

Eight

(Gen 17:12 NIV) For the generations to come every male among you who is **eight days** old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner--those who are not your offspring.

The first mention of eight in scripture is in Genesis and is associated with circumcision. Let's consider some terms here. The actual act is the cutting, in a circle, and the removal of a covering; in other words to lay bare or become naked. Adam and Eve became aware of their nakedness after eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is this author's contention that the tree of good and evil essentially was the law. It mirrors sin. It enables (with the Holy Spirit) a believer to come to a position of repentance which also is an act of laying bare, acknowledging rebellion, before the Lord. Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to cover this nakedness (uncleanness or sin). During a study of the scriptural fig tree it was recognized as the country of apostate governmental Israel. If this is true then possibly this covering of leaves could be a covering of "works" which even today the Jew and many others use to "cover" their sin or use to attempt to buy their way into heaven.

During the process of circumcision blood is shed. During the agony Christ endured on the cross for each of us blood was also shed. In order to accept that covering of blood true repentance must occur. Repentance seems to be the key as it is an act of acknowledgement that one is or has uncleanness or disobedience in him. This is an uncovering for the penitent one and our Lord acknowledges it as a righteous act.

(Gen 21:4 NIV) When his son Isaac was **eight days** old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him.

This is an act of obedience by Abraham. He is obeying God in performing this act on his son. It is similar to the Father asking the Son to go to the cross and have performed the act of circumcision that set you and I free of our sin. It allowed us to repent; it allowed us to see our sin that we might repent. This is what John the Baptist did when he prepared the way for Christ. He preached a baptism of repentance. The Spirit of Elijah within Him (our Lord in the form of the Holy Spirit) has been working this entire age to raise the army called the church. The Spirit of Moses (the Holy Spirit working to convict) is also necessary, that is the use of the law. The law acts like a mirror and the Spirit of Elijah forces us to look into it and help us recognize that it is bad. We repent, which is a righteous act and then we are pointed toward the cross as the only solution and we grasp it with thanksgiving. We now have a circumcised heart and we now wear a covering of blood instead of works.

(Gen 22:23 NIV) Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milcah bore these **eight sons** to Abraham's brother Nahor.

Abraham was a righteous man, however his brother Nahor was a man of dubious character, not trustworthy. In many respects he resembles Satan in his actions. Even the names of some of his sons may reflect this relationship. Chesed means as a devil. Buz means despised or plundered. The names of the other sons (Huz=counsel, fastened,

Kemuel=God has raised up, Hazo=seeing, prophesying, Jidlaph=he that distills water, Bethuel=filiation with God) do show that this individual can and is used by the Lord. For instance when Jesus was working with Peter there came a time when Satan asked to sift Peter. Jesus apparently allowed it and out of it came a new Peter who became more dependent upon his Lord. Nahor means dry, hot, or hoarse. He certainly, from this name, doesn't have that life giving living water to slake our thirst. Satan does use the law to accuse, condemn, and destroy. Our Lord simply allows Satan to put us into a situation to force us to look into a mirror for our own good. He allows grace in the face of failure so that we might grow. This is not Satan's intention. But our Lord allows all things to lead to the good for those that Love the Lord and for those called according to his purposes. Nahor had four other sons, twelve in all which is a mark of God giving him and his house authority to accomplish a task. Satan's task is that of a refiner's fire. Indeed he is the fire or wrath of the Lord.

(Exo 26:25 NIV) So there will be eight frames and sixteen silver bases--two under each frame.

A covering is to be hung on these frames. It is to keep the common or profane, on the outside, from the Holy or clean which is on the inside. Consider this the blood of Christ, your covering, is hung on an act of repentance. Your owning your sin and agreeing with your Lord that you do have it instead of making excuses allows for your salvation. The silver bases stand for salvation. The Two under each frame stands for Law and Grace working together to bring salvation about. It is the act of repentance that allows the blood to cover you.

(Num 7:8 NIV) and he gave four carts and **eight oxen** to the Merarites, as their work required. They were all under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest.

Four represents the unregenerate peoples of the world many of which will be called into service by our lord after conversion. The carts will carry the frames, the coverings, the silver bases, etc. all that is required to bring repentance, salvation, and restoration to the people. The carts are pulled by eight oxen. Eight again is the ability to bring to repentance or the unveiling of sin to the owner of it. Aaron had four sons, two were killed for offering "unauthorized fire". Fire in scripture is something that either cleans or destroys. Our Lord allows us to occasionally walk through the fire to cleanse us. Anyone using it incorrectly and with the wrong motives would be handled accordingly. One of the two surviving brothers used grace and compassion with this work of our Lord. There are "Christians" today that offer that strange or unauthorized fire up to the Lord, woe to them!

