# Bible Diamonds & Nuggets Part 4

The reader should be aware that this series is based upon analysis of the King James Bible translation exclusively. In Part 3 of this series I shared information concerning how the corrupted text of many modern translations is the direct result of a pair of Satanists by the names of Westcott and Hort. In my work searching God's Gematria of Bible Numerics, I have done my best to verify all entries using the KJV Bible text as the "God's Gold Standard". When I come encounter any inconsistencies, where the count disagrees with the KJV Bible, it is almost always the result of someone using a counterfeit translation, which does not contain the Heptad authentication.

In this segment we will be looking at another important number found throughout the KJV Bible. The meaning of "eight" is explicitly "New Beginnings". God's month for "New Beginnings" is the first month of Nisan, which occurs in March or April of the year. Not only is the month of Nisan the first month which begins God's Sacred Year Lunar Calendar, but Nisan is also the first month that begins the Spring Season following the Vernal Equinox, which this year is March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

God directed Abraham to enter the Promised Land during the first month of Nisan for a New Beginning. (Nisan 14)

God directed Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt during the first month of Nisan for a New Beginning. (Nisan 14)

God directed Joshua to lead the Hebrew people into the Promised Land during the first month of Nisan for a New Beginning. (Nisan 10)

God directed Jesus to lead His Elect Body of Christ Church into the Promise of Heaven during the first month of Nisan for a New Beginning according to Jesus Christ:

In John 4:34-36 (Jesus speaking) says,

"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest (the resurrection & rapture). Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest (now during this month of Nisan, "NOT" after "yet four months" more). And He (Jesus) that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal."

Jesus says that He will resurrect & rapture the fruit of His Elect Body of Christ Church to eternal life in heaven during the MONTH OF NISAN when the Barley "FIELDS ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST". Brothers and sisters "in Christ" you should be watching for the Rapture in as few as two weeks as I understand the Biblical Calendar for the month

of Nisan! With what happened Thursday and Friday with SVBank collapse, all hell is about to break loose!

The number "eight" occurs 80 times in 80 verses of the KJV Bible. It represents resurrection and regeneration.

In Biblical Numerics, the number "eight" is also referred to as "the new creation, the true event," that is, the rebirth after the resurrection, from death to eternal life.

The number "eight" first appears in the book of Genesis, chapter 6, in the story of Noah's Ark, when the entire Earth was flooded. The task of creating the new Earth was assigned to "eight" people.

Shuah, Ishbak, Midian, Medan, Jokshan, Zimran, Isaac, and Ishmael were Abraham's "eight" sons.

There are exactly "eight" steps of Creation! And each of these steps started with, "And God said".

Genesis 1:3 "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

Genesis 1:6 "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

Genesis 1:9 "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so."

Genesis 1:11 "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."

Genesis 1:14 "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:"

Genesis 1:20 "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."

Genesis 1:24 "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so."

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air,

and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Similarly, the crucifixion of Jesus is significant in relation to the number "eight". When Jesus conquered the grave, He demonstrated His power over death.

Jesus' resurrection occurred shortly after His crucifixion on the last day. He appeared "eight" times to Mary Magdalene and His disciples after He rose from the dead.

Furthermore, the Feast of Tabernacles, which the Israelites observed (and which is still observed today), lasts **seven** days. The next day, another feast, known as the Last Great Day, is observed, making for an "**eight-day**" celebration.

The Lord God commanded in the Old Testament that every male child be circumcised on the "eighth" day of each new month. The removal of the foreskin symbolized a fresh start and acceptance of the Holy Spirit. A male child interestingly on the "eighth" day following birth is bombarded with Prothrombin, or what we know as Vitamin K, a clotting agent that prevents bleeding out from male circumcision. Circumcision was to remind man of God's Covenant relationship with humanity. To put it another way, a boy's body was like a dry land that needed to be prepared for the Spirit to reign.

Pentecost is also observed one week after the spring harvest, on the 50th day of the Hebrew calendar. Unsurprisingly, this special day falls on the "eighth" day of the seventh week.

The **50th** and **8th** day combination represents the first resurrection, when Christ will inaugurate the new covenant by raising the dead and making them immortal. This is evident in the last book of the Bible, Revelation, in the 20th chapter.

The number "eight" is associated with spiritual regeneration and the beginning of a new era. Jesus rose from the dead to eternal life on Resurrection Sunday, the first day of a new week, which is also the "eighth" day of the previous week.

The Pentateuch contains "**eight**" songs, some of which are also found in the Book of Psalms -(Deuteronomy 32, Exodus 15, the Song of Songs, Isaiah 5, 26, Judges 5, Numbers 21). The vast majority of these songs will be sung after Christ's resurrection.

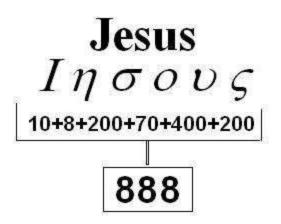
Furthermore, "eight" days after the announcement of Christ's sufferings, the vision of God's kingdom came to Peter, the disciple -(Luke 9:28-36), and Thomas, another of Jesus' disciples, was compelled to believe after failing to believe the previous "eight" days.

In Biblical numerics, the number "888" is associated with Jesus, or more specifically Christ the Redeemer. This representation can be justified using Hebrew Gematria, and by counting the letter values of the Greek transliteration of Jesus' name, shown in the following illustration.

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Is it by chance that the human body needs "eight" hours of sleep, or is it by design symbolizing the newness of life and awakening out of darkness, symbolic of death? God defines and uses numbers in the King James Bible because numbers are infinite.

Below is the Greek Gematria of Jesus or "888".



The profound Bible meaning of the number **888** is directly linked to the manifestation of God in the flesh to save mankind of its sins. As Joseph ponders whether to divorce his new but pregnant wife Mary, an angel appears in his dreams to alleviate his concerns. This messenger informs him that his wife, ". . . shall give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus" -(Matthew 1:21).

Jesus' name, in the original Greek language from which the New Testament was written, is spelled I (lota),  $\eta$  (Eta),  $\sigma$  (Sigma), o (Omicron),  $\upsilon$  (Upsilon) and  $\sigma$  (Sigma) or  $I\eta\sigma\sigma\upsilon\sigma$  (Strong's Concordance #G2424). Their numeric equivalents of 10, 8, 200, 70, 400 and 200 add up to **888**.

Surprisingly, other **888** related Bible names used for Jesus also have a factor of "**eight**" within them when we add the numeric equivalents of the Greek letters. These include Christ (1480 or **8** x 185), Lord (**800** or **8** x 100), Messiah (656 or **8** x 82) and others.

The "eighth" day is the first day of the week. Consider the phrase "First day of the week" occurs "eight" times and in "eight" verses of the Bible. -(Matthew 28:1) "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."

The number **888** has an interesting link to King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a statue symbolizing world-ruling empires starting with Babylon -(Daniel 2). The king challenges his magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers to both reveal what he dreamt and what it means -(Daniel 2:2 - 11).

The Babylonian "wise men" respond to Nebuchadnezzar by stating no ruler has ever made such a demand as his that is impossible to fulfill. Angered by their response, the king commands all wise men, which includes the prophet Daniel and his three friends, to be killed.

Daniel, after requesting additional time, seeks out his friends so that they can all pray about the situation. Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, that they might pray for the mercies of God in heaven concerning this secret . . . -(Daniel 2:17-18).

The Hebrew spelling of Daniel's name, using Gematria, adds to 95. Hananiah adds to 120, Misael's equals 381 and Azariah's is 292. Together they total **888**. God ultimately answered their prayers, revealing both the dream and its meaning.

Three **eights**, or **888**, also symbolize the mighty prophetic power of God through his prophet Elijah and his successor Elisha.

The first **8** of **888** represents the number of major miracles performed by Elijah -(1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17:1, 14 - 16, 17 - 23, 18:37 - 38, 41 - 45, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1:10, 12, 2:8). Elisha, before Elijah was taken away in a chariot of fire, asked to receive a double portion of the same spirit that was in his mentor. His request was granted through God allowing him to perform sixteen (**8** + **8**, a double portion) significant signs and wonders.

The first set of **eight** Elisha miracles are his dividing the Jordan River -(2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:14), healing bitter waters (verse 21), having two she-bears punish mockers (verses 23 - 24) and providing water for three kings (3:16-17). He also miraculously produced oil that was sold to pay a debt (4:1-7), raised a widow's son from the dead (verses 32-37), healed a pot of deadly food (verses 38-41) and fed 100 men (verses 42-44).

Elisha's second set of **eight** miracles, representing the third **8** of number **888**, is the healing of Naaman's leprosy -(2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:1-19), causing his servant to have leprosy after he pursued forbidden money (verses 20-27) and causing a heavy iron axe head to float (6:1-7).

