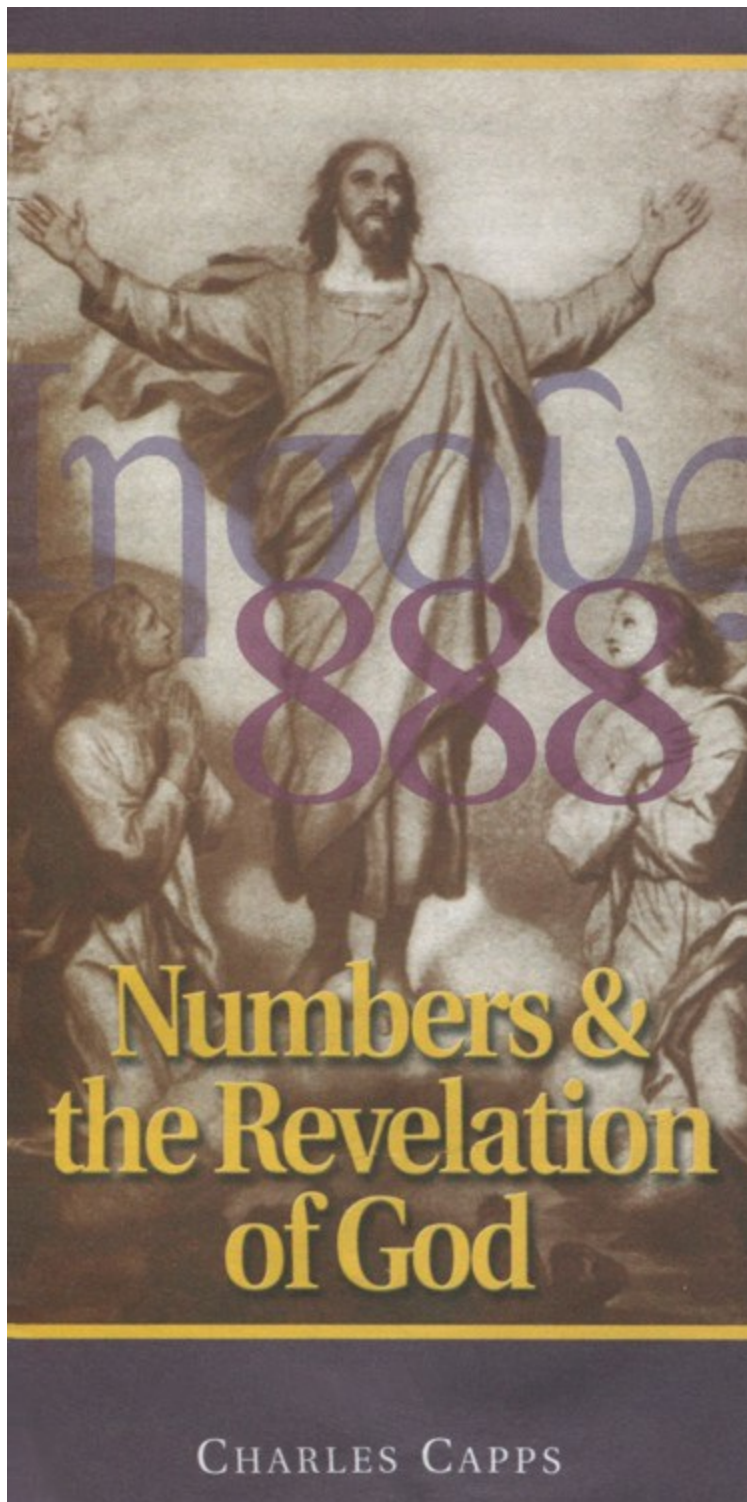


Numbers & the Revelation of God

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It is interesting how God uses numbers and names associated with events in the Bible to amplify and confirm the revelation of the written Word.

Have you ever wondered why the disciples caught exactly 153 fish? Every detail in the Bible is significant, rather than being there by chance. God's Word was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and these details magnify the revelation of God's Word. God is turning the light up for us today to the point where we can understand and see the meaning of some details that have been hidden in the Scriptures.

It wasn't a coincidence that the disciples caught exactly 153 fish.

Tradition tells us that it was a common

belief that there were only 153 different species of fish in that lake. The implication seems to be that they caught every kind of fish that could be caught.

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In Mark 1:16-17, Jesus saw Simon Peter and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea, “*And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*” The number 153 is also the numerical value for “sons of God.” This gives prophetic insight to the number of fish that they caught.

The implications are that they caught every kind of fish that could ever be caught in that net. The net seems to represent the same “net” that Jesus referred to in Matthew 13:47-50:

*Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like unto a net, that was cast into
the sea, and gathered of every
kind: Which, when it was full, they
drew to shore, and sat down, and
gathered the good into vessels, but
cast the bad away. So shall it be at
the end of the world: the angels
shall come forth, and sever the
wicked from among the just, And
shall cast them into the furnace of
fire: there shall be wailing and
gnashing of teeth.*

The prophetic implication of these
verses and the 153 fish caught in the net

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represent the sons of God who will be
drawn into the Kingdom through the
“Gospel net.” The last great drag of this

net will be worldwide. This could be indicative of the Internet, which is worldwide in scope, drawing all kinds both good and evil. God has always given mankind a choice, but a day is coming in which the good will be separated from the evil.