(Num 29:29 NIV) "On the **sixth** day prepare **eight bulls**, two rams and fourteen male lambs a year old, all without defect.

The typology of the Old Testament points quite often to the work of Jesus. An understanding of the timetable given in Genesis of the creation of the earth helps in understanding the above scripture. The sixth day is a day when iniquity is allowed to reach its peak for judgment. It is also a day (1000 years) and a night (1000years) which equals an age. We are now at the end of the sixth day of the creation of our Lord's bride or body, call it the earth. This day or rather age will bring to fruition the greatest time of the saints and of our Lord's work to purchase all of us. Eight bulls equals the work of Christ on the cross that will bring many to repentance through evangelistic outreach. The two rams represent two corporate groups of people that will handle the actual work of the Lord (through his Holy Spirit) in reaping a great harvest, particularly at the end of this sixth age of grace. Fourteen or a doubling of seven represents the end of our Lord's work on the two portions of his corporate bride, after this age reaches its completion with the day (year) of wrath it will become the seventh day or a day for our Lord to enter His rest. It will be the 1000 year reign of the great Jubilee.

(Judg 3:8 NIV) The anger of the LORD burned against Israel so that he sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject for **eight years**.

In this case eight signifies the judgment due sin and the penalty for it has been enacted. This "anger of the Lord" is quite often expressed by Satan. He is an agent of chastisement and is very well controlled by our Lord and by those of the Lord who are mature. Satan often uses foreign kings to subject Israel to punishment. Please understand that our Lord must approve of these actions before they are allowed. Please note in the scripture below that the "ANGER of the Lord" was against Israel because of her sin. Because of this the "ANGER of the Lord" took hold of David and successfully tempted David to sin. Because of that sin Israel was punished. Now compare the wording 1Ch21:1. The two verses are perfectly interchangeable with one exception. Satan equals "the anger of the Lord".

2SA 24:1 Again **the anger of the Lord** was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

1CH 21:1 Now **Satan stood up** against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

(Judg 12:14 NIV) He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys. He led Israel **eight** years.

Abdon, who judged Israel for eight years, has a name which means "cloud of judgment" or servant. It is thought that judges and Kings associated with the number eight are evil and are used to punish disobedient people. Good Kings are used by our Lord to bless his people. Scripture states that no person of authority has his or her position except by our Lord's will.

(1 Sam 17:12 NIV) Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had **eight sons**, and in Saul's time he was old and well advanced in years.

Few Christians are aware that the Gematria of the name of Jesus Christ is 888. David, who is a type of the “bloody” Christ, was the eighth son and he was from Bethlehem as was Jesus. He occasionally was used to discipline, in a round about way (by His sin) Israel. Remember when Satan tempted him to count the fighting men, and he did give in and had them counted. Our Lord was unhappy with Israel so by allowing Satan to tempt him (David) successfully, due to the Kings sin a scourge (justice) came upon Israel. However because of David’s intercession it was stopped. David in effect caused the refining fire to burn and he as well stopped it. Law and Grace were both being used here. Our Jesus uses both to mold us.

(2 Sam 23:8 NIV) These are the names of David's mighty men: Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against **eight hundred** men, whom he killed in one encounter.

This is one incredible individual! Working under David’s authority he killed eight hundred men during one encounter. We as Christians have authority granted to us as well. Paul stated that we become the breath of Life to those that accept Christ as savior but to those who disregard this wonderful offer from God we are the breath of Death. Consider this, an evangelist on television today offers what Christ did for men and eight hundred people that are watching turn down God’s offer! For this decision judgment renders them dead in their sin. Another consideration might be in order here and that is when a Christian grows in Christ he dies to self. Eight hundred could mark those called to be workers in Christ that have been crucified with Christ. They are dead to self. Though it is not often said, most ministers are to help converts grow in this very process.

(2 Sam 24:9 NIV) Joab reported the number of the fighting men to the king: In Israel there were **eight hundred thousand** able-bodied men who could handle a sword, and in Judah five hundred thousand.

