

SEVEN IS THE NUMBER OF COMPLETENESS

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The number seven is used in the Bible 735 times (54 times in the book of Revelation alone). The number seven is fundamental to God's Word. If we include with this count how many times 'sevenfold' (6) and 'seventh' (119) is used, our total jumps to 860 references in just 66 books.

Seven is the number of completeness and perfection (both physical and spiritual). It derives much of its meaning from being tied directly to God's creation of all things. According to some Jewish traditions, the creation of Adam occurred on September 26, 3760 B.C. (or the first day of Tishri, which is the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar). The word 'created' is used 7 times describing God's creative work (Genesis 1:1, 21, 27 three times; 2:3; 2:4). There are 7 days in a week and God's Sabbath is on the 7th day.

In fact, the Bible, as a whole, was originally divided into 7 major divisions. They are 1) the Law; 2) the Prophets; 3) the Writings, or Psalms; 4) the Gospels and Acts; 5) the General Epistles; 6) the Epistles of Paul; and 7) the book of Revelation.

When it comes to God Himself, as you may know, He is three-in-one, a trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). However, the Holy Spirit is referred to in the Greek language of the original Book of Revelation as *"the seven Spirits of God"* or *"the sevenfold Spirit of God."*

Revelation 1:4 *Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; ⁵ and from Jesus Christ.*

Revelation 3:1 *"Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars."*

Revelation 4:5 *From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God.*

Revelation 5:6 *Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth.*

Admittedly, this is a puzzling reference, and this is the only place it is found in the Bible. The Revelation uses so much figurative language to paint pictures of a world most of us have never seen that the designation remains a mystery.