

Fifteen

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GE 7:20 The waters prevailed **fifteen cubits** upward, and the mountains were covered.

The waters were sent to destroy or at least purify those that were sinful. Authority to oppress & punish when sin is found. A substance that swallows up that which is sinful. The depth represents what is being down and possibly its intensity.

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(Exo 38:14 NIV) Curtains **fifteen cubits long** were on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases,

(Exo 38:15 NIV) and curtains **fifteen cubits long** were on the other side of the entrance to the courtyard, **with three posts and three bases.**

Three often has the meaning regarding purification of the greater body of Christ. Above it is linked with the number fifteen that is linked with a refining ability that can change an individual.

(Lev 27:7 NIV) If it is a person sixty years old or more, set the value of a male at fifteen shekels and of a female at ten shekels.

A price given to redeem a male individual of this age was fifteen shekels. Price or method of redemption? Sixty is a number pointing to our enemy who shows us the mirror so that we might comprehend our sin. Redemption cannot take place until repentance occurs after being shown our sin.

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NU 33:3 They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the **fifteenth day** of the first month; on **the day after the Passover** the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians.

Quite symbolic of leaving the land of Egypt, which was a place of bondage for the Hebrews. This occurs with a Christian at salvation, however, it takes time for our Lord to remove "Egypt" from the Christian so that our Lord might fully enter the life of the believer. This process of washing which promotes change takes place immediately after conversion.

(2 Sam 9:10 NIV) You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had **fifteen sons** and twenty servants.)

Fifteen seems to be a mark of those associated with the family of Saul. Saul is thought to be a type of Satan, or an individual that is allowed to punish or purge those that are disobedient to our Lord. Ziba and his house belonged to the enemy and he is connected with both fifteen and twenty. Fifteen being the cleansing fire being provided (15) by the intercessory prayers (20) of those authorized to pray them.

(2 Sam 19:17 NIV) With him were a thousand Benjamites, along with Ziba, the steward of Saul's household, and his fifteen sons and twenty servants. They rushed to the Jordan, where the king was.

Here again fifteen (wrath or punishment) is associated the sons of Ziba of Saul's household. The King is where he is due to the sin he committed years before with Bathsheba.

The number twenty is only indirectly associated with Ziba in that they were designated as servants.

(1 Ki 7:3 NIV) It was roofed with cedar above the beams that rested on the columns-- forty-five beams, **fifteen** to a row.

Cedars in scripture can be redeemed gentiles, Christians. Redeemed by the blood of the lamb which is the purchase price for redemption. From earlier interpretations of fifteen. It takes **something, pressure of consequences (15), that will bring us to conviction** before we will repent and be cleansed. Forty-five means just that five is the sin that is covered and washed away over a period time (40). Once clean or purified (3) we as living trees are cut up and made for different purposes to build His house.

Above we are shown that the cleansing process that removes sin is dependant upon, or rests upon, a need for repentance of perceived sin. This takes a situation where our sin is very much revealed as something that is to be terrified of.

(2 Ki 20:6 NIV) I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David."

A person is given fifteen extra years by our lord partially for the sake of "my servant David". We are given our lives back due to the obedience of our Christ paying our debt. David is a type of the "Bloody" Christ. This time period occurs just before the country of Israel is turned over to the Babylonians. It is a time when the sin is shown to Israel over

and over but she refuses to repent and consequently is sent into bondage to be refined or given a repentant heart.

(Isa 38:5 NIV) "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.

Here our Lord connects the number fifteen with prayer and tears. He gives back for intercession! The price of redemption or restoration, is a contrite heart.

(Hosea 3:2 NIV) So I bought her for **fifteen shekels of silver** and about a homer and a lethek of barley.

Gomer which is a type of apostate Israel is on the auction block. She is old and used up. The Lord asks Hosea to go and buy her back and then keep her as his wife from then on. The price of redemption is fifteen shekels of silver. Silver is symbolic of redemption. Fifteen is the price and this could be the results of intercessory prayer in that they will all be shown their need for a savior by unction of the Holy Spirit using the mirror that the enemy has shown them. All of this leads to a **repentant or contrite** heart leading toward accepting what Jesus did on the cross. Again the number seems to be associated with Israel and the house of Saul that was so rebellious. Remember that Israel ate of the law and should be associated with the number of the beast 666. The Lord in His mercy will restore a remnant of Israel from this system to himself.

(Gal 1:18 NIV) Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him **fifteen** days.

There may be no significance to this passage at all. We can only surmise that during that fifteen day period Paul would have learned a great deal from Peter that would give him faith and might have added a great deal of depth to his ministry. It was a valuable time for Paul and possibly much wisdom was imparted to him to enable him to better cleanse the bride for his Lord. Three in scripture denotes not only the greater body of Christians needing purification but also the top servant group that Paul had been selected to be a part of. A leader that is concerned with presenting clean sheep to the master must understand all of the cleansing properties. Fifteen is a number associated with part of the process of cleansing from sin.

Conviction and repentance precede the release for a Christian.

Its' association with Passover is interesting in that it is the blood of the lamb that frees us to be bold and approach the throne of grace. That blood is provided after repentance occurs.

Fifteen in scripture designates an uncomfortable process by which our Lord allows circumstances resulting from sin to convince an individual to take notice of his sin for the purpose of repentance. It is associated with consequences that cleanse from sin or rebellion. This process seems to precede release from captivity and it imparts a boldness.

