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**7, 8 (Part 2),**  
 10, 12 ...

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## Study on Symbolic Number(s)

- Symbolic numbers in the Bible are fascinating
- There are certain numbers that appear repeatedly throughout the Bible
- Symbols and prophetic numbers are significant in the Book of Revelation
- They point to real events
  
- These key numbers are:
  - ... 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, ...
  - **7, 8,**

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## Ordination of Priests – **Leviticus 8**

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- ▶ **Lev 8:1-3 Assembly at the entrance**
  - ▶ The 'action' is taking place at the entrance to the Tabernacle and in full view of all the people of Israel.
- ▶ **Lev 8:4-9 Ordination of Aaron**
  - ▶ Also in **Exodus 28:40**, "Aaron was first cleansed, then clothed in the garments made 'for glory and for beauty'.
    - ▶ For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty."
  - ▶ This is also reminiscent of **Joshua the High Priest** being cleansed and dressed in **Zechariah 3: 1-7**

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- ▶ **Lev 8:10-12 Anointment of Aaron**
  - ▶ oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ **Lev 8:13 Ordination of Aaron's sons**
  - ▶ The sons were clothed all in white linen...also for glory and for beauty. The **24 elders of Revelation** are clothed in these same garments: they have been made into priest/kings through the blood of Christ.
- ▶ **Lev 8:14 Identifying with the Sacrificed**
  - ▶ In effect, by laying their hands upon it, they were identifying with the death of sacrificial animal. This is the only action we see the priests doing during the ordination ceremony.
  - ▶ Our only 'action' in salvation is **identifying with the death of Christ**.
- ▶ **Lev 8:15-24 Cleansing process**
  - ▶ The same action was done to the leper in the process of being cleansed.

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- ▶ **Lev 8:25-30 Sacred Role**
  - ▶ Garments symbolize one's status, position and occupation in life and they also represent one's body.
  - ▶ To change one's garment is to take on **a new (immortal) body**.
- ▶ **Lev 8:31-36 Obedience to God**
  - ▶ Aaron and his sons were to **live for a week, outside**, at the door of the tabernacle, neither being a part of the congregation of the children of Israel, nor engaged in temple service: they were in a 'no man's land' of sorts. They were not to leave the door...if they did, they would die.

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- ▶ **Moses who did everything:**
  - ▶ all the sacrifices, the washing and dressing of the priests, the consecration with the blood and oil.
  - ▶ He did everything “as the Lord commended him”.
  - ▶ Moses is a type of Christ.
- ▶ The priests represent the priesthood of believers.
- ▶ **Christ has done everything,**
  - ▶ so that our sins might be atoned for and
  - ▶ so that we can stand clean before God.
- ▶ He has placed His blood upon us and anointed us with the Holy Spirit.

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- ▶ One day, Christ will clothe us in garments for beauty and for glory,
  - ▶ after which there will be **7 days** of living at the door of the heavenly temple, in sight of the world:
    - ▶ neither a part of earth nor yet ready to be presented to God.
- ▶ Like the leper who must remain outside the door of his tent for **7 days**
- ▶ Or the baby that must remain with its mother **7 days** before it is presented to God.
- ▶ The symbolism of the child (#5043 teknon, plural) of Revelation 12:5 indicates that God’s cleansed and redeemed sons, who are also priests,
  - ▶ will have **7 days** standing in the ‘doorway’ between heaven and earth before they are brought into God’s presence on the **8<sup>th</sup> Day**.

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## The Cleansing, Ordination, and Presentation Process

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- There are **similarities** between the cleansing of the leper, the ordination of the priests, and presentation of a baby to God.
- The leper, the priest, and baby were '**acted upon**',
  - they didn't do anything except present themselves;
  - whatever was done, was being done 'to them' by someone else.
  - **This tells us that the person being cleansed, ordained, or presented is unable to perform these things for themselves.**
- There is a **7 day 'waiting period'**
- **Then** on the **8<sup>th</sup> day**
  - the baby is presented to God
  - the leper to enter his home
  - the priest leave the door of the tabernacle,
    - to enter and begin his temple service.

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## The Feast of Tabernacles and the 8<sup>th</sup> Day!

1. The Feast of Tabernacles is a **7-day** feast
  - ▶ Followed by the **8<sup>th</sup> day** solemn assembly, known as **the Last Great Day** (John 7:2-3, 37).
  - ▶ With the observation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Day, the feast cycle, which began at Passover, would be completed for the year (Num 29:35; Nehemiah 8:18).
2. There are **similarities** of
  1. the setting apart of the firstborn male child,
  2. the cleansing of the leper,
  3. the ordination of the priests; and
  4. the people who celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

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3. This Feast of Tabernacles was joyous and celebratory. None of the other feasts had the same degree of joy attached to them. Celebrating joyfully during this time was actually a command of God as in **Leviticus 23: 39-41**.