This happens in response to our Lord’s anger toward a sinful Israel. Satan (the Lord’s Wrath) is expressed by tempting David to sin. David does sin by having the fighting men counted. The Lord has 70,000 Hebrews killed for this sin until David confesses and is willing to accept the consequences for himself and his family. Jesus accepted the consequences for your and my sin as he paid for it on the cross. His bride (temple) is also supposed to suffer so that others may also be saved. The number seven is often associated with a completion of our Lord’s work and so 70,000 Hebrews were killed and then it was finished. Eight hundred thousand = judgment to purge or purify or set free from sin, and the 500,000 = those authorized to purge by payment by the blood of Christ uncleanness or sin. Eight associated with five means sin is being judged and revealed to an individual.

(1 Ki 7:10 NIV) The foundations were laid with large stones of good quality, some measuring ten cubits and some **eight**.

We do know that we are the temple of our Lord. He inhabits us as we provide a body for His Holy Spirit to dwell and work in. Ten often refers to the idea that in spite of us and our weaknesses He will still get done what he desires for us to do. Eight of course we have seen is a complex number associated with vengeance, salvation, uncovering of sin, judgment, intercession, substitution for sin, kingship, but most of all circumcision of the heart - repentance, and perhaps we will find more.

(2 Ki 8:17 NIV) He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem **eight years**.

It appears that evil kings and judges that are allowed to rule by our Lord are agents of punishment for a disobedient people.

(2 Ki 22:1 NIV) Josiah was **eight years old** when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath.

Again the number eight is associated with a King and his rule. This was a good king and he tried very hard to cleanse the countryside of Baal worship. He recognized the apostasy that his kingdom had fallen into and attempted to right the wrongs by getting rid of all signs of idolatry. He also repented for the actions of his people and sought the Lord. Part of what the Lord responded with was basically since you have humbled yourself and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you. The Lord was pleased that Josiah was concerned for the people and that he interceded for them. That is a mark of mercy. He was very aware of our Lord's anger or wrath against the disobedience of his nation. He knew what it meant to fear the Lord. His name, Josiah means the Lord burns or the fire of the Lord.

(1 Chr 23:3 NIV) The Levites thirty years old or more were counted, and the total number of men was thirty-eight thousand.

Whether this eight in thirty-eight has any meaning is questionable. Three or thirty is often a mark of the trinity and their work to cleanse. Eight connected to it would mark a spiritual leader that might enact judgment on sin to change the individual. Depending on whether repentance occurs these individuals might bring destruction or salvation. Considering this number is in reference to the Levites it might fit.

(1 Chr 24:4 NIV) A larger number of leaders were found among Eleazar's descendants than among Ithamar's, and they were divided accordingly: sixteen heads of families from Eleazar's descendants and eight heads of families from Ithamar's descendants.

Again eight is associated with leadership or headship. Doubling eight into sixteen seems to imply a greater level of it that eventually will lead to completion of consecration.

(2 Chr 13:3 NIV) Abijah went into battle with a force of four hundred thousand able fighting men, and Jeroboam drew up a battle line against him with **eight hundred thousand** able troops.

Here we have a King (Abijah) and his forces associated with four which is a number of the unregenerate world and is often used to refer to those the Lord is cleansing for redemptive purposes. Abijah loves the Lord and is shown in scripture to stand by Him. Jeroboam is an enemy of God and of Abijah and Judah. Eight or eight hundred is associated with Jeroboam's fighting men. Eight has been previously seen to designate an individual associated with punishment of apostasy. Apparently the attempt of Abijah and his people from Judah to honor the Lord has come up before the Lord and he is being very protective of them. His agent of chastisement is destroyed.

One last note on the above. Abijah stood on mount Zemaraim when he spoke to Jeroboam. Our Lord places things in his word quite often to give more depth to a picture. Zemaraim stands for wool or pith. We know that the priests that worked at the altar were not allowed to wear wool because it caused them to perspire and of course eventually cause an odor. This would be literally considered an unclean condition by the ancient Jew. To acknowledge uncleanness puts us in a position to receive mercy and I believe that is what Abijah did. Eight hundred occasionally implies an ability to set free, either by death or by the blood of Christ – in which case we do die to sin.

(2 Chr 21:5 NIV) Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem **eight years**.

Again an evil ruler associated with eight. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord.

(2 Chr 29:17 NIV) They began the consecration on the first day of the first month, and by the eighth day of the month they reached the portico of the LORD. For **eight** more days they consecrated the temple of the LORD itself, finishing on the **sixteenth** day of the first month.

