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Episode 124 - Unlocking 2520: The Hidden Rhythm of Revelation - Numbers

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Hi, this is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. I've wanted to do this podcast about numbers in Scripture for a while — they keep showing up in Revelation and prophecy, and they carry deep spiritual meaning. I lean on E.W. Bullinger's work and share what the Lord has been opening up to me.

In this episode, I unpack the "perfect" numbers (3, 7, 10, 12) and dive into the meaning of 2520 and 1260, tracing how Zion, Jacob, and the marriage supper move toward a fulfilled, loving understanding of God. It's a personal, heart-level look at love, sacrifice, and transformation in the Word.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, this is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. This is a podcast I've wanted to do for some time concerning numbers in the scripture. Throughout the podcast, dealing with the book of Revelation, really just dealing with prophecy, numbers come up, and all of the numbers have a significant spiritual meaning.

There is a book that I read by E.W. Bullinger. It's called Numbers in Scripture. I was basically grounded in my understanding of numbers by the information in his book. He covers a variety of different numbers, just showing you how they're used in the Bible. I agreed with most of them. Some of them I tweaked because with the understanding I'm getting today, which I don't think he had... I don't think the Lord had opened up a lot of this to E.W. Bullinger, although the man was a genius. I'm not comparing myself to him at all. What he said about numbers gives you a foundation, and from there you can begin to apply those meanings as the Lord leads you in scripture.

So there was one thing he pointed out that caught my attention, stating that there are four perfect numbers. These numbers, he says, are 3, 7, 10, and 12. To him, these are perfect numbers. What I saw when I looked at that was the book of Revelation, because there are numbers used in Revelation showing you the perfection or the completion of man's understanding. By taking what Bullinger calls these four perfect numbers, again, 3, 7, 10, and 12, if you multiply all of those together, you get the number 2,520... 2520.

Now, according to Bullinger, this number is the least common denominator of all numbers one through nine. So you can take any of the nine numbers, divide it into 2520, and you will have no remainder. It's the least common denominator for all of the numbers one through nine. I found that interesting, to say the least, 2520, because 2520 is two 1260s. Now, if you want to sit down with your calculator or a pencil and paper, just realize that 1260 is half of 2520. What is 1260? Well, 1260 is used twice in Revelation; once in chapter 11 and once in chapter 12. You see this in Revelation 11:3,

Rev 11:3 I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty, or three score days, clothed in sackcloth.

So what does this even mean? Again, I have given studies on Revelation 11. I've covered all of these things, but I'm just quickly dealing with the numbers to set it up. It is Zion that is sent to Jacob. This is Isaiah 59:20-21, and so on, mentioned in Romans 11:24-25. So Zion will go to Jacob, giving the message of Jesus Christ, giving the gospel. Here in Revelation 11, they're referred to as the two witnesses, because the two witnesses, the witnesses of God, what bears witness to the only true and living God, is love. He is love, and the two witnesses are two messages of loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself.

The people who will carry that gospel to Jacob will be Zion. Now remember, Jacob represents the Jewish person who has not accepted Christ. And again, recently, I did a podcast on this, trying to explain this. They will prophesy for 1260 days. Their prophecy will be rejected by most Jews. Some will accept it. For those who accept it, you will come to another 1260. This is in Revelation 12:6.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This is where Zion, after having given the message to Jacob, Jacob receives the truth and becomes Israel. They will be taught through their, you could say, their marriage supper of the Lamb to be rid of all iniquity for 1260 days. And let me say this before I go on. If you have not listened to these podcasts, what I'm saying is going to make no sense. You will hear me say things that will make... it will be nonsense. So I beg you to listen to the podcasts, as many of them as you can. I've got a feeling that if you start listening, you won't be able to pull yourself away from it because God has truly blessed our understanding as a church to help us apply the cross to our lives.

So what is 1260? Why is it that Zion has its 1260 as the two witnesses, and Israel, the Jew, is going to have their 1260 time? Well, 1260 is three times seven times ten times six. Now, notice the four perfect numbers end with a twelve, but I'm ending this with a six because what it stands for, see, three is a complete number, especially talking about time. If I want to talk about all of time, past, present, and future, that's the number three. Three is a complete number.

Well, the next number seven, people think, well, that's a perfect number. It is not. It means a fulfillment. So when you look at seven, seven days make a week. Well, that fulfills that time. It makes a week. But you have another week. And then after that, you'll have another week and then another week. So it never ends. So it fulfills a certain amount of time.