Elisha also made it possible for one of his servants to see spiritual horses and chariots (verses 15-17), caused the Syrian army to be blind -(2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6:18) then restored their sight (verse 20). He lastly foretold Samaria's famine would end (chapter 7) and his bones brought a dead man back to life -(13:20-21). All this makes for **888**.

**Eight** is also an integral part of Jesus' sacrifice. Like the Passover lamb, Jesus was selected as the Lamb to take away man's sins on Nisan 10. He was crucified on Nisan 14. His resurrection occurred three complete days after he was buried, which was at the end of the weekly Sabbath day that fell on Nisan 17. Nisan 17 was day **8**, counting inclusively, from the time Jesus Christ was selected as man's sacrificial Lamb. All this bears record of Jesus' perfect sacrifice and His complete victory over death.

Boys were to be circumcised on the **8th** day. The number **8** symbolizes circumcision of the heart through Christ and the receiving of the Holy Spirit -(Romans 2:28 - 29, Colossians 2:11 - 13). Those "in Christ" are becoming a new creation, with Godly character being created by the power of God's Spirit -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10; 4:23 - 24).

After the **7** weeks of the spring harvest, the next day, the **50th** day, is Pentecost. This is **"day eight"** of the **seventh** week. This **8** and **50** day combination pictures the first resurrection when the saints will be raised from the dead and made immortal -(1<sup>st</sup>

Corinthians 15:20 - 23, John 3:3-12, Revelation 20:4-6). After the **7** days of the Feast of Tabernacles there is an **8th day**, called the Last Great Day.

Forty different people wrote the Scriptures. Forty is the product of five (symbolizing grace) times **8** (symbolizing a new beginning). It is therefore only by God's grace and love that man will someday be given a chance for a new beginning, as promised in the Word of God.

The New Testament was penned by only **eight** men (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Peter, Jude, Paul). Abdon (in the East) was a Judge of Israel who served **8** years -(Judges 12:13-14).

The most joyous Feast period of the year is the **eight** day period of the Fall Feast of Tabernacles followed immediately afterward by the Last Great Day. Abraham, the father of the faithful, had **8** sons total. They were Ishmael, Isaac, Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah.

One method of timekeeping used in Israel was called a 'watch.' Watches were time periods in which guards were placed on duty. Although days were initially divided into 6 equal watch periods -(Judges 7:19), by the time of the New Testament days were divided into 8 equal parts -(Matthew 14:25, Mark 6:48).

Night Watches: First watch - Sunset to 9 p.m. Second watch - 9 p.m. to Midnight Third watch - Midnight to 3 a.m. Fourth watch - 3 a.m. to Sunrise.

Day Watches: First watch - Sunrise to 9 a.m. Second watch - 9 a.m. to Noon Third watch - Noon to 3 p.m. Fourth watch - 3 p.m. to Sunset.

Jesus showed himself alive **8** times after His resurrection from the dead. His first appearance alive was to Mary Magdalene -(Mark 16:9 - 11). He then showed Himself to two disciples traveling to Emmaus -(Luke 24). Next, He appeared to all the disciples except Thomas -(John 20:19-24) then a week later to all them when Thomas was present -(John 20:26-29).

According to the apostle Paul, Christ also was seen by 500 believers at one time -(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:4-7). Jesus also met His disciples at the appointed place in Galilee - (Matthew 28:16-17) and on Galilee's shores -(John 21:1-24). His final meeting was on the Mount of Olives, where He gave His followers instructions before ascending to heaven -(Acts 1).

The Feast of Tabernacles lasted for **seven** days, but on the "eighth" day was a "Holy Convocation."

King David is the "eighth" Son of Jesse:

"Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul." -(1st Samuel 17:12)

Circumcision was done on the "eighth" day. Circumcision is a picture of the new Birth. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: <sup>29</sup>But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." -(Romans 2:28-29).

Jesus heals a man with palsy that has been sick "eight" years.

"And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. <sup>34</sup> And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately." -(Acts 9:33-34)

"The Lord is my..." There are "eight" attributes found after this phrase that describe God that can only be found in the King James Bible.

Strength Rock
Shepherd Light
Defense Portion
God Helper

What does the word "**Perfected**" mean and how does it relate to the new birth? Before we look at the word "**Perfected**" I want to mention the King James Bible built in dictionary. For more information on this topic, I encourage you to read Gail Riplinger's book: 'The Dictionary inside the King James Bible'. She writes:

The Holy Bible uses similitudes -(Hosea 12:10). God repeats a thought, using similar words. For example, -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:10, 11) says, "the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body...the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." Repeated words or parts of speech confirm a parallelism, as seen in this example. God uses the word 'shadow' to describe how He sometimes teaches - (Hebrews 8:5). A word has its accompanying shadow to reveals its form.

Below is the definition of the word "Perfected" which defined in the KJV means finished.

"Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected." -(2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 8:16).

The word "Perfected" is found 8 times, in 8 chapters, and in 8 verses of the Bible. In Luke 13:32 it reads -(Luke 13:32) "And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I

**shall be perfected.**" What did Jesus Christ say from the cross just before He died? The words "it is finished", -(John 19:30). This definition is proof that losing your salvation is not possible with the finished work of the cross and one is "in Christ". For further evidence consider Hebrews 10:14: -(Hebrews 10:14) "For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

#### The Number 8 Found in Nature:

There are 8 phases to the moon:

Words Found "eight" times in the Bible. [This is a partial list, more to come later.]

The phrase "The Kingdom of heaven is like" is found 240 (8 x 30) times and in 40 (8 x 5) verses of the Bible. All occurrences are found in the book of Mathew.

"Children of God" is found in (8 x 17 = 136) 136 verses of the Bible.

"Preserveth" found "eight" times in "eight" verses and "eight" chapters of the Bible.

"Rooted & Grounded" found in "eight" books of the Bible.

"The Righteousness of God" is found "eight" times in the Bible.

"The Seed of Abraham" is found "eight" times, in "eight" chapters and "eight" verses of the Bible.

"Book of Life" is found in "eight" verses of the Bible.

"He Shall Live" is found "eight" times and in "eight" verses of the Bible.

"Gift of God" is found "eight" times, in "eight" chapters, and "eight" verses of the Bible.

"Blessed is the man" is found 16 (8 x 2) times and in "eight" verses for new birth in Psalms.

"My Help" is found in "eight" chapters and 16 (8 x 2) verses of Psalms.

"My Rest" is found in "eight" verses of the Bible.

"Revive" is found "eight" times in the Bible.

The possible meaning of the number **88** is derived from both facts about and writings within Scripture.

King Rehoboam, who ruled the Kingdom of Judah from 930 to 913 B.C., had **88** (**8** x 11) children (28 sons and 60 daughters)! He produced this offspring through 18 wives and 60 concubines (78 females, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 11:21).

The king's **88** children is the largest recorded royal family of any ruler over Israel or Judah. This is in stark contrast to his father Solomon who, although he had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines -(1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:1-3), is recorded to have produced only him and some daughters -(1<sup>st</sup> Kings 4:11, 15).

There are no chapters that have exactly **88** verses. In fact, only four chapters in the entirety of the King James translation have **80** or more verses. These chapters are Luke 1 (**80**), 1Chronicles 6 (81), Numbers 7 (89) and Psalm 119 (176).

Psalm **88** was written by priests who served during King David's reign -(1010 to 970 BC). It encourages us to remain faithful and diligent, and to cry out to our heavenly Father all day and night if need be.

"O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; bow down Your ear to my cry, for my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near the grave" (verses 1-3).

The phrase *hapax legomenon*, in Greek, means "thing once said." One interesting way of studying God's word is to look for *hapax legomenon* or words that are recorded only once in the Bible. There are several of these in the King James translation, one of which, "forgetfulness," is found only in Psalm 88.

"Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?" -(verse 12 of Psalm 88).

Psalm 119, verse **88**, asks God to quicken or keep us alive so that we can continue to be obedient to Him.

"Give me life according to Your loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Your mouth".

There are several words in Scripture's original languages that occur **88** times. The Hebrew word *deleth* (Strong's #H1817) refers to a door hinge. *Tame* (#H2931) describes something foul in a religious sense. *Etsah* (#H6098) is to offer advice. *Sheqel* (shekel, Strong's #H8255) was a common weight, especially for money, in ancient Israel. *Eme* (#G1691), in the Greek text of the New Testament, refers to the self while *touto* (#G5129) is usually translated as "this."

Only the book of Psalms numbers more than **88** chapters in the KJV translation.

## **Jesus Is The Great 888**

The number 8 signifies the resurrection, regeneration, or new beginnings and Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of the number 8.

