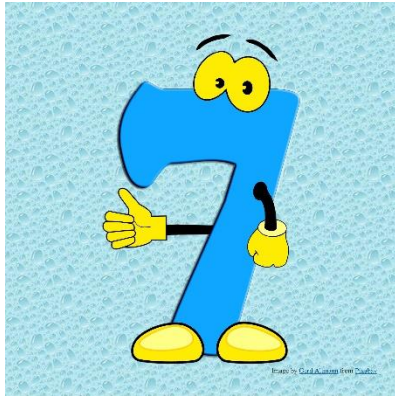


How much is seven?



The strangest things pop into my head sometimes. Last Sunday morning in church, “007” (double oh seven) popped into my head. Don’t know why, so I wrote it down. A little while later my brain started to swirl around the number.

Anyone that knows me, knows when something is stuck in my head, I don’t let it go. Here’s a bit of interesting trivia. Ian Fleming, in 1952, wrote the first novel whose main character was James Bond, code number “007”. The first release of an acted version was in 1954 as a TV movie, “Casino Royale” starring Barry Nelson. The first feature film was released 8 years later in 1962, “Dr. No”, starring Sean Connery. That was 57 years ago. A lot of you reading this may not even have been born then. (I was 6, you do the math.) There have been 26 movies produced in the franchise between 1962 and 2015. Read more [HERE](#).

I’m not sure how I concluded it was something biblical, not fictional, but I sat down at my computer and started to do a little “research”. Went to BibleGateway.com and did a search on the word “seven” in the KJV version! Good Grief! It returned 562 results! Starting with the 7 days of creation in Genesis and ending at Revelation 21:8-10...

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

In between the two are many references to the number seven relating to the counting of people, ages and money. In the book of Numbers, there are 66 uses of the word seven or seventh. It would take me days to read all the passages containing the 562 results. So, I skimmed through Numbers and found scripture I had forgotten about through the years.

Numbers 8:1-3 – God telling Moses to have Aaron light seven lamps
Numbers Chapters 23 & 28 both speak of seven alters and sacrifices
Numbers 12:13-15 – Putting Miriam out for seven days after she is plagued by God
Numbers 19 – The law of purification mentions seven in several instances

In the New Testament, the number seven appears in instructions and miracles. (Seven devils cast out of Mary Magdalene, forgive your brethren seventy times seven times, the seven loaves and fishes with seven baskets left over) And, let us not forget Revelation and the many references to seven found in the prophesies. (Seven churches, seven golden candlesticks, seven seals, seven plagues, seven spirits of God, and on and on)

The hypothetical woman who was widowed seven times, having married seven brothers raised the question by the Sadducees, “Whose wife will she be in heaven?”. To which Jesus replied “*For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven...I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.*” [Read Matthew 22:23-32](#)

And, this in Psalms 12:6, seems to sum it all up...

The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

The entire bible consists of “*The words of the Lord*”. Written over centuries by witnesses and prophets, disciples and Christ followers. It contains history and wisdom, facts and parables. Each James Bond movie has a script. The bible is our script for life.

A person could spend a lifetime studying just the biblical “sevens”. The amount of materials out there to read, in addition to the bible verses, is daunting to say the least. You can read more about the significance of numbers in the bible [HERE](#).

What I have in this Inspired Message barely scratches the surface. What I conclude is that “seven” is a finite number. It is a prime number. And... “Seven denotes spiritual perfection. It means divine fullness, completeness and totality. It comes from a Hebrew word meaning “to be full,” “to be satisfied,” and “to have enough.”* Who knew a number could mean so much?

Just one last fun fact, Sean Connery played “007”, James Bond, in seven films. ☺

May you be blessed 70 times 7 times today and all of your days!



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