Ten is God's understanding. This is the way God perceives. And I really began to see that when I would look at the number forty or seventy, let's say seventy years in Babylon. We just looked at seven. It's a fulfillment. Well, seventy is seven times ten. What happens

spiritually that you come out of Babylon? Well, Babylon is confusion about God, and the confusion all churches have, from pagans to Catholics to Protestants: They see the angry God that needs a human sacrifice before he can forgive.

Hence, they will say, Jesus is dying to pay your sin debt. Not the pagans, but the Catholics and the Protestants. The pagans will have their own way of appeasing the angry God. Well, that is the abomination that leaves you desolate, if you think God needs a human sacrifice or that he needs something from you to appease his anger. So you're in Babylon when you're in confusion about God. You come out of Babylon at the end of seventy years, seven times ten. What is seven? A fullness. What's ten? God's understanding. You will reach a fullness of God's understanding.

But remember, a fullness isn't the end of it. There's going to be another fullness that needs to take place after that, and then another fullness. What about forty years in the wilderness? Four is earthly completeness, so earthly completeness as understood by God. When you come to that understanding of earthly completeness the way God does, you come to God's understanding, you reach the end of self. And what happens? You come out of the wilderness; you go into the promised land.

Ten is the understanding of God. I think of two fives. I think of the Father and the Son. I think of grace upon grace, five and five. Again, three times seven times ten. What is that actually saying? Three is a complete, a completion. Seven is a fulfillment. Ten is of God's understanding. A complete completion in the fulfillment of God's understanding. That last number is six. It represents man. So what happens to the two witnesses, the people giving that message?

First, it is Zion. They go into Jacob knowing it's going to be rejected. They're giving their lives as a sacrifice to give the message to Jacob. *No greater love than this has any man than to lay down his life for his friends* (Jhn 15:13). They are manifesting the love of God, and they will give that message, perfecting their faith as they remain in love until they reach a completion of the fullness of God's understanding of man.

When they reach that, when they come to that place, they will become the woman standing on the moon, clothed with the sun, a crown of twelve stars (Rev 12:1). What do you mean by "*standing on the moon*"? All enemies are put under the feet. Is the moon

an enemy? Only if you don't understand it. The moon represents the Bible. The Bible has no light unless the sun shines on it.

Clothed with the sun, the moon, the scriptures under your feet. In other words, you're not deceived by the iniquity coming from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. You've been redeemed. You understand the scripture. You see what it actually is. Then you see Jacob receive the truth, become Israel, and they flee into the wilderness for 1260 days while they are fed by Zion and helped to understand.

So they will reach the three times seven times ten times six. So, what about the three, seven, ten, and twelve? Well, twelve is a number that represents the Scriptures themselves. Why? Because you have to take this back and look at the table of shewbread and the fact that on this table of shewbread, you have two stacks of six. Six is the number of a person. You could say six is the number of man, but it's a person. You see two people sitting on the table of shewbread. It's the Son of God in the Old Testament and the Son of God in the New. There's only one person who claimed to have been born twice and claimed to be the bread of life. The two stacks of shewbread represent the Son of God, the Old Testament, New Testament.

But when you see the two stacks of six, you see twelve, because twelve represents the children of Israel, and they are the ones who brought the bread. The shewbread came from the children of Israel. Well, the shewbread being the Son of God, this represents the scriptures because it was written by the children of Israel. We know this because when you look at that table of shewbread, you see the six and six, you see twelve, but you also see sixty-six, which is how many books there are in the Bible.

So, bringing this to the book of Revelation, you have the 144,000 that comes from the table of shewbread. You have twelve tribes, which represent the scripture, and 12,000 from each tribe. "Thousand" means many. There will be much truth coming from each tribe who have supplied, helped supply the bread for the table of shewbread. Twelve also represents three fours. Four is earthly completeness. It's stated in Genesis 6 that man would have a hundred and twenty years. That is three times four times ten. That is not a literal number.

There are three times you reach the end of your earthliness as you're walking in your Christianity. The first time is when you give your heart to God. I'll just use myself as an example because my life was a mess. At the age of 28, I gave my heart to the Lord. Hence, I ended my first four. What do you mean? I decided I can't do this myself. I need help. I need God's help, and I cried out. I'd say I reached the end of myself.

Well, then, as a Christian, the Lord shows you that you get on the white horse, and it turns black, red, and pale, and then you cry out for help again. Well, that happened to me also, because as a Christian, I could not understand the scripture. I knew there was more to it, and it wasn't helping me overcome sin. I cried out, "Dear God, help me."