- Jesus name adds up to 888
- Son of Man 88 times
- Son of David 80 times
- David the 8th son
- Bethlehem mentioned 8 times in New Testament
- Jesus said or said Jesus appears 88 times
- Appeared to Thomas 8 days after other disciples
- Resurrection was 8th day
- The phrase first day of the week appears in 8 verses
- 8 people saved on the Ark
- Redeemer as a title written 8 times
- The word redeem appears 8 times in the book of Ruth
- Boaz and Ruth's child is the 8th person in the line of Pharez
- He fathered Jesse whose 8th son was David
- Valley of dry bones prophesy mentions bones 8 times
- The word revive appears 8 times

- The Church began on Pentecost which was the 8th day of the final week of feasts
- God rested on the 7th day -Jesus rose from the dead 8th day started a new creation
- Circumcision was 8th day
- 8 authors wrote the New Testament
- Must be born again the word born is mentioned 8 times
- So is every one born of the Spirit has 8 Greek words and is the 8th time born is mentioned
- That which is born of the spirit is spirit has 8 Greek words
- And every one that loveth is born of God has 8 Greek words.
- We are to put on 8 things
- 8 things will make sure we are never unfruitful.

Genesis 8:22 says that there are "eight" things the Bible says shall not cease while the earth remaineth,

- 1. seedtime and
- 2. harvest,
- 3. and cold
- 4. and heat,
- 5. and summer
- 6. and winter,
- 7. and day
- 8. and night

There are **8** things God's Word commands us to think about in order to have a new life: Philippians 4:**8** *"Finally, brethren,...... think on these things."* 

- 1. whatsoever things are true,
- 2. whatsoever things are honest,
- 3. whatsoever things are just,
- 4. whatsoever things are pure,
- 5. whatsoever things are lovely,
- 6. whatsoever things are of good report;
- 7. if there be any virtue.
- 8. and if there be any praise,

There are exactly sixty-four days between Purim and Lag B'Omer. Sixty-four days is equivalent to **eight** x **eight**. The number **eight** represents the spiritual world. The multiplication of **eight by eight** represents the totality of the spiritual world. Purim and Lag B'Omer are one holiday that is broken up into two parts. The holiness of this single holiday begins on Purim. On this day God reveals His hidden guidance of this world. We then spiritually refine ourselves in sequences of **eight** until we reach the **eighth** of the **eighth**, which is Lag B'Omer. We then merit to discover the secrets of Torah. The period between Purim and Lag B'Omer is the time we master our spiritual understanding of God (HaShem) and His Torah.

This uniquely Jewish concept of man having the ability to transcend his nature is represented by the number **eight**.

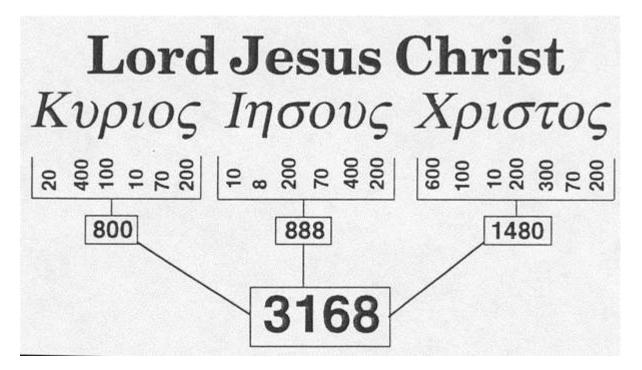
Jesus is crucified on the cross by three nails and the numerical value of the word nails in Greek is **888**:

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The numerical value of the Hebrew word **advn enplave**, meaning Lord of the miracles, gives **888**.

In his book 'Many Infallible Proofs', Dr. Henry Morris claims that the name of Jesus written in Greek is mentioned exactly **888** times in the Greek New Testament.

The title "Lord Jesus Christ" is found "eight" times in the Epistle to the Ephesians. The Gematria is 3168. There is a striking similarity with the mathematical property of  $\pi$ .  $\pi$  = 3.141592653589793238462643



The phrase "The Lord Jesus Christ" is also found "eight" times in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians of the Bible.

The phrase "The Lord Jesus Christ" is also found "eight" times in the book of Acts.

The first use of the number eight is in Bereshit (Genesis 17:12).

Bereshit -(Genesis) 17:12 "And he that is <u>eight</u> days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which [is] not of thy seed."

The number **eight** is involved in various aspects of the Temple service, as noted: The **eight** holy vestments of the High Priest. -(Exodus) 28

The Kohen Gadol, or High Priest, had **eight** vestments made especially for him. These included a pair of linen pants, linen, checkered tunic, a linen turban, and an embroidered sash. Over the tunic, he wore a blue, woolen, sleeveless robe called a **Me'il**. The bottom of the **Me'il** had a design of blue woolen pomegranates and golden bells which would tinkle as he walked. Over the **Me'il** he wore an Ephod, an apron-type of garment with shoulder straps. It was woven from five different types of threads. A golden breastplate called the **Choshen**, it was connected to the Ephod. Twelve different jewels corresponding to the twelve tribes, were embedded in the **Choshen**. Each of the stones had a different tribe's name engraved on it. I will discuss more on the Gematria of the 12 stones further down in this study.

The **eighth** vestment was a golden head plate called a *Tzitz*. It was worn on the High Priest's forehead. The regular Kohen only wore the first four vestments when he did the service in the Mishkan, the shirt, pants, sash and a hat. Because the Kohanim could not even wear shoes, there was a special chamber called the *Beit HaMokad*, where the Kohen could warm his feet before doing the service on the cold floor. One of the reasons for the great amount of attention and detail paid to the clothing was to impact upon the Kohen's appreciation of his responsibilities. The unique uniform that had to be worn would impress upon the Kohen the uniqueness of his mission as representative of the nation. The garments also served as atonement for specific sins that the nation had transgressed collectively as a group. For example, the Me'il atoned for the sin of Lashon HaRa, evil slander. The *Choshen* atoned for improper judgment, the pants for immorality, the hat for arrogance, the belt for jealousy, the Ephod for idolatry, and the *Tzitz* for chutzpah.

The High Priest changes garments **eight** times on Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement in his attempt to transcend the physical.

**Eight** varieties of spices, four for the oil of ointment, and four for the incense.

Shemot (Exodus) 30:23-24 "Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant cane 800 shekels of cassia--all according to the sanctuary shekel--and a hin of olive oil."

In Shemot (Exodus) 30:34-37 Then HaShem said to Moses, "Take fragrant spices-gum resin, onycha and galbanum--and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts, And make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred. Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to HaShem."

There are "eight" poles for carrying the vessel in the Sanctuary:

Two for the Ark,

Two for the Table,

Two for the Golden Altar, and

Two for the Copper Altar.

Shemot (Exodus 25)

**Eight** musical instruments, accompanying the Psalms of the Levites during the service, i.e., seven instruments and the choir itself, for a total of **eight**.

Stringed instruments - Psalm 4:1

Flutes - Psalm 5:1

Gitit - Psalm 8:1

Machalat Le'annot - Psalm 88:1

Yedusun - Psalm 39:1

Harp - Psalm 33:2 Lyre - Psalm 33:2 Voices

From the **eighth** day, after their birth, onwards, animals could be offered as sacrifices in the Temple. Vayikra (Leviticus 22:27).

The harp of Messianic days has **eight** strings, while the harp of the world to come has ten strings.

The **eight** times it is mentioned allude to the **eight** places where the Divine Presence was destined to rest among the Jewish people. The **seven** places where the Divine Presence already rested were:

- 1) The Mishkan (the sanctuary) in the desert,
- 2) Gilgal,
- 3) Shiloh,
- 4) Nov,
- 5) Givon,
- 6) the first Beit HaMikdash, and
- 7) the second Beit HaMikdash.

The **eighth** place will be the third **Beit HaMikdash** which will be built in the Days of Mashiach.

Chanukah is eight days long.

The oil, which should have lasted one day in the Chanukah miracle, lasted for **eight.** God (HaShem's) message was that the military victory should not be explained in material, political or in other physical terms. The number **eight** points to the intervention of the supernatural. It reminds us that the invisible hand of God (HaShem) is at work in all human enterprises, no matter how mundane.

Hebrew Sages explain that there is particular significance in the fact that the Chanukah menorah has **eight** lamps, and that we celebrate the festival for **eight** days. In the Holy Temple, the golden Menorah kindled each day in the Sanctuary had only **seven** lamps. The number **seven** represents the natural cycle of time: the **seven** days of the week, corresponding to the six days of Creation and the **seventh**, the Sabbath Day. Throughout history, since HaShem created the world, time has been measured according to this **seven-day** cycle. The number **eight**, however, represents a level that is higher than nature, and above time. This is the level of the miraculous, which is not bound by the laws of nature. It is especially fitting that we celebrate the miracle of Chanukah with **eight** lamps, culminating on the **eighth** day... for the number **eight** is also associated with the revelation of Mashiach, may He come speedily, in our days!