The covering of blood that we wear seems to rest on repentance from sin. This repentance from sin appears to rest on an understanding of how horrible sin is. This dreadful knowledge appears to come from the meaning of fifteen.

150

GE 7:24 And the waters prevailed on the earth one **hundred and fifty** days.

The waters during Noah's time were sent to cleanse the earth of sin. All people except the eight on board were wiped out. It resulted from their sins being judged. It was an act of justice. It seems like this is a time that it took to wipe clean the "earth."

1KI 10:29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse **one hundred and fifty**; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

As Solomon is a type of the reigning Christ during the next age or at the end of this age it looks as though he will use a horse (instrument or a man from the enemy) that will provide strength to exert a purging/punishing action by pulling a chariot (600) that compels a person to hate the bondage of sin. These were sent to those of the enemies' kingdom to cut down those peoples and cause them to repent of their unclean actions.

1CH 8:40 The sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor-archers. They had many sons and grandsons, **one hundred and fifty** in all. These were all sons of Benjamin.

Men that are involved as the refiners fire. These seem to be convincers that would stir up uncleanness to be recognized and then removed. In the modern sense leaders in the church should be concerned regarding sin in the ranks of the church and should be available to clean it up.

EZR 8:3 of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and registered with him were one **hundred and fifty** males;

After the Jews had resided in bondage to the enemy for many years (under the power of the great sea) they were given permission to return to Jerusalem and restore that city. Among those that were allowed to return were those from a certain family numbering 150 males. These would be those that would continue to show the Jews their sins so that they might repent and that the temple would be built with clean hands.

NE 5:17 And at my table were **one hundred and fifty** Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from the nations around us.

Even though a large number of people were released to return to Jerusalem to restore the temple many of the leaders, including the priests, were taking advantage of their own people by placing them in terrible bondage due to their lack of food. All of this became apparent and measures were instituted to prevent it. All was returned. The number of

people listed in the scripture above denote just such an action. These are the men that stir things up so that sin can be recognized and be taken away.

JOH 21:11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one **hundred and fifty-three**; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

This is a fascinating number and it really, I believe, proves that many of the numbers our Lord has written in His Word are relevant to the actions going on around that number. In this instance the disciples had just caught 153 good sized fish in their net. The net didn't break. Fish in scripture are often symbolic of the unregenerate people of this world. The net above is symbolic of the gospel of the saving grace of the cross. This net is used to catch those our Father would call to become His sheep. It will be the apostles after the out pouring of the Holy Spirit that will actually begin netting the unregenerate for our Lord's Kingdom. The meaning of this number is determined as:

- 3 = those designated to become the greater body of Christ purified
- 50 = by the price paid by
- 100 = Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

or 3 = those designated to become the greater body of Christ purified
150 = which will be shown their need for a redeemer by their sin becoming evident to them.

Over all the above set of scriptures seem to portray a meaning for the number one hundred and fifty to be:

A time period over which those belonging to the enemy are allowed to exert tormenting pressure that will compel those called by the father to hate the bondage and affects of sin. This will convince those marked for salvation to repent.

1 500 This number does not exist by itself in scripture.

15 000

(Judg 8:10 NIV) Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with a force of about **fifteen thousand men**, all that were left of the armies of the eastern peoples; a hundred and twenty thousand swordsmen had fallen.

Fifteen thousand marks the enemy who is allowed to have authority over the Lord's people when they continue to sin. Here we see that authority that the Midianites had been given to oppress Israel is taken away by Gideon, an agent of our Lord' grace. This is in answer to all the prayers of the Hebrews that were oppressed by the Midianites. The oppression by these unclean people was allowed due to the sin of the Israelites. The price to redeem the Hebrews from the oppression in this case seems to be the intercessory prayers which are linked to actions associated with the number fifteen. Quite often when we pray for someone's salvation we often see things get very much worse in the

individual's life we have prayed for. This causes us to wonder what happened to our prayers? Actually, quite often, it takes more oppression and consequences in an individual's life to bring them to the end of themselves. The last sentence of the above scripture lends an interesting conclusion. The use of the number one hundred and twenty thousand referring to swordsmen having fallen marks those that our Lord has ordained for entry into His kingdom through the process of salvation. Yes, we die and are reborn into the kingdom. In any case it is our Lord above that has responded to the needs of those he loves by providing a deliverer to free His people from those that are oppressing them. This type represents Christ.

150 000 This exact number doesn't occur in the bible but there are three others that do seem to be relevant when analyzed in conjunction with the numbers they are associated with. See below and you be the judge as whether 150 000 falls in line with what is portrayed by these numbers.

NU 2:16 "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Reuben, one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty-they shall be the second to break camp.

152 450

50 Price paid in suffering and sacrifice to cover sin
400 for those of the world called
2000 onto grace by prayers of intercession authorized by our Lord
150000 so that the sinner might be shone his sin and repent.

NU 2:31 "All who were numbered of the forces with Dan, one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred-they shall break camp last, with their standards."

157 600

600 = Even for some members of the enemy (the law) that have held others captive
7000 = the Lord has authorized payment for their sin
150000 = so that they might recognize their sin and repent of it.

2CH 2:17 Then Solomon numbered all the **aliens** who were in the land of Israel, after the census in which David his father had numbered them; and there were found to be one **hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred.**

153 600

600 = Even for some members of the enemy camp (aliens) that have held others captive
3000 = provision has been authorized by our Lord for purification (Holiness)
150 000 = of his people by enabling them to recognize their sin and repent of it.