

## Twenty

GE 6:3 And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

A period of time is discussed here, a period when our Lord will strive with man. "His days shall be one hundred and twenty years." One hundred and twenty as a number signifies being given authority to accomplish a task. One hundred points to an act of God almighty to accomplish whatever twenty stands for.

GE 18:31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty." Twenty righteous men are still sufficient to stay His hand of wrath.

GE 31:38 "These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock.

GE 31:41 "Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

Again we see twenty associated with time to totally complete a task but it is also associated with two wives and a flock marked by six which means iniquity.

GE 32:14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

Laity and priests? There are goats and sheep here. The males may possibly represent members of a priesthood and the females laity. So twenty is thought to be associated with those in authority.

GE 32:15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.

Here twenty is associated with those that nurture.

GE 37:28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Joseph in scripture is probably one of the most perfect types of Christ. Here we see twenty associated with silver. Silver throughout scripture is a symbol of redemption or salvation. Twenty probably is an act that leads to salvation or restoration.

EX 26:18 "And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

EX 26:19 "You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

EX 26:20 "And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, there shall be twenty boards

Two sets of twenty. There is an association with two protective walls that shield what is inside.

EX 27:10 "And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be silver.

EX 27:11 "Likewise along the length of the north side there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.

These are closer to our Lord and the twenty is associated with bronze (judgement) and silver (salvation). During our Christian walk is our sin not judged and dealt with by the Holy Spirit? Are we not washed by the word and occasionally chastised so as to leave our sin and conform to the image of Christ? These two seem to apply judgement and grace together with balance for the good of those being worked with.

EX 27:16 "For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall have four pillars and four sockets.

The gate is marked by all of the colors of the trinity as well as the number twenty. There is only one Gate that we might go through to please the father and that is the Gate of the Crucified Son of God. The acceptance of what he did for us on the cross. Remember that high priestly prayer that Jesus prayed before going to the cross? That is a remarkable example of the twenty in action. Perfect intercession by our high Priest.

EX 30:13 "This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs). The half-shekel shall be an offering to the Lord.

The value of a man is equated here with twenty.

EX 30:14 "Everyone included among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the Lord.

An age when one is expected to begin to give.

EX 36:23 And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

EX 36:24 Forty sockets of silver he made to go under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

EX 36:25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, the north side, he made twenty boards

EX 38:10 There were twenty pillars for them, with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.

EX 38:11 On the north side the hangings were one hundred cubits long, with twenty pillars and their twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.

EX 38:18 The screen for the gate of the court was woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. The length was twenty cubits, and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

This is duplicated in an explanation above.

The colors of the trinity and linen. The work of Christ on the cross (his acceptance of our sin = five) was sufficient to enable all of us to enter.

EX 38:26 a bekah for each man (that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone included in the numbering from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men.

LE 27:3 'if your valuation is of a male from twenty years old up to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

It is associated again with the value of a man.

LE 27:5 'and if from five years old up to twenty years old, then your valuation for a male shall be twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels;

NU 1:3 "from twenty years old and above-all who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

NU 1:20 Now the children of Reuben, Israel's oldest son, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war:

Warfare or service, to take the land for the Lord.

NU 3:47 "you shall take five shekels for each one individually; you shall take them in the currency of the shekel of the sanctuary, the shekel of twenty gerahs.

NU 7:86 The twelve gold pans full of incense weighed ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the pans weighed one hundred and twenty shekels.

Incense is often representative of the prayers of the saints that move our Lord on behalf of others. It is a standing in the gap so to speak. Ten indicates that in spite of our weaknesses an action of our Lord will succeed. Gold is righteousness and prayer for others is certainly a righteous act. The gold weighed 120, a multiple of 12 and this is thought to represent authority. The righteousness of Christ enables us to commit righteous acts of intercession. His Spirit in us interceding for others. One signifies our Lord and the twenty that follows indicates an act sufficient to redeem all.

NU 14:29 "The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

An age of accountability for sin? It also seems to be an age when the individual may be used in warfare.

NU 18:16 "And those redeemed of the devoted things you shall redeem when one month old, according to your valuation, for five shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

Redemption purchased for us by Christ becoming five.