In order to appreciate the nature of the Chanukah miracle, we should examine other, similar miracles. Let us begin with the first Temple, the Mishkan.

The parasha of the Mishkan does not conclude with the finishing touches to the construction of the edifice and its vessels, nor even with the commencement of the sacrifices during the **seven** days of dedication. The whole enterprise peaks on the **eighth** day, Vayikra (Leviticus) 9:4 "for today God is revealed to you".

Without this **eighth** day, the entire construction of the Mishkan is meaningless:

"For all seven days of dedication ... the Shechinah did not rest there, and Bnei Israel were saddened and said to Moshe, 'Moshe Rabeinu, all the labor that we performed [was] in order that the Shechinah should dwell amongst us...". Even after Bnei Israel had completed all the preparations as commanded, the Mishkan remained an empty shell until the moment of revelation: Vayikra (Leviticus 9:22) "And a fire came out from before God and consumed the burnt offering and the fats, and the entire nation saw and they rejoiced, and they fell upon their faces".

Correspondingly, we find in the case of the first Temple: Il Divrei HaYamim (Chronicles 7:1-3) "And when Shlomo had finished his prayer, the fire descended from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of God filled the House ... and all of Bnei Israel saw the descent of the fire and the glory of God upon the House, and they prostrated themselves upon the floor, and bowed and thanked God for He is good, for His mercy is forever".

So long as God (HaShem's) glory is revealed in the Temple, it is not permissible to enter the Holy of Holies at will. It is instructive that immediately following the divine revelation in the Mishkan, at the moment Nadav and Abihu sacrificed their 'strange fire,' "a fire came out from before HaShem and consumed them". However, after the destruction of the first Temple, when God (HaShem's) glory is no longer apparent: Eicha (Lamentations 5:18) "for Mount Zion which is desolate; foxes walk there"

Strangers enter the Temple without suffering any harm: Eicha (Lamentations 1:10) "For she has seen Gentiles coming into the Temple - those concerning whom You commanded 'They shall not come into your congregation'".

How remote is the era of the destruction from that **eighth** day when Aaron's sons were punished! God (HaShem's) glory, which was once manifest so clearly, is perceptible no longer. For this reason, when the nation returned from Babylon to build the second Temple, once again some sign was required to indicate that the Shechinah, as it were, had returned.

The book of Ruth is the "eighth" book of the Bible. The "eighth" is the book of "New Beginnings". The word "Redeem" is found "eight" times in Ruth. The book of Ruth pictures the transition from the O.T. Israel, to the N.T. Church. The word "redeem" is found  $56 (8 \times 7)$  times in  $40 (8 \times 5)$  verses in the Bible.

When I mentioned the high priest's garments a few page above, there is an interesting numeric theme even more fascinating from what my rabbi friends have taught me that fit into this Gematria pattern down to the detail of the high-priestly vestments, we read particularly of the oracle - the *Urim* and *Thummim* -(Exodus 28:30) - provided for the guidance of the people in difficult and uncertain times. Details are lacking of the nature and use of these items, but we are informed that they were held in a pouch - called the breastplate (or, in some translations, breastpiece) - attached to the front of the ephod - the outer-most garment of the high priest. This breastplate was formed from a single piece of highly-embroidered linen cloth one cubit long and half a cubit wide, folded over in two to form a square, half a cubit by half a cubit (about 9in.x 9in). It was adorned with twelve precious stones on which were engraved the names of the tribes – i.e., those of the sons and grandsons of Jacob arranged according to their order of birth. These were set out in four rows of three stones each -(Exodus 28:15-30)

This goes on to describe many startling features of the breastplate numbers. Perhaps the most startling feature of these numbers is that there appears to be a hidden message in the High Priest's breastplate. As it turns out, THE GOSPEL IS WRITTEN IN THE STONES!

These are the 12 numbers -- Gematria of the 12 stones on the High Priest's breastplate:

30	466	259
7	570	54
95	830	501
331	395	162

The 3 stones at the bottom layer form the FOUNDATION STONE. JESUS is the foundation stone.

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888 = 331 + 395 + 162
888 = Greek gematria for JESUS
888 = lota(10) Eta(8) Sigma(200) Omicron(70) Upsilon(400) Sigma(200)
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On top of this foundation layer of stones, 4 stones stand erect like the letter "L" resting on its longer side horizontally as shown below:

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30 466 259
7 570 54
95 830 501
331 395 162
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The gematria of these 4 stones add up to **1480** -- the Greek Gematria for CHRIST!

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1480 = 54 + 95 + 830 + 501
1480 = Greek Gematria for CHRIST
1480 = Chi(600) Rho(100) Iota(10) Sigma(200) Tau(300) Omicron(70) Sigma(200)
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Thus the message contained in these **7** stones is JESUS CHRIST in Greek!

30	466	259		
7	570	54		
95	830	501	<	CHRIST
331	395	162	<	<b>JESUS</b>

Think of the improbability of this 'coincidence'. Could Moses have anticipated Jesus 1,500 years in advance and designed the High Priest's breastplate Gematria in Hebrew that conceals the name JESUS CHRIST in Greek? Given that Moses could foresaw Jesus and knew Greek, he still could not possibly have control over the births, the birth order and the names of the 12 sons of Jacob who existed a few hundred years before Moses was even born!

The **7** stones in which JESUS CHRIST is encoded in Greek, must have been ordered and positioned on the breastplate by design. There is no other plausible explanation. The Person who encoded the name JESUS CHRIST in these **7** stones by necessity must be a seer, a mathematician and a linguist of the highest order. Moreover, by implication, the Designer appears to possess the ability to direct human affairs, control human births and the naming of new borns.

But there is more.

While the bottom **7** stones cry out JESUS CHRIST in Greek -(Luke 19:40), the top 3 stones proclaim JESUS CHRIST in Hebrew! Amazing! There appears to be a coherent message in the High Priest's breastplate. One thing is certain. The 12 stones conceal a message concerning JESUS CHRIST.

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30
     466
                  <---- JESUS CHRIST (Hebrew: Jews)
           259
7
     570
            54
95
     830
           501
                  <---- CHRIST
                                       (Greek: Gentiles)
331
     395
           162
                  <---- JESUS
                                       (Greek: Gentiles)
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755 = 30 + 466 + 259

**755** = Hebrew Gematria for JESUS CHRIST

397 = JESUS = Yod(10) He(5) Vaw(6) Shin(300) Vaw(6) Ayin(70)

358 = CHRIST = Mem(40) Shin(300) Yod(10) Chet(8)

The message appears to be directed to Jews and Gentiles (Christians) -- the Old and New Testament peoples of God since the Old and New Testaments were originally written in Hebrew and Greek respectively. The question may now be asked: Why did the Encoder of the breastplate message, as it were, engrave on the stones the name JESUS CHRIST in Hebrew and Greek? What is the message for the Jews and Gentiles -- the apparent intended recipients?

The key to the puzzle lies in the two remaining stones with Gematria **7** and 570. What is the hidden meaning of these two stones? What is the overall message of the breastplate?

THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH -- The Enigmatic Gap

By removing the two remaining stones from the breastplate, a breach is formed in their place as shown below:

This is really fascinating since the combined gematria of the two stones is the same as that of the title "the repairer of the breach" found in Isaiah 58:12.

**577** = **7** + 570 **577** = Hebrew Gematria for *"The repairer of the breach"* -(Isaiah 58:12)

The repairer of the breach is clearly JESUS CHRIST according to Amos 9:11, "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:"

The High Priest's breastplate is all about "the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus" -(Hebrews 3:1)! The symbolism is perfect! The hidden message engraved on the High Priest's breastplate pertains to our eternal High Priest, even Jesus Christ -(Hebrews 6:20).

There is no mistaking that the Encoder had designed the Gematria of the 12 precious stones of the breastplate with the Temple in view! First, the stone imagery fits as the Temple is essentially built with hewed stones -(1<sup>st</sup> Kings 5:17; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:5). Second, the rectangular shape of the breastplate resembles the oblong structure of the sanctuary that houses the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies -- the very heart of the Temple.

Third, both the breastplate and the Temple are connected by the number 12 -- a very important number in the Temple design. There are 12 pearly gates in the Temple in Heaven guarded by 12 angels -(Revelation 21:21). The names of the 12 tribes of Israel are written on these gates -(Revelation 21:12)! The 12 foundations of the Temple in Heaven are 12 precious stones -(Revelation 21:19-20) which bear the names of the 12 apostles of Jesus -(Revelation 21:14)! The dimensions of the wall and city are respectively  $12 \times 12$  cubits and  $12,000 \times 12,000 \times 12,000$  furlongs! Even the servants are grouped according to the number 12 - 12 + 12 elders -(Revelation 4:4) and  $12 \times 12,000$  servants from the 12 tribes of Israel! Finally, these immortals feed on the 12

fruits from the tree of life which bears fruits on a 12-month cycle throughout eternity - (Revelation 22:2)!

