small things will it fail of receiving the great things of God. Why do we not hunger and thirst after the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it. The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children.

“If our workers realized the responsibility resting upon them, would they enter the work without cherishing a deep sense of its sacredness? Should we not see the deep movings of the Spirit of God upon the men who present themselves for the ministry? For the baptism of the Holy Spirit, every worker should be offering his prayer to God. Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to devise and execute. Especially should men pray that God will baptize his missionaries with the Holy Spirit.

“There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting aside self, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. If men will endure the necessary discipline, without complaining or fainting by the way, God will teach them hour by hour, and day by day. He longs to reveal his grace. If his people will remove the obstructions, he will pour forth the waters of salvation in abundant streams through human channels. If men in humble life were encouraged to do all the good they could do, if restraining hands were not laid upon them to repress the zeal, there would be one hundred workers for Christ where now there is one.

“God takes men as they are, and educates them for his service, if they will yield themselves to him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, will quicken all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted unreservedly to God develops harmoniously, and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfil the requirements of God. The weak, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and his disciples that the Christian becomes like him in mind and character. Through a connection with Christ he will have clearer and broader views. His discernment will be more penetrative, his judgment better balanced.

“The presence of the Holy Spirit with God’s workers will give the presentation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give. The Spirit furnishes the strength that sustains striving, wrestling souls in every emergency, amid the unfriendliness of relatives, the hatred of the world, and the realization of their own imperfections and mistakes.

“A union of divine and human endeavor, a close connection first, last, and ever, with God, the source of all strength, –this is absolutely necessary in our work.” R.H. May 19, 1904

THE ‘RAINS’ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Hosea 10:12; Isaiah 45:8; Jeremiah 5:24; James 5:7; Zechariah 10:1; Hosea 6: 3.

“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD (YAHWEH) your GOD: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month”. Joel 2:23 KJV.

הַרְוֵמָה = *ham mo vreh*, means **a teacher of righteousness**; translated **early rain** from the root *yarah*

מְרֹמֵר = mo-v-reh, (*mowreh*) **teacher of righteousness** from root *yarah*:
translated *rain*

לִּזְדַּקָּה = liz-da-kah, (*tsadaqah*) means **according to or, in proportion to, righteousness** from root *tsadaq*: translated *moderately* in KJV

מְשַׁגַּר = ge-shem, from ? root. Translated *shower*

שׁוֹקֵט מַלְכוּת = u-mal-ko-vsh, from **root: lequesh**: Translated *latter rain*

In Number 11 of his 1893 Lectures on *The Third Angel's Message*, A T Jones drew attention to the KJV translation “*the former rain moderately*” (Hebrew *mowreh lizdakah*). Jones indicated that a more accurate translation would be: “*a teacher of righteousness according to righteousness*”, or, as some Hebrew Scholars translate it: “*the teaching of righteousness in proportion to righteousness*”. Though the translation of these Hebrew words is challenging, *one clear and sure fact is this: the Hebrew word lizdakah is derived from the root TSADAQ* a word we are familiar with. *Tsadaq* is translated *cleansed* in Daniel 8:14; but it is also, and more frequently, translated *to be justified* or *vindicated*, see Psalm 51:4; Isaiah 43: 9; Isaiah 45:24, 25, in these verses *tsadaq* is translated *justified*. In Psalm 19: 9 *tsadaq* is translated *righteous*.

Let us read some other translations of Joel 2:23

God's Word Translations: “ *People of Zion, be glad and find joy in the LORD your God. The LORD has given you the Teacher of Righteousness. He has sent the autumn rain and spring rain as before*”

The Message Bible: “ *Children of Zion, celebrate! Be glad in the your God. He's giving you a teacher to train you how to live right – Teaching, like rain out of heaven, showers of words to refresh and nourish your soul, just as He used to do*”

English Standard Version: “ Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for He has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and latter rain as before”

According to Young’s *Analytical Concordance to the Bible*, *tsadaq* appears 41 times in the Bible, *not* including Joel 2:23. Now that we understand that *lizdakah* (translated *moderately* in the KJV) is derived from *tsadaq*, we can update the number of times *tsadaq* occurs in the Bible to 42. This number 42 is highly significant. $42 = 3 \times 14$. *Fourteen* is the number of *redemption* (2×7) and the *two sevens in 14 indicate the two-fold significance of the seventh day Sabbath in Creation and Redemption as the Seal of God’s Law, the seal of perfection.*

The number 3, Divine Decisive Action, indicates that the work of redemption was entirely the work of the Godhead.

But 42 can also be seen as 6×7 (6 is the number of man, 7 is the number of *Divine completeness in perfection*); so 6×7 indicates the union of *divinity* with *humanity* in the incarnate Son of God *Who completely and perfectly worked out our redemption* and also *indicates that man’s cooperation is essential in receiving the free gift of salvation, and, by the Love of God in the indwelling Holy Spirit, living in obedience to God’s Law and reflecting His character by abiding in Christ and having His righteousness thereby being witnesses in cooperation with the True and Faithful Witness for the cleansing and vindication of the Heavenly Sanctuary and God’s Government.*

The early and latter rain are described by Joel as *the teacher of righteousness according to righteousness*. This is exactly what Jesus said In John 14: 26 and John 15: 7 to 15

A T Jones emphasized that this means *the teaching of righteousness according to God’s idea of righteousness* not our idea of righteousness. The righteousness which justifies, sanctifies, and perfects the believer, is Christ’s righteousness: His perfect faith, love, obedience and infinite sacrifice. This victorious

righteousness comes to us through the Holy Spirit, Who brings to us *the mind* of Christ. God's end-time remnant must have the *mind* of Christ in order to be victorious over the beast, his image, number of his name and mark.

May we allow our High Priest Who is in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary to ripen us for His harvest of righteousness. Ephesians 3:14 – 21; 4:13.

Be an Overcomer

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. 21:7

1. Be an o - ver - com - er, on - ly cow - ards yield When the foe they meet on the bat - tle - field;
2. Be an o - ver - com - er, He who stands with you Is a might - y One, who is al - ways true;
3. Be an o - ver - com - er, you are heav - en's heir, And a crown of life you may ev - er wear;
4. Be an o - ver - com - er, for - ward bold - ly go, You are strong e - nough if you count it so—

We are blood - bought princ - es of the roy - al host, And must fal - ter not, nor de - sert our post.
In the sor - est con - flict you shall win the day, Face the le - gions dark till they flee a - way.
So with cour - age press the bat - tle to the gates, Till you gain the prize which in heav - en waits.
Strong e - nough to con - quer through sus - tain - ing grace, And to o - ver - come eve - ry foe you face.

Refrain
O - ver - come, o - ver - come;
Nev - er yield a step in the hot - test fight, God will send you help from the realms of light;

In Je - ho - vah's might put the foe to flight, And the vic - tor's crown you shall wear at last.