Well, he answers you using the sixth seal. Your sun is black as sackcloth of hair; the moon is red as blood. Stars of the heavens fall. The heavens close. He's helping you correct your iniquity. First, in the sixth seal, he's showing you what your iniquity is, the problems. But then you come to chapter 7, and there is an angel ascending from the east. He has the seal of God, and he is sealing the 144,000. The 144,000 are not people. They're truths. Angels do not seal men. Angels are determining the truth, ascending from the east.

He's coming away from the earth, away from self, sealing the truths. What truths? All of the things that we have been taught all of our lives about God need to be corrected. That is what you see when you see the fellow get on the white horse. His heart is right. He wants to serve God. He goes forth conquering and to conquer. The only thing he knows about God is what he's been told. He doesn't know anything on his own until you hand him the great sword, and that horse turns red. It's literalism that begins to kill him.

The horse turns black. He's weighing the verses, the wheat, and the barley. He's determining that one's more important than the other. He isn't seeing the spiritual truth. So the fourth horse is pale. Christ is not in what he's doing, and he's realizing this, so he cries out for help. Hence, the sixth seal, leading to Revelation 7, where those truths can be redeemed, giving that man possession of the 144,000 truths.

The 144,000 is simply the redeemed truth of the Bible. When that happens, when that comes true in his heart, he becomes a harper, harping with his harp, Revelation 14. Again, I'm just taking giant steps in this to show you. What I'm trying to explain, when

you look at Revelation 12, to Jacob becoming Israel, and going into the wilderness and being fed for 1260 days, this is what is happening. I'm calling it the marriage supper, which is depicted in Revelation 19.

The marriage supper is when your fleshly thoughts are changed to spiritual truth. What does it do? It brings you to three times seven times ten times six, an understanding of the way God sees a fulfilled individual, fulfilled in truth, a complete fulfillment.

So, looking again, this time putting the twelve in there, what is three times seven times ten times twelve? It's a fulfillment of the scriptures. What's a fulfillment of the scriptures? When the Jew and the Gentile reach their 1260. Each 1260... 1260 days is 42 months. Forty-two months applies to the wicked because it's months. Days apply to the righteous. Well, 1260 days or 42 months is three-and-a-half. So you have two three-and-a-halves. Now what's interesting, see, that would be seven years.

I've been told there is a seven-year tribulation in the Bible. Let's look again at three times seven times ten times twelve. That comes to 2520. As I said, all of the numbers from one to nine can be divided into that without a remainder. But when you divide seven into it, you get 360. Three hundred sixty is one year... you're looking at 2520 divided by seven as a seven-year period. Seven times 360 is 2520, where all of the numbers are fulfilled as the scriptures are fulfilled, as Zion and the Jew reach their fulfillment.

So is there a seven-year period in the Bible? There most certainly is. But not the way I've ever heard the universal church teach it. It is a spiritual number. It happens when the Gentiles or Zion receives the truth. Their truth is redeemed. They sound the trumpets. They're then told to go to the Jew. The end of Revelation 10, they go to the Jew, Revelation 11. Just as when they went to the Gentiles to sound the trumpets, the message of the gospel is going to cause great distress upon the church that is giving that message.

Will there be a seven-year tribulation? For the church that is giving the message, they will have a tribulation from the Gentile. The tribulation will end, and they will be sent to the Jew. And there will be another tribulation as the message is given to the Jew. The seven-year tribulation applies solely to God's church, which understands the truth, and

who sacrifice their lives, their time, to give the message to those who are willing to hear. And these people, these men and women who are going to give this message, give themselves willingly.

This really is something that needs a better explanation than what I'm giving it. But I wanted to bring this out again, the four perfect numbers. And, you know, Bullinger called them perfect; these are the numbers that bring you to perfection. These are the numbers that spiritually show you reaching a completed perfection... I mean, to the point where you are clothed with the sun, the moon under your feet, a crown of twelve stars. You are saved.

That person is saved. And he will save the children of Judah first. Judah in Psalm 78:68 is Zion. It is Zion that will reach that place first, and then you will see Jacob receive the truth and become Israel; and some will be called the house of David, and some Jerusalem. And you will see men standing for the Lord Jesus Christ who were Jews, but now they've entered the church where there is neither Jew nor Gentile. There isn't male or female. There isn't bond or free.

Well, what is it? This is the fulfillment, a completed fulfillment as God perceives the scriptures. He is the one who wrote them. We are the ones who are going to live it and glorify him in all that we do.