Furthermore, the number 12 is expressed as 3 x 4 in both designs (see below) and not 12 x 1 or 2 x 6 or 2 x 2 x 3. Surely this too is by design.

- 12 Precious Stones of the Breastplate
- 12 Pearly Gates of the Temple in Heaven

(Note: The abundance of the number 12 in the Temple design is a conundrum which deserves an article all by itself. There is a very profound secret hidden in the number 12. Why is this number such an important number in the Temple design? It turns out the number 12 is one signature of the Almighty! The Hebrew Gematria of Shaddai the Almighty is 314 and the number 12 can be expressed as 3 x 1 x 4!

Thus, judging from material (stones), shape (oblong) and number (12), one can conclude beyond a shadow of doubt that the Designers of the High Priest's breastplate and the Temple in Heaven is one and the same Person -- God the Almighty!

That the breastplate and the Temple are intimately linked is without question. In fact, the hidden Gematria of the breastplate is a perfect illustration of the Temple.

Jesus is the Capstone, the Cornerstone, the Foundation Stone and the Repairer of the Breach. Truly, the Lord Jesus is the Temple -(John 2:19-21). How much clearer can this be? The hidden Gematria of the High Priest's breastplate points to the true eternal High Priest -- the Lord Jesus Christ. The Architect of the City of God and the Author of our salvation left us an intriguing clue in the breastplate so that we may know that He is the Master Builder of the House of God -(Hebrews 11:10).

The phrase "and understand that I am he" -(Isaiah 43:10) also has a Hebrew Gematria of 577, the same as that of 'the Repairer of the Breach' -(Isaiah 58:12). It is as if Jesus wants us to know and understand that "before Him there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Him, and that He, even He, is the LORD and beside Him there is no saviour." -(Isaiah 43:10-11)

The matter is sealed when one realizes each of these phrases has a Greek Gematria of 577 too: 'God's love'(Agape Theou), 'God's will'(Thelema Theou) and 'Gospel'(Evangelion).

The table below summarizes our search for the message hidden in the High Priest's breastplate:

Breastplate stones Value Gematria

#### 755

Jesus Christ (Hebrew)

#### 1480

Christ (Greek)

#### 888

Jesus (Greek)

#### 577

Repairer of the Breach (Hebrew) God's Love (Greek) God's Will (Greek) Gospel (Greek)

The first three Gematrias spell out the name Jesus Christ in Hebrew and Greek. The enigmatic fourth Gematria describes the person and work of Jesus Christ. To the Jews, He is the Repairer of the Breach, the One who will restore the kingdom. To the Gentiles, He is God's love and the gospel.

#### CONCLUSION

I hope you appreciate the import of these supernatural numbers. Moses could not have encoded them. Jacob could not have fathered and named the 12 patriarchs so that a message is engraved in the 12 stones of the breastplate. Yet, the startling message is unmistakable -- that JESUS IS THE CHRIST TO BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES! He is the One that fills the gap. He is the One that breaks down the dividing wall between Jews and Gentiles -(Ephesians 2:14). He is Yeshua HaMashiach. He is Jesus Christ, the Repairer of the Breach.

It is clear the Almighty God foreordained the Gematria of Aaron's breastplate. He designed and ordered the position, the number of the 12 patriarchs such that His undeniable signature may be detected by anyone who cares to scrutinize -- that JESUS IS THE CHRIST, the Saviour of all mankind, Jews or Gentiles alike. The amazing Gematria described above testifies beyond a shadow of doubt that the cornerstone that was rejected by the Jews is indeed their Messiah. It confirms that the Jewish Messiah is the Christian Saviour as written in the gospels of the New Testament. Jesus is God's Love and Good News. Ultimately, Jesus reconciles man to God, the very mission He came to earth for. The stones tell it all. The stones cry out and proclaim JESUS CHRIST -- THE SAVIOUR OF ALL MANKIND!

In a previous segment of this series I noted how important the work of Ivan Panin is in terms of impressing on the importance of Greek and Hebrew Gematria. Those who are either not impressed or unwilling to study Gematria and its importance to our understanding that we are being presented with incredible evidence to confirm that the

Bible is not of human origin. It is simply astronomical to think that what is available to confirm we are dealing with a design pattern structure can only leave us in awe and wonder. With that comment, consider even more of Ivan Panin's findings.

In the very first verse of the Bible (Genesis 1:1), God sets the tone for gematria that continues richly throughout both the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament.



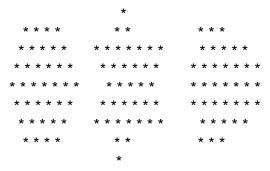
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In Hebrew, this verse has seven words and 28 (7 × 4) letters. The number seven is repeated throughout the Bible as a number of perfection and completeness. For instance, there are seven feasts of Israel, seven good years and seven famine years interpreted in Pharaoh's dreams, seven years of service for each of Jacob's wives, seven lamps of the Menorah, seven trumpets, seven days' marching around Jericho, seven washings in the Jordan for Naaman, seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven seals, seven horns, seven eyes, seven stars, seven thunders, seven crowns, seven sprinklings of blood before the veil, seven Spirits of God, etc.

Ivan Panin, who wrote more than 42,000 pages of Bible gematria notes, found over 50 multiples of seven in the very first verse of the Bible. These multiples could not be due to chance. Above each letter in the graphic is the gematria or <u>number value</u> for that letter. By adding the numbers in different combinations, one can see many statistically meaningful multiples of the number **seven**. Here are just a few of the multiples:

- 1. The **seven** words in the first verse of the Bible have exactly 28 ( $7 \times 4$ ) letters.
- 2. The gematria of the first and last letters of the first half of the verse is  $42 (7 \times 6)$ .
- 3. The gematria value of the first and last letters of the second half is 91 ( $7 \times 13$ ).
- 4. The nouns have 14 letters ( $7 \times 2$ ).
- 5. The sum of the nouns (God, heavens and earth) is 777 ( $7 \times 111$ ).
- 6. The place value of these nouns is 147 ( $7 \times 21$ ).
- 7. The Hebrew verb *created* has a value of 203 ( $7 \times 29$ ).
- 8. The first 3 words contain the subject and have exactly 14 letters (7 x 2).
- 9. The place value of these letters is 140 ( $7 \times 20$ ).
- 10. Of these 14, the place value of the silent letters is 28 ( $7 \times 4$ ).
- 11. And the place value of the non-silent letters is 112 ( $7 \times 16$ ).
- 12. The odd numbers among the 14 total 42 ( $7 \times 6$ ).
- 13. Even numbers among the 14 total 98 ( $7 \times 14$ ).
- 14. Multiplying the 14 place values of letters by their order is 1,008 ( $7 \times 144$ ).
- 15. The last four words contain the object and also have exactly 14 letters.

- 16. The object *The Heavens* has **seven** letters, as does the object *and the earth.*
- 17. The numeric value of the first and last letters of all words is 1,393 ( $7 \times 199$ ).
- 18. The sum of the first and last letters of the first and last words is 497 ( $7 \times 71$ ).
- 19. The value of the first and the last letters of each word between is 896 ( $7 \times 128$ ).
- 20. The sum of the factors of 896 is 21 ( $7 \times 3$ ).
- 21. The first letters of the first and last words have a gematria of 7.
- 22. The gematria of last letters of the first and last words is 490 ( $7 \times 70$ ).
- 23. The middle word and the one before it have together **7** letters.
- 24. The middle word and the one after it have together 7 letters.
- 25. The value of the first, middle, and last letters in the sentence is 133 ( $7 \times 19$ ).
- 26. Figures in the sum of God (8 + 6) total 14  $(7 \times 2)$ .
- 27. Figures of the letters in God (1, 30, 5, 10, 40) also total 14  $(7 \times 2)$ .
- 28. The sum of the place value figures of letters (1, 12, 5, 10, 13) is  $14 (7 \times 2)$ .
- 29. The number of these place-value figures is **7**.
- 30. Because of contractions in Hebrew (similar to the English isn't), the vocabulary of Gen. 1:1 is larger than the **seven** words of the verse. The nine-word vocabulary of Gen. 1:1 has a numeric value of 2275 ( $7 \times 325$ ).
- 31. The place value of the vocabulary is 259 ( $7 \times 37$ ).