Consecration is to make ready by cleansing. This was done in two parts. First it took eight days (the symbolic process of repentance) to cleanse the outer and inner courtyards up to the portico. Another eight days were spent in cleansing the temple. The people or (laity) inhabited the courtyards. The priests and Levites (clergy) worked in and around the temple and of course there is some overlap. For the past two thousand years our Lord has been cleansing His people. In the book of revelation it seems that a great priesthood will come out of the refining fire of the end days. Sixteen again seems to be associated

with a completion of all consecrative works or the entire process. Perhaps the first eight is the act of revealing sin by the Law and Holy Spirit so as to bring about repentance. There is generally a two between the eights, the question is could the two be intercession for forgiveness as well as acknowledgment of the sin which leads to grace given? Finally the last eight is the covering of blood provided by our Lord Jesus, the payment for sin being exacted.

(EC 11:1 NKJ) Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.
(Eccl 11:2 NIV) Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

First we see a giving of bread to the waters. Scripturally the great waters stand for the unregenerate peoples of our world. Sharing the bread of scripture, or the truth of the word will cause conversions in many and they will in turn become servers of bread. Seven marks a completion of an event. The book of revelation is often referred to as a book of sevens. Eight marks a ruler or ruling class that either may rule with great anger if the people are evil or one that will rule with mercy if they attempt to obey Him. Disaster is much like a great fire. Fire refines and burns away the dross (impurity) or it renders those that are not repentant to ashes (destruction). Most of us grow spiritually during times of testing. Peter was tested by Satan and was found to be lacking in an area of loyalty to Jesus. He denied Jesus three times even after being told that he would do this. After this time of testing we see a definite change in Peter as he walks along the shores of the Sea of Galilee with Jesus.

(Jer 41:15 NIV) But Ishmael son of Nethaniah and eight of his men escaped from Johanan and fled to the Ammonites.

Israel was being disciplined by the Lord who had allowed Babylon to come in and take over their country. Ishmael rebelled against the rule of Babylon by killing the governor that the King of Babylon has installed in Israel. Here we see Ishmael and eight of his men escaping. That is a total of nine men. Nine marks rebellion all through scripture and in one case the King of Tyre, who is a type of satan. See Ezek 28:12-14 & Isa 14:11-19.

(Ezek 40:9 NIV) it was eight cubits deep and its jambs were two cubits thick. The portico of the gateway faced the temple.

The measurements found in Solomen's temple and in the courtyards are filled with symbolism. As we have noted in our studies eight is associated with judgement and either restoration or destruction. It is thought here that the entry way into the next court being eight cubits deep symbolizes the judgement and subsequent recognition by us of the sin so that we might repent of our sin and stop it and then enter into the inner court. The closer we come to our lord the cleaner we must become. This is a process that takes time. The blood of Christ enables us to begin and continue with that process. It is the working out of our salvation with fear and trembling. We are never shown our sin all at once but a little at a time. Our repentance takes a life time. The closer a person is called

to walk with our Lord the more severe the testing and it follows the cleaner he will become. Remember Elihu's exclamation that, "oh that Job might be tested to the utmost"? This was not a vindictive act on Elihu's part but a hope for a blessing to come upon Job. Eventually Job got double back when all was said and done. The double portion? There is a two associated with the two eights and it is thought that the two stands for intercession an act of repentance and asking for mercy. One eight perhaps the law judging and the other eight the salvation or cleanness that Jesus bought being applied.

(Ezek 40:31 NIV) Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees decorated its jambs, and eight steps led up to it.

Again on the outside leading up to the jambs we see eight steps. So there is a number eight associated with the outside entrance to the portico and eight associated with it after going into it. Two eights or sixteen total.

One eight associated with steps going up or perhaps an individual becoming enlightened as to his sin. Next repentance and asking for mercy allows him to enter, and finally the second eight, an act of mercy given to the humbled believer that of salvation. Sixteen denotes the completeness of consecration onto the Lord.

(Ezek 40:34 NIV) Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees decorated the jambs on either side, and eight steps led up to it.

The same.

(Ezek 40:37 NIV) Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees decorated the jambs on either side, and eight steps led up to it.

The same.

(Ezek 40:41 NIV) So there were four tables on one side of the gateway and four on the other--eight tables in all--on which the sacrifices were slaughtered.

The sacrifices were propitiation for sin and symbolized the act that Christ would eventually bring forth on the cross. He would become the propitiation for our sin. The eight tables would later become the cross or tree that Christ finished his work as a sin substitute. Perhaps you might consider this, the tree of good and evil was the Law. The Law is perfect and had to be satisfied. It demanded payment for sin. Jesus hung on the tree of good and evil. He became payment for our sins to satisfy the Law. Jesus, the tree of life if you will, satisfied his own edict the law for in Jesus is both the perfect law and perfect grace. It seems we might have two eights here. The judgment by the Law enacts one eight and the application of grace following repentance allows the second eight to be applied.