JUD 4:3 And the children of Israel cried out to the Lord; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

Jabin is marked by the number nine, which belongs to Satan, and indicates he is a punisher of sin. Iron denotes that Justice is being exacted due to sin. Twenty can be a duration of time until it is lifted or the price of redemption is paid.

JUD 11:33 And he defeated them from Aroer as far as Minnith-twenty cities-and to Abel Keramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

JUD 15:18 Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the Lord and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?"

JUD 15:20 And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

Samson was an agent of deliverance for Israel and his time of judging is associated with twenty. He continually pushed back the Philistines who acted as an oppressor due to Israel's sins. This is much like an intercessor who asks for mercy for someone who is being disobedient to our Lord. Standing in the gap is a rare thing.

1SA 7:2 So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

Perhaps this is a type of our Lord taking His gospel message from the Jews to the Gentiles “until the times of the gentiles is fulfilled”. Israel had sinned again and the ark was taken away to another city and taken care of by a levite priest. Twenty signifies that its timing and purpose was still being met but in another location. The Jews simply were not being blessed by its presence.

2SA 8:4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots.

Again the number 20 000 is associated with warfare or fighting men. Prayer and intercession by the saints is where the action is, it pulls down strong holds of the enemy and sets the captives free. These 20 000 belong to the enemy and they are taken.

2SA 9:10 "You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

2SA 19:17 There were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over the Jordan before the king.

David is returning from Mahanaim, where he was forced to look at what his own sin did to his family and the nation he was serving. There were those that didn't abandon him even in this predicament. David at Mahanaim reminds me of Christ on the cross. Those that didn't abandon Jesus while he looked His worst and yet was carrying out the will of the father would be blessed indeed. Those that stayed with David during this terrible time also are shown to be blessed. To go before the King crossing the Jordan would be a great Honor. There are two here. A corporate group of men of Benjamin as well as those belonging to Ziba. Benjamin from a study of Joseph is felt to be the Gentile Church Ziba could be the redeemed Hebrew bride. Saul is representing Satan and all of his house. To cross the Jordan from East to West is recognized as empowerment toward victory. Before Christ comes back from the direction of the east two will proceed Him and Jesus will indwell them in a mighty way.

Fifteen means the punishment due the wicked and it is in the same sentence associated with twenty which marks intercession for forgiveness or the asking of mercy which lifts the punishment that the law demands. Both of these are in the hands of one individual, Ziba. Considerable power has been given to this individual and that this individual once served the enemy of David. Like Ziba most of the Hebrew portion of the bride are still serving Satan but a time is coming when a great many will be given grace to recognize their true husband.

2SA 18:7 The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day.

Again we see twenty thousand being associated with enemy soldiers being taken or overcome in battle. Such is the power of proper God called and directed intercession.

1KI 9:10 Now it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the Lord and the king's house

1KI 9:11 (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired), that King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

Solomon is thought to represent the risen Christ ruling and reigning with the Father in heaven. Here he has built two great houses. At the end of this age He will indeed build the two and he will in dwell them with power to accomplish His ends. The King of Tyre represents Satan. Jesus will take those that belong to Satan and will wash them and restore them to service in His own house. Each of you is a living stone bought by the blood by the redemptive power of Christ. You will all be assembled into one house for Him to dwell in but it will have two main portions. One portion will prefer the Law and the other will prefer Grace. Each will be balanced by the other. The King of Tyre will not appreciate the service that takes away what was His and returns it to its proper owner.

1KI 9:14 Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

After Hiram had seen the cities and not been satisfied with them why does he send Solomon one hundred and twenty talents of gold? Consider this: One hundred and twenty symbolizes authority and gold represents righteousness. Satan in the end loses all of his authority and it is given to the Son because he has earned it through His righteous acts.

2CH 2:10 And indeed I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty thousand kors of ground wheat, twenty thousand kors of barley, twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

The payment for the servants of Hiram (Satan) is marked with multiples of twenty. There are four twenty thousands mentioned, all food. The types of wheat, barley, wine, and oil all have spiritual types associated with each. The barley is the early fruit given at the beginning of this age to the infant church. Wheat is a better quality bread given later and particularly at the end of the age to make strong mature Christians. Wine and oil each mark joy derived from serving with giftedness and the anointing to serve respectively. Isn't a Christian happiest when he or she is using the gifts given by the Spirit to bear fruit for our Lord?