The total gematria value for all **seven** words is 2701 (37  $\times$  73). The <u>figurate number</u> 2701 is the 73rd triangle number,  $(73^2 + 73)/2 = 2701$ . To signify His triune nature, God introduces a large triangle number. The First Person of the Holy Trinity, the Father, is represented by a star number. The figurate number 37, as a star number, takes the shape of a Star of David or Magen David (hexagram). In Hebrew, *Magen David* literally means *Shield of David*. God Himself was David's Shield (II Sam. 22:1-3). From 1 to 3313, there are only 24 star numbers, as this formula shows:  $6n^2 -6n +1$ . Because 73 is also a star number, 2701 is the product of two star numbers. One can think of 2701 as a hexagram of hexagrams, since each counter making up the shape of the hexagram is itself a hexagram. Having octagonal and other symmetries, the prime number 37 is highly symmetrical. There are exactly 37 asterisks in each below example of 37 as the 4th centered hexagon,  $(3n^2 -3n +1) = 37$ , the 3rd star,  $(6n^2 -6n +1) = 37$ , and the 2nd truncated square,  $(7n^2 +4n +1) = 37$ :



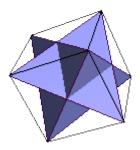
Adding the **seven** Hebrew words of Genesis 1:1 in different combinations, one will find 23 multiples of the number 37, including a compound figurate square of hexagrams (37  $\times$  7<sup>2</sup>) and cubes of hexagrams (37  $\times$  2<sup>3</sup>) and (37  $\times$  3<sup>3</sup>). Random chance would indicate only about three multiples. Note that each of the **seven** words is used exactly twelve

times in making up the 23 multiples of 37 (i.e., 913 appears twelve times; 203 appears twelve times, and so on). Here are the gematria and order of each of the **seven** Genesis 1:1 words: 913, 203, 86, 401, 395, 407, 296.

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1. 296 = 37 \times 8
2. 407 = 37 \times 11
3. 86 + 395 = 37 \times 13
4. 407 + 296 = 37 \times 19
5. 86 + 395 + 296 = 37 \times 21
6. 86 + 395 + 407 = 37 \times 24
7. 913 + 86 = 37 \times 27
8. 203 + 401 + 395 = 37 \times 27
9. 86 + 395 + 407 + 296 = 37 \times 32
10.203 + 401 + 395 + 296 = 37 \times 35
11.913 + 86 + 296 = 37 \times 35
12.913 + 86 + 407 = 37 \times 38
13.203 + 401 + 395 + 407 = 37 \times 38
14.913 + 203 + 401 = 37 \times 41
15.913 + 86 + 407 + 296 = 37 \times 46
16.203 + 401 + 395 + 407 + 296 = 37 \times 46
17.913 + 203 + 401 + 296 = 37 \times 49
18.913 + 203 + 401 + 407 = 37 \times 52
19.913 + 203 + 86 + 401 + 395 = 37 \times 54
20.913 + 203 + 401 + 407 + 296 = 37 \times 60
21.913 + 203 + 86 + 401 + 395 + 296 = 37 \times 62
22.913 + 203 + 86 + 401 + 395 + 407 = 37 \times 65
23.913 + 203 + 86 + 401 + 395 + 407 + 296 = 37 \times 73
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As though the complexity of encoding over fifty **7's** and twenty-three 37's into the **seven** words of Genesis 1:1 were not enough, God has also encoded both two- and three-dimensional geometrical shapes. Adding the **seven** words in different combinations will produce statistically significant numbers of figurate polygons and polyhedra.

In the "select a sum" menu, (not included here) the first three words of the Bible (913 + 203 + 86) have a gematria sum of 1202, the 10th points on the surface of a stella octangula,  $(12 \times 10^2 + 2) = 1202$ . The sum of the factors of 2701 (37 × 73) is 110, the 3rd points on the surface of a stella octangula  $(12 \times 3^2 + 2) = 110$ . Also note that 913 – 203 + 86 – 401 + 395 – 407 + 296 = 679, the 7th stella octangula  $n(2n^2 - 1)$ . The stella octangula is a three-dimensional version of a two-dimensional hexagram. If rotated just right in a shadow, it becomes a perfect Star of David. Two tetrahedrons fused into each other and offset 180 degrees, it is the only polyhedron that is perfectly inscribed in a cube. Here is an example of a stella octangula inscribed in a cube:



Figurate numbers extend beyond the first verse. For instance, the total gematria value of the first **eight** words is 3003, the number 3003 being the **77th** triangle number,  $(77^2 +77)/2 = 3003$ . From the second verse -(Genesis 1:2) are the words, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The total gematria value of this sentence is 1369 (37 × 37), a squared star number. One can also think of 1369 as the compound figurate shape of a hexagram of hexagrams. Genesis 1:4, the 4th verse of the Bible, has a gematria total of 1776 (37 × 48).

Just as He gave exact measurements for the Tabernacle, God also gave precise specifications for garments that the Levite priests wore. While ministering to God in holy office, the chief priest wore an ephod in finely embroidered blue, purple and red. Over his heart, he wore the Breastplate of Judgment as a memorial before God. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were engraved in carbuncle, topaz, sardius, diamond, sapphire, emerald, amethyst, agate, ligure, jasper, onyx and beryl -(Exodus 28:17-20). Set in gold filigree, the gems were in four rows and three columns. Below are the order and gematria value for each name.

### **Breastplate of Judgment**

	שמעונ	ראובנ
	נפתלי	דנ
זבלונ	יששכר	אשר
אפרימ	מנשה	בנימינ

Judah 30	Simeon 466	Reuben 259
Gad 7	Naphtali 570	Dan 54
Zebulun 95	Issachar 830	Asher 501
Ephraim 331	Manasseh 395	Benjamin 162

This list of names matches God's list of tribes -(Numbers 2:1-32). Note that Levi, as a priest tribe, is excluded from being numbered -(Numbers 1:49, 2:33).

When added, each of the six color matched groups is divisible by 37. The sum of all twelve names is 3700, a square of hexagrams ( $37 \times 10^2$ ). The figurate number 3700 is

also the 43rd points on the surface of a tetrahedron (2  $\times$  43<sup>2</sup> +2 = 3700). One may think of a tetrahedron as a three-dimensional triangle pointing to the triune nature of God. The sum of the factors of 3700 (2  $\times$  2  $\times$  5  $\times$  5  $\times$  37) is 51, the 3rd stella octangula n(2n<sup>2</sup> -1), a three dimensional Star of David. Reading right to left from the top, the sum of the odd numbered names is 1850, exactly one-half of 3700. The sum of the even numbered names is 1850 as well. The gematria of the bottom row, all in red, is 888 (37  $\times$  8  $\times$  3), the Greek gematria value of Jesus (Ιησους) or (iota 10, eta 8, sigma 200, omicron 70, upsilon 400 and sigma 200). The number eight is associated with Jesus because, among other things, it represents salvation and a new covenant in the Bible. For instance, there were eight people saved in Noah's ark. Isaac was circumcised on the eighth day, etc. The sum of the green and purple names is 1480 (37  $\times$  8  $\times$  5), the gematria of Christ (Xpiστος) or (chi 600, rho 100, iota 10, sigma 200, tau 300, omicron 70 and sigma 200). The "8" association with Messiah is deeper, as the numerical sum of vowels in *Jesus* is 488 ( $\mathbf{8} \times 61$ ), and that of *Christ*, 80 ( $\mathbf{8} \times 10$ ). The sum of consonant letters in Jesus is 400 (8 x 50), and that of Christ, 1400 (8 x 175). Other Greek names are also divisible by eight. Lord (**Κυριος**) has Messiah 800. Truth  $(A\lambda\eta\theta\epsilon\iota\alpha)$  is 64  $(8\times8)$ . Savior  $(\Sigma\omega\eta\rho)$  has a value of 1408  $(8\times8\times8)$ 22). Alpha and the Omega ( $\mathbf{A} \kappa \alpha \mathbf{I} \Omega$ ) is 832 ( $\mathbf{8} \times \mathbf{8} \times 13$ ). Messenger ( $\mathbf{A} \gamma \gamma \epsilon \lambda o \varsigma$ ) is 312  $(8 \times 39)$ . Messiah (Mεσσιας) is 656  $(8 \times 82)$ . Way (Oδος) has a value of 344  $(8 \times 43)$ .

The **"8"** association with Messiah and the "37" Star of David relationship are seen by adding name values in the Breastplate. One finds the following multiples of 296 (8  $\times$  37). Note that the multiples of 296 are in perfect order (1  $\times$  296, 2  $\times$  296, 3  $\times$  296, 4  $\times$  296, 5  $\times$  296, 6  $\times$  296, 7  $\times$  296, 8  $\times$  296 and 9  $\times$  296). Every name below is used exactly five times to make the multiples of 296.

