

## NUMEROLOGY - THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NUMBER "3" IN GOD'S WORD

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1. **Numbers have significance** in the Word of God.
2. For example:  
**40** is the number of trial and testing, *Mat 4:1-3, Deut 8:2, Ex 34:28*.  
**12** represents divine government, *Mat 10:1-8, Ex 24:4*.  
**5** is the number of grace, *Lev 1-7*, the 5 sacrifices, *Gen 43:34*.  
**7** indicates completion or perfection *Gen 2:2,3, Rev 10:7, 11:15*.
3. **But now we will focus on the Number 3.**  
As you read God's Word you will find many occurrences where there are groups of 3 or sequences of 3.

**Three is the number of the Godhead**, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, *Mat 28:19, 2Cor 13:14*. Three persons in one God. (See details in No 96.)

There are **3 main sections** to the **Tabernacle** that Moses built in the wilderness at Mt Sinai: the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies; and there are three entrances: the gate, the door and the veil, *Ex 25-40*. (See details in No 39.)

The journeys of Israel from Egypt to Canaan went through **three stages**: coming out of Egypt, passing through the wilderness, and entering the promised land, *Deut 6:23, Deut 8:2,3, Ex 13:18*.

The Lord established **three annual feasts** for Israel: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, *Lev 23:1-44*, which occurred in the 1st, 3rd and 7th months. (See No 40)

In creation, God set the **sun, moon and stars** to give light, and to be for signs and seasons, *Gen 1:14-18, Rev 12:1*.

In *Lk 11:5-8*, Jesus spoke about the need of **3 loaves** in the midnight hour, which could refer to the purpose and will of the Father, the Word of the Son and the power and ability of the Holy Spirit.

There are **3 that bear witness in the earth**: the Spirit, the water and the blood, *1Jn 5:8*. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit. The water is a reference to the Word of God, *Eph 5:26*. The blood refers to the redeeming blood of Jesus, *Eph 1:7*.

There are **3 stages** in the development of the seed of **God's Word** in our lives: the blade, the head and then the full grain in the head, *Mk 4:26-29*.

There are **3 levels of development in the Christian life**: little children, young men and fathers, *1Jn 2:12-14*.

In the Christian life there are **3 anointings** of the Holy Spirit: the personal anointing, *1Sam 16:13*, the anointing of limited authority among God's people, *2Sam 2:4*, and the full anointing as a leader in the church, *2Sam 5:3*.

There are **3 degrees of fruitfulness** of the Word of God in our lives: thirtyfold, sixtyfold and a hundredfold, *Mk 4:20*.

The Christian faces **3 main enemies** which oppose his progress in the service of God: the flesh, the devil, and the world, *Eph 2:2,3*.

There is a "**3 day period**" between death and resurrection. As it was literally with Jesus, *Mat 16:21*, in the natural and physical, *Mat 12:40*, so it is a principle in our ongoing Christian life. We go through various death to self experiences so that we might rise up in Christ to newness of life in the Spirit. At times for us this "3 day period" may be quite a struggle to go through and let God, bring us into new life, *Hos 6:2*.

*Josh 1:11* is a further reference, where crossing Jordan is like a dying to self. Read *Gen 22:1-19*. Abraham went through a **3 day**, v4, experience of "death and resurrection" in his heart as God tried him.

The nature of man is **3 fold: spirit, soul and body**, *1Thes 5:23,24*. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, *Ex 3:6,15,16*, *Ex 4:5*.

The curtains of the tabernacle had **3 colours** woven into them: blue, purple and scarlet, *Ex 26:1*. Purple is a mixture of blue and scarlet. Blue signifies the Holy Spirit and the ministry of the prophet. Scarlet signifies the Blood of redemption and the ministry of the priest. Purple signifies kingship and rule and the ministry of a king. The ministry of Jesus in heaven is as Prophet, Priest and King. *Zech 6:13*, *Rev 2:1,8,12*, *1Jn 2:1,2*, *Heb 8:1, 1:3*, *Mat 28:18*.

The ark of Noah, that provided for the salvation of Noah, his family, and all the animals and birds, had **3 decks or levels**, *Gen 6:14-16*.

In the consecration of priests the blood of the ram of consecration was applied in **3 places**: right ear, right thumb and right big toe, *Ex 29:20*.

The ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ is in **3 areas**: Jesus = Saviour, Christ = Anointed, Lord = the One of all authority. He brings to us fulness of salvation. He is the Baptiser with the Holy Spirit. He is the One who has full authority over us.

There are **3 major steps in the Christian life**: we are justified, we are sanctified, we are glorified, *Rom 5:9*, *Rom 8:30*, *1Cor 6:11*, *1Thes 5:23*.

In the material creation, there are **3 states of matter**: solid, (earth and rock), liquid, (water in the sea, lakes and rivers), gas, (in the atmosphere around us).

#### 4. **Number 3 is the number of the Godhead.**

As God is the Creator, Sustainer and Inheritor of all things, the number 3 is stamped on all of creation and in particular upon all who believe and serve Him.