Then at the end of the seventh and last millennium before eternity, the wicked will be forever severed from the just and cast into their final abode: a furnace of fire. That will not be a pretty scene, but it will be just recompense.

The gematria of the phrase “sons of God” enhances our understanding of the written Word and reveals God’s plan to give all people a chance to become sons of God.

Let’s take a look at the Greek and Hebrew gematrias, which are simply the

numerical values of letters of these alphabets. In Hebrew and Greek, letters are used to represent numbers.

Therefore, they are familiar with the fact that these same letters can spell

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words.

It seems that God uses certain numbers in relation to certain phrases and events to amplify the revelation of His Word. Once you understand this method, it makes the Bible an even more exciting book and easier to understand.

There are six letters in the Greek alphabet that spell Jesus:

JESUS

Ihsouz

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

As you can see, those six letters make up a numerical value of 888. It is significant that the gematria for the phrase “the salvation of God” in certain verses is also 888, confirming that Jesus is “the salvation of God.”

In Luke 2:29-30, when Jesus was brought into the temple eight days after His birth to be circumcised, Simeon said, *“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:*

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For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,” meaning “the salvation of God.”

Have you ever wondered why the angel told Mary that Jesus’ name would be Jesus? Why couldn’t His name have been Philip? Because the numerical value of His name confirmed the

revelation of the written Word,
revealing that He was the salvation of
God.

It seems that God always lays out
things mathematically in Scripture to
give more emphasis to the revelation.

The number 8 seems to be
associated throughout Scripture with
what is called a dominical number. In
other words, it is a number associated
with “dominion.” Why 888? This would
seem to refer to Jesus being Lord, and it
also implies dominion through the
trinity.

In II Peter 3, Peter refers to “*the
day of the Lord*” which would be the
seventh millennium. Then after “*the
day of the Lord*” comes “the day of
God.” Obviously, that would be the
eighth day which represents eternity.

The numerical value of the name JESUS

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is a trinity of the number eight. The numbers 888 in a triangle reveal: God, the Father; Jesus, the Son; and The Holy Spirit as a trinity working together to restore righteous dominion for eternity.

(See II Peter 3:9-13 and Revelation 21:1-7)

One of the most interesting gematrias is found in the phrase “the salvation of Israel” which is 1776.

There are two revelations involved in this number. First, America declared its independence from Britain on July 4, 1776, and The United States sponsored Israel when they became a nation again in 1948. However, the second, most significant revelation in this number is

the fact that $888 + 888 = 1776$. It seems that this is God's way of confirming the fact that Jesus will be the salvation of Israel when He returns to Earth the second time as revealed by the prophet Zechariah:

*In that day shall the LORD
defend the inhabitants of
Jerusalem; and he that is feeble
among them at that day shall be as
David; and the house of David
shall be as God, as the angel of the*

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LORD before them. And it shall
come to pass in that day, that I will
seek to destroy all the nations that
come against Jerusalem. And I will
pour upon the house of David, and
upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem,*

*the spirit of grace and of
supplications: and they shall look
upon me whom they have pierced,
and they shall mourn for him, as
one mourneth for his only son, and
shall be in bitterness for him, as
one that is in bitterness for his
firstborn. (Zechariah 12:8-10) (See
Zechariah 14:1-5 and Revelation
19:11-21).*

The Jews will receive Jesus as their
Messiah (the salvation of God) when He
returns to Earth the second time to set
up His Kingdom on Earth. That will be
at the end of the Tribulation Period.

(Matthew 24:29-30) Jesus will come to
Earth just in time to deliver the remnant
of Israel from certain destruction from
the armies of the Antichrist.

Some rabbis believed that Jesus was

the suffering Messiah, but they were looking for the reigning Messiah. They wouldn't receive Jesus as the reigning Messiah, because they thought He

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would surely be born in a royal palace to become their king. But He was born in a manger.

They believed there would be two Messiahs: one was the suffering Messiah, and the other was to be a reigning Messiah. They didn't realize that Jesus was the suffering Messiah when He first came to Earth, and He will also be the reigning Messiah when He returns the second time.

It is also interesting how God uses names to confirm revelation of the Word as well as numbers. In Genesis 5,

we have a list of Adam's descendants.

There are two separate lists: the lineage of Seth and the lineage of Cain. They are listed as follows: Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah. These are the direct descendants of Adam through Seth. You will find in the Scriptures that names are very meaningful. Most of the time we have no idea what a name means. However, in Bible days they always knew what a name meant. When Abraham said, "My name is Abraham," they knew he said, "I am father of nations."