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• 259 + 30 + 7 = 1 \times 296
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- $30 + 54 + 7 + 501 = 2 \times 296$
- $162 + 395 + 331 = 3 \times 296$
- $259 + 30 + 7 + 162 + 395 + 331 = 4 \times 296$
- $54 + 501 + 830 + 95 = 5 \times 296$
- $259 + 30 + 54 + 7 + 501 + 830 + 95 = 6 \times 296$
- $259 + 830 + 95 + 162 + 395 + 331 = 7 \times 296$
- $54 + 501 + 830 + 95 + 162 + 395 + 331 = 8 \times 296$
- $259 + 30 + 54 + 7 + 501 + 830 + 95 + 162 + 395 + 331 = 9 \times 296$

Here are visual representations of Breastplate values.

The gematria of *Jesus* (**888**) plus that of *Christ* (**1480**) is 2368 (37  $\times$  4<sup>3</sup>), a cube of hexagrams. Subtracting 2368 from the Breastplate total (3700) leaves 1332 (6<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  37), a square of hexagrams. Subtracting 1332 from the Genesis 1:1 total (2701) leaves 1369 (37  $\times$  37), a hexagram of hexagrams. 2701 minus **888** is 1813 (7<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  37), a square of hexagrams, and 2701 minus 2368 is 333 (3<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  37), another square of hexagrams.

Proverbs 25:2 states: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."

The last word of the Bible is *amen*, or *αμην* in its original Greek. The Greek gematria value of *αμην* is 99 (alpha 1, mu 40, eta 8, nu 50). Gematria of the first word (913) of the Bible plus that of the last word (99) is  $1012 (2^2 \times 253)$ , a square of hexagrams. The figurate number 253 is the **7th** star number,  $(6n^2 - 6n + 1) = 253$ . It is also the 22nd triangle number,  $(22^2 + 22)/2 = 253$ . The place values of these first and last words of the Bible total 109 (76 + 33), the 9th centered triangle,  $(3n^2 - 3n + 2)/2 = 109$ . Gematria of the first letter (*bet* 2) of the Bible plus that of the last (*nu* 50) forms a three-dimensional triangle, a tetrahedron, since 52 is the 5th points on the surface of a tetrahedron (2 × 5² +2) = 52. The last word of the Hebrew Bible is **7½** (and he shall go up). Its gematria, 116 (lamed, ayin, yod, vav), plus that of the first word (913) of the Bible is 1029, a cube of triangles ( $(73 \times 3)$ ). The place values of these two words total 120 ((76 + 44)), also a triangle number,  $(15^2 + 15)/2 = 120$ .

Psalm 117, the shortest chapter of the Bible, has a gematria of 2294 (37  $\times$  62). Psalm 119, the longest chapter of the Bible, has gematria of 332,617, a number 50 short of 332,667 (999  $\times$  333). Since 50 is the value of the letter nun, this missing nun fits the missing-letter pattern of other Psalms. For instance, the 23 verses of Psalm 34 start with every letter of the Hebrew alphabet except vav. The 40 verses of Psalm 37 start with every letter except vav. The 145 start with every letter except vav. The number 332,667 is very interesting, since 999 (37  $\times$  33) and 333 (37  $\times$  32) are rich in figurate multiples within multiples.

Underscoring the Holy Trinity are both two- and three-dimensional triangle numbers. Adding together the Hebrew gematria values of God (YHWH 26 heh, vav, heh, yod, or יהוה), Jesus (Yeshua 386 ayin, vav, shin, yod, or יהוה) and Holy Spirit (Ruach ha'Kodesh 623 shin, dalet, qoph, heh, chet, vav, resh, or I is 1035. Besides being the 11th centered tetrahedron, I is 1035, the figurate number 1035 is the 45th triangle, I is 1035. The sum of the factors of 1035 (3 I is 3 I is 34, the 4th points on the surface of a tetrahedron (2 I is 1035, a cube of triangles (33 I is 33.

Additionally, the gematria value of **YHWH** is the 2nd points on the surface of a cube (6  $\times$  2<sup>2</sup> +2 = 26). The gematria value of **Yeshua** is the 8th points on the surface of a cube (6  $\times$  8<sup>2</sup> +2 = 386), while the figurate number 296 is the 7th points on the surface of a cube (6  $\times$  7<sup>2</sup> +2 = 296). The most holy place in both the Tabernacle and the Temple, THE HOLY OF HOLIES, is a cube -(II Chronicles. 3:8; Ist Kings 6:20). In Daniel 8:13, Messiah appears as a Christophany called *Palmoni*, **Jie**, a name some Bibles annotate as **"numberer of secrets"** or **"wonderful numberer,"** (since that is what *Palmoni* means in Hebrew). The Hebrew letters for *Palmoni* (yod, nun, vav, mem, lamed, peh) have a gematria of 216, a cube (6³). The sum of the factors of 216 (2  $\times$  2  $\times$  2  $\times$  3  $\times$  3) is 15, both the 5th triangle number (n² +n)/2, and the 2nd centered tetrahedral number (2n³ + 3n² + 7n +3)/3. The number 216 is the perimeter value of both the 73rd triangle (2701) and the 19th star (2053). The place value of *Palmoni* (72) is also the perimeter value of both the 25th triangle (325) and the **7th** star (253).

The Hebrew word *Israel* (lamed, aleph, resh, shin, yod, or ישראלי) has a gematria of 541, the 10th star number  $(6n^2 - 6n + 1)$ . In the star are 37 rows of counters. The place value of *Israel* is 64 (12 + 1 + 20 + 21 + 10), the 4th cube  $(4^3 = 64)$ , and the 7th centered triangle  $(3n^2 - 3n + 2)/2 = 64$ . Note that the gematria of Jesus Christ (2368) is  $37 \times 64$ .

An interesting observation about the Bible is that if a number is mentioned in the text, one may find the same number encoded in the text. For instance, the passage starting at John 21:11, in which Christ's disciples caught exactly 153 fish, various words associated with fishing have gematria divisible by 153: fishes ( $IX\theta UEG$ ) has a value of  $153 \times 8$ , and the net (To DIKTUOV) has the same  $153 \times 8$  value. The figurate number 153 is the 17th triangle number,  $(17^2 + 17)/2 = 153$ . It is a truncated triangle number, too, as 1 and 15 are also triangle numbers. The reverse of 153 (351) is the 26th triangle number,  $(26^2 + 26)/2 = 351$ . In the Bible are various triangle numbers, such as the days of creation (6), the number of God's Commandments (10), the number of books in the Bible (66), the disciples in the Upper Room (120), the number saved in Paul's shipwreck (276), the length of Noah's Ark (300 cubits), and the number of man (666). Of course, all of these triangle numbers point to the triune nature of God.

is The base Trinity number three. Gematria of the third word Bible, Elohim, אלהים, a plural form of God, dramatically underscores the Holy Trinity. Gematria values of the five Hebrew letters of *Elohim* (mem, yod, heh, lamed, aleph) total 86 (40, 10, 5, 30, 1). Note that these values can be read as three groups of three, i.e. (5 + 30 + 1), (10 + 5 + 30) and (40 + 10 + 5). Sums of these groups are 36, 45 and 55, a rising sequence of consecutive triangle numbers (8th, 9th and 10th). These three triangles total 136, itself a triangle number. In the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, what are the odds that a five-letter sequence has three groups of consecutive triangle numbers? Of the 5,153,632 possible combinations (22  $\times$  22  $\times$  22  $\times$  22  $\times$  22) there are only 42 such groupings. Only one of them is a valid Hebrew word: Elohim.

If we look at the first 17 verses of Matthew, a gospel dealing with the genealogy of Jesus Christ, we note that it contains 72 Greek vocabulary words. We find the following hepatic (7) structure throughout these original Greek versus. Note that everything is divisible by **seven**. What are the odds that all of the Bible's multiples of **seven**, 37, etc., are chance? The odds are less than one out of googolplex. Not even Microsoft's Bill Gates, with all of his money, could hire mathematicians sharp enough to encode even **seven** Hebrew words with the number of multiples in Genesis 1:1, let alone encode the number of pages in the average Bible (about 900 pages).

- 1. The number of words which are nouns is exactly 56, or  $7 \times 8$ .
- 2. The Greek word *the* occurs exactly 56 times, or  $7 \times 8$ .
- 3. *The* occurs in exactly **7** different forms.
- 4. There are two main sections in the passage: verse 1-11 and 12-17. In the first main section, the number of Greek vocabulary words used is 49, or  $7 \times 7$ .
- 5. The sum of the factors of 49 is 14, or  $7 \times 2$ .
- 6. Of these 49 words, The number of those beginning with a vowel is 28, or  $7 \times 4$ .
- 7. The number of words beginning with a consonant is 21, or  $7 \times 3$ .