In Ezekial 43:25-27 the first seven days describe a time of atonement. The eighth day is a day when the Lord will accept us. Our consecration period will be over.

EZE 43:25 'Every day for seven days you shall prepare a goat for a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock, both without blemish.

EZE 43:26 'Seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it, and so consecrate it.

EZE 43:27 'When these days are over it shall be, on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests shall offer your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar; and I will accept you,' says the Lord God."

(Micah 5:5 NIV) And he will be their peace. When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against him seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men.

Micah is prophesying toward the future advent of Christ for Israel. The Assyrian is a type of the antichrist which will attempt to deceive. The word seven denotes the end of the age and eight the fact that the Assyrian will be judged by our Lord possibly through His bride the completed church of Jews and Gentiles. This might occur at Armageddon.

(Acts 7:8 NIV) Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

Again circumcision is an act of uncovering uncleanness akin to repentance before the Lord.

It is an agreement of man with what the Lord sees in us.

(Acts 9:33 NIV) There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years.

Possibly being held captive by his sins. In a position of captivity in need of release.

(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 case eight marks salvation. It is made possibly 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. We also are saved through water the living water (truth) provided by our Lord that washes and consecrates us for the day of salvation.

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(Gen 16:16 NIV) Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Perhaps our Lord's judgment of iniquity is seen here. Ishmael was not born from the promise but was due to man trying to make God's word come true. Six marks iniquity.

(Gen 35:28 NIV) Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years.

The Lord walked with Isaac and as he lived judged his actions and made him prosper spiritually as well as financially.

(Exo 7:7 NIV) Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Moses is a type of the law and here we see him 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 lord's people from bondage.

(Josh 14:10 NIV) "Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!

Caleb is speaking and is asking for his portion of the land. His age denotes that he was a judge of sin. He and Joshua were the only two of the twelve spies that came back with a report that they could take the land. They were the only two that lived to see it as the lord had allowed all the rest to die in the desert because of unbelief. Joshua could stand for Jesus and of course grace. Caleb's origin is more like that designating the Law.

(Judg 3:30 NIV) That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years.

Peace does follow salvation. Salvation follows repentance. Repentance follows being shown that you are indeed sinful. Above we have an unclean foreign nation brought into subjugation by the Lord's people. Peace follows.

(1 Sam 22:18 NIV) The king then ordered Doeg, "You turn and strike down the priests." So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck them down. That day he killed eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod.

Our Lord is in control, even of those that do not claim Him. Doeg is executing justice for sin.

(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.

(2 Sam 19:35 NIV) I am now eighty years old. Can I tell the difference between what is good and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats and drinks? Can I still hear the voices of men and women singers? Why should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?

David's stay at Mahanaim was a time of reflection of how much his sin with Bathsheba had cost so many of those around him. He came to a profound understanding of the far reaching affects of his own sin. Barzillai was an agent of very great grace. While David was in this city of refuge looking in the mirror there was one who provided for him and looked beyond David's present circumstances to what he could still become. Barzillai plays the part of the two and this results in the second eight being laid down or rather a further cleansing of sin to draw him closer to his Lord. The name Barzillai means iron or one who is strong. Throughout the Bible iron stands for justice. Here David has been brought to the point of a deep understanding on the far reaching affects of sin, hopefully he will hate it enough to remain clean for the rest of his life. To be shown this truth indeed would be the result of a just God. Great spiritual strength is needed to walk with another while they are looking so dirty. Most wish to run away. Barzillai needs no payment but that of seeing David walk in victory and bless Israel for the rest of his life, that is the way of a servant of the Lord that walks beside another in the valley of death. His delight and joy comes from seeing the other set free. He was wealthy indeed in that he had been given the spiritual strength to support David while he was at Mahanaim or rather "looking into the mirror at his sin".