- Occasions for **celebration and joy**:
  - The birth of a male firstborn,
  - the cleansing of the leper and
  - the setting apart of the priest to the service of God

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4. The Israelites were to live **outside their homes** for 7 days during the Feast of Tabernacles. (**Leviticus 23: 42-43**)

- Right now, we are living in **our temporary homes**, our earthly bodies. One day we will go to live in our permanent home, in our glorified bodies in the New Jerusalem.
- The booths or shelters people lived in during the Feast of Tabernacles, depict the transitory and temporary nature of our earthly bodies which fade, decay and are subject to death.

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5. There is coming, however, **an 8<sup>th</sup> day**, when the door to our new home will be opened to us.

- ▶ “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!” **Revelation 4:1**.
- ▶ We will enter heaven’s chambers as a redeemed and dedicated firstborn son who is destined to rule, having already been cleansed of our ‘leprosy’ and sin. We will be clothed in **our immortal bodies**.
- ▶ These biblical examples provide the pattern for an **8<sup>th</sup> Day process** of being changed before our home-going.
  - ▶ The process is **personal...not corporate**. A person is cleansed and consecrated...as an individual. So even though there will be many believers, only the **priest/kings – the faithful firstborn** who keep the charge of the Lord – will go in the first rapture.

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6. Often people will use the 7 day Jewish marriage celebration as a symbolic representation of the end times: with the Bride and Christ celebrating the marriage supper in heaven for 7 years, after the rapture. **No where is this stated in Scripture.**

- ▶ We know that the ancient Jewish marriage celebration lasted 7 days, but there is a big leap to making a day-to-year comparison, and authoritatively declaring that these 7 days = 7 year wedding celebration in heaven coinciding with a **7 year tribulation** = wrath on earth.
- ▶ According to Revelation, **the Bride isn’t ‘built’ until the 2nd Coming of Christ**. You cannot have a marriage supper without the Bride, so we know that the marriage supper cannot take place until sometime AFTER the battle of Armageddon ... and maybe not until the end of the Millennium! Upon the rapture of believers, Christ will be working ... not partying ... and so will we.

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7. Though most people who are looking for the return of Christ are familiar with the bridal imagery, the marriage supper, etc,
- ▶ there are far **more biblical references** to believers being sons of God, heirs, heirs of Christ, priests, etc,
  - ▶ **than** there are references to believers being a part of the Bride of Christ. This should give us pause.
  - ▶ Being a '**son**' and '**heir**' is something we have as **individuals**, not as a group.
  - ▶ The **rapture(s)** will involve the removal of **individual believers** from the earth, not the whole of the body of Christ all at one time.

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8. The 7 days that we are here on earth with our new immortal bodies,
- ▶ we believe, coincide with the 7 days of the Feast of Tabernacles.
  - ▶ After we go through the temple door on the **8th day**, the Lord will send the Spirit on His chosen ones (144K).

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9. **Revelation 5:6** depicts the **24 Elders as priests and kings**, being present in and then the Spirit is sent 'into all the world'.

- ▶ "And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the **seven spirits of God** sent out into all the earth."
- ▶ After the Spirit is sent out, Jesus then takes the scroll from His Father's hand. Sending the Spirit will be His final act as Priest before assuming **His new role as King and Judge**.
- ▶ He will send the **Spirit of God** upon the 144K and new faithful believers on earth. This will be the 2nd impartation (filling of the HS) for the 144K, but the first for the world at large (those "left behind").

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## The Feast of Tabernacles & 8<sup>th</sup> Day

10. It was on the **8th day** — which was Aaron's first day of ministering in the temple — that the glory of God appeared and His fire came down in sight of all the people.

- ▶ **Leviticus 9:1-7** "On the eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel, and he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a bull calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, both without blemish, and offer them before the LORD. And say to the people of Israel, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old without blemish, for a burnt offering, and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with oil, for today the LORD will appear to you.'" And they brought what Moses commanded in front of the tent of meeting, and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. And Moses said, "This is the thing that the Lord commanded you to do, that the glory of the LORD may appear to you." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Draw near to the altar and offered your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people, and bring the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded."
- ▶ **Leviticus 9: 22-24** "Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of it on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces."

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You also, be patient.  
**ESTABLISH  
YOUR HEARTS,**  
for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**JAMES 5:8**

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