- 8. The number of words ending with a vowel is  $7 (7 \times 1)$ .
- 9. The number of words ending with a consonant is 42 ( $7 \times 6$ ).
- 10. The total number of letters in these 49 words is exactly 266, or  $7 \times 38$ .
- 11. The sum of the digits in 266 is 14 ( $7 \times 2$ ).
- 12. The sum of the factors of 266 ( $7 \times 2 \times 19$ ) is 28 ( $7 \times 4$ ).
- 13. The numbers of vowels among these 266 letters is 140, or  $7 \times 20$ .
- 14. The number of consonants is exactly 126, or  $7 \times 18$ .
- 15. Of these 49 words, the number of words that occur more than once is 35, or  $7 \times 5$ .
- 16. The number of words occurring only once is 14, or  $7 \times 2$ .
- 17. The number of words that occur in only one form is exactly 42, or  $7 \times 6$ .
- 18. The number of words appearing in more than one form is also 7.
- 19. Of the 49 Greek vocabulary words, 42, or **7** × 6 are nouns.
- 20. The number of words that are not nouns is 7.
- 21. Of the nouns, 35 are proper names, or  $7 \times 5$ .
- 22. These 35 nouns are used 63 times, or  $7 \times 9$ .
- 23. The number of male names is 28, or  $7 \times 4$ .
- 24. These male names occur 56 times or  $7 \times 8$ .
- 25. The number that are not male names is 7.
- 26. Three women are mentioned: Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. The number of Greek letters in these three names is 14, or  $7 \times 2$ .
- 27. The number of compound nouns is **7**.
- 28. The number of Greek letters in these **7** nouns is 49, or  $7 \times 7$ .
- 29. Only one city is named in this passage, Babylon, which in Greek contains exactly **7** letters.

Here is just a partial listing of the multiples of **seven** in Matthew 1:18-25, an account of Christ's Virgin Birth:

- 1. The number of Greek words in the passage is exactly 161 (23  $\times$  7).
- 2. The number of Greek letters in the 161 words is 896 (128  $\times$  **7**).
- 3. The numeric value of these, or gematria, is exactly 93,394 ( $13,342 \times 7$ ).
- 4. The number of vocabulary words used is **77** (11  $\times$  **7**); their gematria is 52,605 (7.515  $\times$  **7**).
- 5. 6 Greek words are used here which are found nowhere else in Matthew. Their value is  $5.005 (715 \times 7)$ .
- 6. These 6 Greek words have 56 letters ( $8 \times 7$ ).
- 7. The 161 words occur in 105 forms (15  $\times$  7); their numeric value is 65,429 (9,347  $\times$  7).
- 8. In the 105 forms there are 35 verbs  $(5 \times 7)$ .
- 9. There are exactly **7** proper names.
- 10. The number of letters in these is 42 (6  $\times$  **7**).
- 11. One word, *Emmanuel*, is used nowhere else in the New Testament; its gematria is  $644 (92 \times 7)$ . The sum of its figures is  $14 (2 \times 7)$ .
- 12. The number of forms exclusive to this passage is 14 (2  $\times$  **7**); their numeric value is 8,715 (1,245  $\times$  **7**).

- 13. In speaking to Joseph, the angel uses of the **77** vocabulary words exactly 28 (4 × **7**).
- 14. The numeric value of all his words is exactly  $21,042 (3,006 \times 7)$ .
- 15. The angel uses 35 different forms (5  $\times$  7); these forms have exactly 168 letters (24  $\times$  7).
- 16. The numeric value of these letters is 19,397 (2,771  $\times$  **7**).
- 17. In using 28 of the vocabulary words the angel leaves exactly 49 ( $7 \times 7$ ).
- 18. In using exactly 35 forms he leaves exactly **70** (10  $\times$  **7**).
- 19. The sum of the digits in **70** is **7**; its factors  $(7 \times 2 \times 5)$  added equal 14  $(2 \times 7)$

Because the authenticity of Mark 16: 9-20 had been questioned, the passage had not been included in some Bibles. Ivan Panin showed, through the richness and continuity of its gematria, that the passage belongs. Gematria, then, is a type of watermark or seal of authenticity. Because the Apocrypha, Book of Mormon, Qur'an, etc., do not have rich gematria multiples, we know that they are not from God. Below are some of the 75 features of **seven** Ivan Panin found in these twelve verses.

- 1. The number of words in this passage is 175 ( $7 \times 25$ ).
- 2. The vocabulary has 98 words ( $7 \times 14$ ).
- 3. The number of its forms is 133 ( $7 \times 19$ ).
- 4. The numeric value of its 133 forms is 89,663 ( $7 \times 12,809$ ).
- 5. Of these 133 forms 112 ( $7 \times 16$ ) occur but once; and 21 ( $7 \times 3$ ) occur more than once.
- 6. The 98 words of the vocabulary have 553 letters ( $7 \times 79$ ).
- 7. Of which 294 ( $7 \times 42$ ) are vowels, and 259 ( $7 \times 37$ ) are consonants.
- 8. Of the 98 vocabulary words 84 ( $7 \times 12$ ) are found before in the Gospel of Mark, and 14 ( $7 \times 2$ ) are found only here.
- 9. Of the 98 vocabulary words 42 (**7** × 6) are used by Messiah in His address to the disciples; and 56 (**7** × **8**) form no part of His vocabulary.
- 10. Messiah's speech has 56 ( $7 \times 8$ ) words, and the rest of the passage has 119 ( $7 \times 17$ ) words.
- 11. The vocabulary is not only **seven**, but of **seven sevens**  $(7 \times 7 \times 2)$ .
- 12. The same is true of 294 ( $7 \times 7 \times 6$ ).
- 13. Of 84 ( $7 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$ ), itself a multiple of **seven**, and the sum of its factors, 14, ( $7 \times 2$ ).
- 14. The sum of the figures in 133 is **7**.
- 15. The 21 forms occurring more than once have 231 letters ( $7 \times 11 \times 3$ ), itself 33 sevens.
- 16. With the sum of its factors 21 ( $7 \times 3$ ).
- 17. The 175 words are distributed among three natural divisions in the narrative: verses 9-11 have 35 ( $7 \times 5$ ) words, verses 12-18 have 105 ( $7 \times 15$ ) words, and verses 19-20 have 35 ( $7 \times 5$ ) words.
- 18. The total numeric value of the letters of all the words in the passage is 103,663, or  $14.809 \times 7$
- 19. The numeric value of verse 9 is 11,795 ( $7 \times 1,685$ ).
- 20. The numeric value of verse 10 is 5,418 ( $7 \times 774$ ).

- 21. The numeric value of verse 11 is 11,795 ( $7 \times 1,685$ ).
- 22. The numeric value of verses 12 to 20 is  $86,450 \ (7 \times 12,350)$ .
- 23. The first word of verse 10 has a value of 98 ( $7 \times 14$ ), the middle word, 4,529 ( $7 \times 647$ ), and the last word, 791 ( $7 \times 113$ ).
- 24. The word *deadly* in verse 18 is not found elsewhere in the New Testament. With a numeric value of 581 ( $7 \times 83$ ), *deadly* is preceded in the vocabulary by 42 ( $7 \times 8$ ) words, and in the passage by 126 ( $7 \times 18$ ) words.

Another type of encoded evidence is known as <u>equidistant letter sequences</u>, or ELS. God uses ELS and gematria together. For instance, adding every **seventh** Hebrew letter of Isaiah 9:6, a well-known Messianic prophecy, totals **888**, the gematria of Messiah (30 + 50 + 400 + 5 + 6 + 6 + 90 + 1 + 300).

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." – (Isaiah 9:6)

Adding every **seventh** Hebrew letter of Isaiah 11:1, another Messianic prophecy, also totals **888** (200 + 10 + 200 + 5 + 10 + 6 + 40 + 200 + 3 + 8 + 1 + 5 + 200). Some people question why God would encode such complication into His writing. Well, you and I write in ways reflecting our limited intelligence. God, with His writing, reflects His unlimited intelligence. It would be unusual if God did not write in such a way. Is such a feat too difficult for the Creator of the Universe? Think about it.

The through-the-roof statistical probabilities of encoded figurate number patterns in the Bible could not possibly be there by random chance. One has better odds of sitting down at a poker table and being dealt a royal flush fourteen times in a row. By the way, the odds against this happening (one chance in 649,740<sup>14</sup>) is a number higher than the number of atoms in the known universe. The reason math evidence is so strong is that there are formal proofs for math. Only somebody who is illogical and mentally ill will try to reject math evidence. Agrarian Hebrews thousands of years ago did not have the math skills to encode such gematria patterns within patterns. Even mathematicians today cannot do it. Only God could have done it. God wrote the Bible. The math evidence of God is convincing to a rational, logical, and sane person.

Blessings,

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