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If you take the meaning of the genealogies in the Seth line, this is what is revealed when you read from top to

bottom on right side:

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Adam.....Man

Seth.....Appointed

Enos.....Mortal

Cainan.....Sorrow

Mahalaleel.....The Blessed God

Jared.....Shall come down

Enoch.....Teaching

Methuselah.....His death shall bring

Lamech.....The Despairing

Noah.....Rest

When you study Hebrew words, you

find that they sometimes have several

meanings. But if you study the root

word, you come up with a better

understanding of the real meaning of the

word.

Here is what is revealed when you put the meaning of these names into a sentence: **Man appointed mortal sorrow, the Blessed God shall come down teaching His death shall bring the despairing rest.** This is a clear message and confirmation of the written Word.

This is God's way of speaking the

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end from the beginning. He revealed His plan of redemption through the genealogies of Adam, through the lineage of Seth.

Daniel and the three Hebrew children also have an interesting total gematria. These are their original Hebrew names:

Daniel..... = 95

Hananiah..... = 120

Mishael..... = 381

Azariah..... = 292

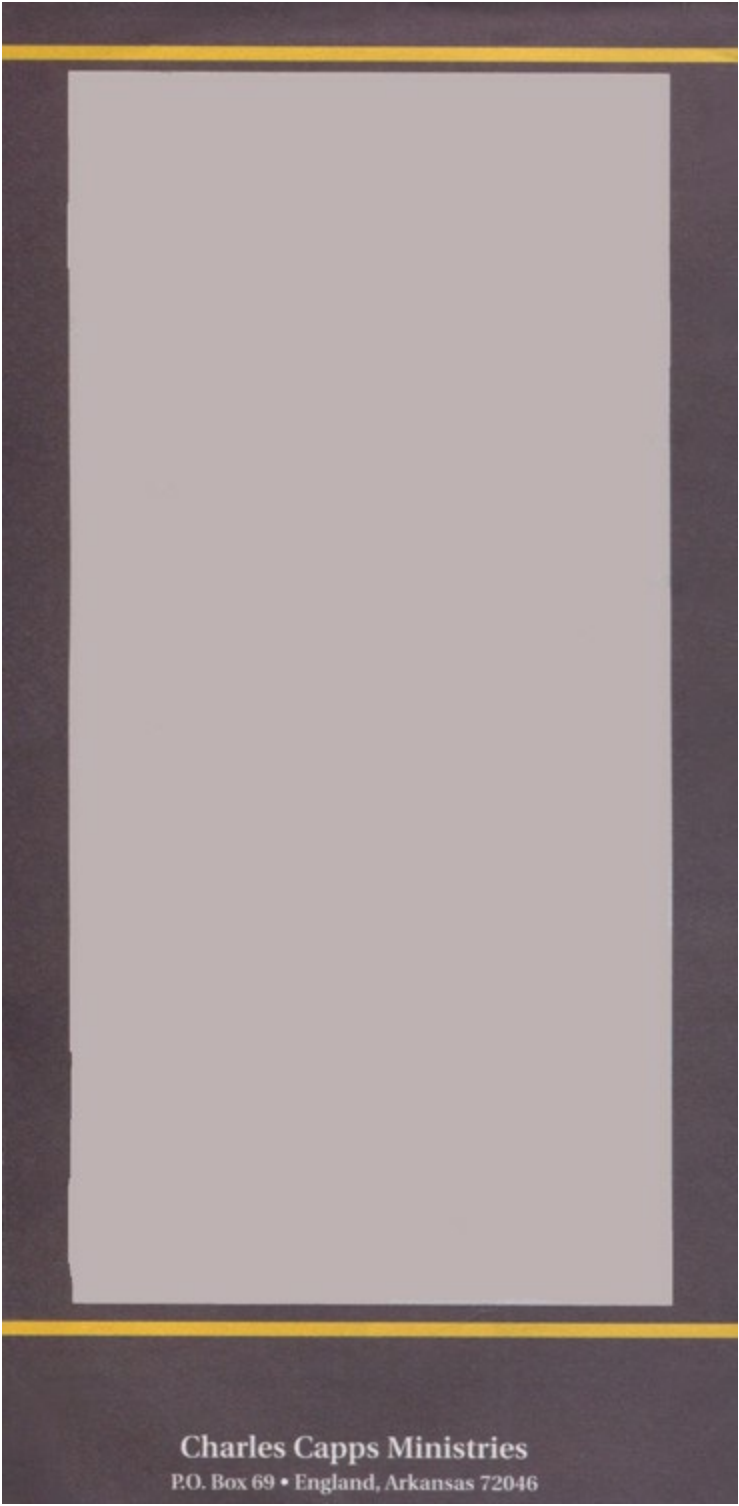
Total..... = 888

(same value as Jesus)

The revelation from the numerical value of these four names also reveals their deliverance was “**the salvation of God.**” Daniel was delivered from the lion’s den. The three Hebrew children were delivered from the furnace of fire.

(See Daniel 6:22 and Daniel 3) The numerical value of their names indicates it was Jesus who delivered them.

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