(1 Ki 5:15 NIV) Solomon had seventy thousand carriers and eighty thousand stonecutters in the hills,

We see seven associated with eight quite often in the word. Seven is the completion of an issue. Solomon is thought to represent the risen Christ in Glory directing the building of his "house" or "bride" during this present age. As we near the end of this age there will be developed by him a very special portion of the bride, a very select loyal priesthood of believers that will undergo great refining in the fire. **Eight has been shown to have a double meaning but both lead to the completion of the same thing, consecration and sanctification of the Lord's people. Both of these numbers are very large and so are thought to represent a massive refining process at the very end of this age probably during Daniel's seven day week the time of the great tribulation. It is this author's contention that the purpose of the Bride going through the great tribulation is to give her that white wedding gown spotless and white without wrinkle. The day of the Lord's wrath is not the entire seven year period but only the last year. She will be taken up at the end of the sixth "day".**

(1 Ki 12:21 NIV) When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem, he mustered the whole house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin--a hundred and eighty thousand fighting men--to make war against the house of Israel and to regain the kingdom for Rehoboam son of Solomon.

Here Rehoboam is preparing an army that was to fight against his apostate brother Jeroboam who was in the act of deceiving Israel. It was an army that would punish wrong doing. This act however was countermanded by the Lord through a prophet so the army was disbanded and the iniquity that Jeroaboam lead Israel into increased. Cleansing was not allowed at this time. Occasionally our Lord allows Satan in what ever

form to increase iniquity fully so as to really punish an apostate people that have hard hearts. The greater the iniquity the greater the wrath. Continue with what happened.

(2 Ki 6:25 NIV) There was a great famine in the city; the siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a quarter of a cab of seed pods for five shekels.

(2 Ki 10:24 NIV) So they went in to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had posted eighty men outside with this warning: "If one of you lets any of the men I am placing in your hands escape, it will be your life for his life."

(2 Ki 19:35 NIV) That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning--there were all the dead bodies!

(2 Chr 2:2 NIV) He conscripted seventy thousand men as carriers and eighty thousand as stonecutters in the hills and thirty-six hundred as foremen over them.

(2 Chr 11:1 NIV) When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem, he mustered the house of Judah and Benjamin--a hundred and eighty thousand fighting men--to make war against Israel and to regain the kingdom for Rehoboam.

(2 Chr 14:8 NIV) Asa had an army of three hundred thousand men from Judah, equipped with large shields and with spears, and two hundred and eighty thousand from Benjamin, armed with small shields and with bows. All these were brave fighting men.

(2 Chr 26:17 NIV) Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the LORD followed him in.

(Psa 90:10 NIV) The length of our days is seventy years-- or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

(Song 6:8 NIV) Sixty queens there may be, and **eighty concubines**, and virgins beyond number;

(Isa 37:36 NIV) Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning--there were all the dead bodies!

The eight involved here signifies the Lord's judgement falling on the unclean Assyrian camp (five). In other words the Lords(1) judgement(8) on unclean Assyrians(5).

(Jer 41:5 NIV) **eighty** men who had shaved off their beards, torn their clothes and cut themselves came from Shechem, Shiloh and Samaria, bringing grain offerings and incense with them to the house of the LORD.

(Luke 2:37 NIV) and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

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**.'

Even though there is no eight involved or a two the scenario in Job 33:21-25 perfectly portrays both eights and the two. Let's look at it remembering that Elihu, who is an agent of confrontation for Job, is speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

JOB 33:21 His flesh wastes away from sight, And his bones stick out which once were not seen.

During a time of testing by the master of testing (Satan) our weaknesses or sin become visible. Bones denote our spiritual condition, remember not one bone in Jesus' body was broken. He displayed total spiritual strength. Job's sin was revealed during this time of testing.

JOB 33:22 Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, And his life to the executioners.

Due to the revelation of his sin (disobedience) judgement is rendered and law calls for his death. This is one eight.

JOB 33:23 "If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness,

JOB 33:24 Then He is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom';

This section reveals a need for a mediator, one like Elihu, a person who will pray for mercy and forgiveness and will help a person see his sin as well as the Lord's righteousness. This brings him to repentance and will allow him to approach the Lord to "hear his voice" or receive salvation. This is the job of the two.

JOB 33:25 His flesh shall be young like a child's, He shall return to the days of his youth.

Finally we see he has a new covering. A covering without spot or wrinkle. The blood of our Lord accomplishes this and we all that are true Christians wear it as we "work out our salvation with fear and trembling." Restoration of the individual to the full benefits of walking with our Lord will occur.

888 King, Judge, Savior? Total righteousness. Our righteousness. As 666 denotes fulfillment of iniquity then 888 would represent the opposite end of the spectrum. Infinite righteousness or the complete fulfillment of it. Hallelujah praise our Lord Jesus came to fulfill all righteousness!