1KI 6:16 Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built it inside as the inner sanctuary, as the Most Holy Place.

1KI 6:20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, and overlaid the altar of cedar.

Twenty marks the holy of holies more than any other room in the temple. The entire temple with all associated numbers and symbols describe the entire bride of Christ or His body. The walls surrounding the Holy of Holies are thought either to represent possibly the twenty-four elders that surround the throne described in Revelations. Intercession should be more and more prevalent as a child of God matures into a greater servant of the most high.

2CH 3:8 And he made the Most Holy Place. Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six hundred talents of fine gold.

2CH 3:11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits in overall length: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub;

2CH 3:12 one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing also was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub.

2CH 3:13 The wings of these cherubim spanned twenty cubits overall. They stood on their feet, and they faced inward.

Now notice that twenty marks these two each having a wingspan of ten cubits. Each wing being five denotes that these individual corporate entities were originally “unclean”. They touch each other at only one point and that is over what I believe to be “in Christ”. Law and Grace at first simply appear to not agree and they seem diametrically opposed to each other, however our Lord uses both to Love us and transform us. These two are the closest things, to him in all of this “temple” (His body) that there are mentioned. They do touch the walls. If these two, which will be shown later are really the end days apostles and prophets they would certainly be close to the elders ( teaching pastors) and would interact with them.

2CH 4:1 Moreover he made a bronze altar: twenty cubits was its length, twenty cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.

The alter on which the propitiation for sin was to be made. Our Lord himself paid that price as our sin was judged as it lay upon him.

2CH 8:1 It came to pass at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of the Lord and his own house,

Remember Jacob worked for twenty years to pay for both of his brides and for the flocks.

Solomen is a type the risen Christ who will also have worked “twenty” years to purchase both of his “brides” which comprise the total corporate bride as well as the nations at the end of this age. They will be a sort of wedding gift for His bride. So again it seems that twenty refers to a period of time that it takes to redeem all that will be his.

EZR 3:8 Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began work and appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of the Lord.

Here we have two individuals that seem to be in charge of priests and levites as well as others. Twenty again appears to be an age of accountability or an age where one might be trusted to perform a work. In this case they are directed perhaps by Jeshua through Zerubbabel and to oversee the work in restoring the house of God

EZR 8:27 twenty gold basins worth a thousand drachmas, and two vessels of fine polished bronze, precious as gold

Perhaps just a curious coincidence but the two vessels are of bronze which may imply that these two are capable of judging sin and the close association of the twenty gold basins could be for washing it away until righteousness is apparent.

NE 7:71 Some of the heads of the fathers' houses gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand gold drachmas, and two thousand two hundred silver minas.

NE 7:72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly garments.

Headship as well as laity giving a staggering amount of intercession, a righteous act, to bring about redemption.

EZE 4:10 "And your food which you eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time you shall eat it.

Ezekiel, which I believe to be a type of Christ, is told to measure his food twenty shekels a day. Christ is the one who paid the price for us as well as even now intercedes for us. His food was to do the will of the father and for the joy set before him he endured the cross. We, the bride, are part of that joy. The bridal price is twenty.

EZE 41:4 He measured the length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, beyond the sanctuary; and he said to me, "This is the Most Holy Place."

Eze 41:4 shows us the Holy of Holies in the temple described by Ezekial. We see the same numbers as found in Solomon's temple. Both are thought to represent the body of Christ.

EZE 45:5 "An area twenty-five thousand cubits long and ten thousand wide shall belong to the Levites, the ministers of the temple; they shall have twenty chambers as a possession.

Possession of the gift of intercession is very important to a leader and here we see the number twenty associated with the ministers of the temple.

ZEC 5:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."

This flying scroll contained a curse **to be sent into the homes of those that continued in the two sins mentioned. I can't relate it to any of the other twenties? Perhaps after intercession occurs and the individuals are given a chance to change and they refuse than this is the result?**

AC 27:28 And they took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little farther, they took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

For the second time we see twenty and fifteen associated with each other. Intercession leading to deliverance from a terrible (sin) situation. Just a coincidence perhaps this time?