

Eight

8 is associated most often in scripture with the unveiling of sin (uncleanness) in an individual's life ie a male was circumcised on the eighth day of his life (Gen 21:4). This recognition or exposing of that which is unclean (sin) then must lead to a heart felt repentance or confession of the uncleanness before our Holy God. This repentant act is regarded as a righteous act by our Lord. Eight is also consistently found linked with royalty and or Kings. King David was the eighth son of Jesse. He is also a type of the Christ in many respects. 1 Chr. 24:4 along with other scriptures points to eight as applying to those that work in the priesthood as well as those that support the priests. There is a definite link between the process of consecration (which is cleansing) and those that are "clergy (2 Chr. 29:17). The number sixteen signifies a total completion of the process of consecration. Finally here is a curious coincidence found regarding Noah and the ark.

This scripture, (1 Pet 3:20 NIV) who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, **eight in all**, were saved through water.

In this scripture eight is thought to mark salvation. It is made possible by an act of repentance. Water baptism is an expression of being washed by water or the word; we die that Christ might live within us. The water of the word (truth) does wash us and eventually through both the work of the Holy Spirit, the word of God, and the purging fire that we are allowed to walk in, we work out our salvation and are truly saved by the end of our life.

80 can be looked at two ways. In Psalm 80 an individual by the name of Asaph whose name means "the one who gathers the congregation" (*Hitchcocks Bible Names*) seems to point to Christ. In the same Psalm in verse 17 the "son of man" is pointed out as the one who God has raised up. Asaph in other scriptures seems to be the head musician that leads others in worship. The old Guardian Cherub (Lucifer) was also originally built to lead worship. The new Guardian Cherub (Christ) most certainly brings us to worship. In another source there is an association with "**The justice that brings us peace**"? This refers to the justice that should have fallen on us being transferred to Christ. What He did on the cross does give us peace. Most of us know that Moses is a type of the law and he is shown at age 80 as he is used as an agent for the purpose of the Lord's judgment of pharaoh as well as for the release of the lords people from bondage (Exo 7:7 NIV). When Christ our Savior, the central 8 in 888 or the number 80 is shown to Satan it is like a deed that proves ownership of that believer. Satan may not just hand over the individual until a struggle ensues but nevertheless the believer now belongs totally to his/her Lord and in my opinion cannot be taken out of the hand of Jesus by anyone! Finally one of the best illustrations for the middle 8 or the number 80 is found in 2 Sam 19:32 NIV. "Now Barzillai (of iron, *Easton's Bible Dictionary*) was a very old man, **eighty years** of age. He had provided for the king during his stay in Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man."

To get the full picture of the ministry of Barzillai you should read a study on Mahanaim. David had lost everything he had, due to his sin years ago with Bathsheeba, and was in exile at Mahanaim (a place where he was forced to see the devastation wrought by his sin). Barzillai, a name which means of iron (justice), is said to have provided for David. Let me point out a similarity in all of our lives as Christians. When I am allowed to go to Mahanaim and regard the effects of my sin on all of those around me do I not hang my head in repentance and draw the covering of the blood of Christ tightly around me. Isn't this gift that was given to me able to refute all the allegations of the enemy? I can only point to the act that was done by Christ upon the cross (100) as our Savior (80) which will always satisfy the justice (iron) called for by the law of a perfect and Holy God. I cannot put it better than this scripture does: LU 16:7 "Then he said to another, '**And how much do you owe?**' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, '**Take your bill, and write eighty.**'" How often do you hold up this cashier's check that was given to you as payment for your sin, that is the blood of Christ?

800 is difficult to work with as there are few instances of it being used in scripture and I can only submit to you a bit to clarify this one. In Ezekiel's temple (Ezek. 49) there were eight steps to climb to get into the next court. These are thought to represent an act of repentance when shown sin. Next there was a distance of two cubits to walk through the wall jambs. Two represents grace being given and twenty points to the intercessory prayers of others through Christ that allows mercy to be given. Finally the next eight (eight hundred) may point to grace being given for transformation, as well as a total of sixteen being given to this individual. Sixteen denotes a completion, release from bondage, of consecration, at least to enter the next higher court that is closer to our King. There is a connection between Adam's having children and the number eight-hundred in GE 5:4 & Gen 5:19. Perhaps it refers to us as the children of Christ, sons of god being completed, set free? Another scripture that may well shed some light on this rare number is 2SA 23:8: "These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among the captains. He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed **eight hundred** men at one time." Here the number is associated with death by one that is a close friend of David (a type of Christ). Those that are his closest friends, inner circle, stand on each side of him and are thought to represent in part the true end days' clergy. As those around me that I have grown up into the Lord with change I have noticed one very important thing. During the process of changing into the image of Christ the individuals must die to self. The old sinful selfish nature is called to die. Those that arrive at this point, particularly the clergy, are to help others achieve the same end. This is an incredibly difficult job and none are up to the task except those prepared for it. Often it has been found in scripture that multiples of the ordinal number refer back to it. In the case of 8 which points to showing sin to an individual so as to facilitate repentance, then a multiple of 100 often points to those individuals(800) that use the means 80, Christ's crucifixion, to solve the desired action that solves or 8 (giving grace upon repentance leading to salvation).

So then in the number 888 which is the gamatria of the Hebrew name of Jesus. The central eight or 80 identifies him as Savior and what he did on the cross for us. The eight to the right of the middle eight points to the fact that he allows the law to show us sin that we might be brought to repentance while His Spirit (the Spirit of Elijah) turns us to accept what he did on the cross which is grace The left number 8 or (eight hundred) may well stand for the covering of blood he gives us, or rather the grace given us to “work out our salvation in fear and trembling” directed by those that are closest to Him. Law and grace at the beginning of this age stood separately one on each side of him. I believe at the end of this age Law and Grace will be inculcated into each side of the two great cherubs. The two, called by the father to stand at his right and at his left will be agents of his justice. They are His limbs, they are agents of iron (justice) and bronze (judgment) and they are fashioned by Him to be totally submissive to Him. These two eights may well represent “the two” that surround and protect Him & minister onto the congregation.

Another way of extrapolating the meanings of numbers to find their counterpart in scripture. For instance the 600 found in 666 is easily identified as those that would hold captive. As 60 is a direct counterpart of 80, and 6 is the direct counterpart of 8, then 600 should be a direct counterpart of 800. 600 definitely is symbolic of those that would hold captive. 800 as a direct counterpart would then mean to be set free from captivity or bondage.

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Released from	Savior	Sin recognized
bondage.	Paid the price	Repentance expressed
Jesus realized	Law satisfied	The act of Christ on the cross accepted
as capstone or	Peace given	Cornerstone laid in believer's life
Lord.	Blood shed for a	
	covering.	

We are becoming a new Garden of Eden where there will be one great tree and it will be a tree of life with the knowledge of good and evil. For more information on the original two trees see “There were two trees in the garden” by Rick Joyner.