

Hermeneutics 2 Lessons 11 and 12

The Numerical Principle

Theme: The numerical principle is defined as that principle by which God places a certain definite meaning on numbers employed by the Holy Spirit in the Scripture, and continues that significance throughout the inspired Book.

Introduction: Back of all creation there is evidence that God has a mathematical mind. God is a God of numbers. The Word of God is perfect in holiness, righteousness, object and end, and also in its design in numbers.

Many theologians say that there are two books, the Book of God's World and the Book of God's Word. Both of these are the work of God. Man could never create the world, and man could never have written the Bible. In all of God's works and words we find the right way, the right time, the right order, and the right number.

Phillips said, "From as far back, as when men first began to count, people have been fascinated by numbers. Even the ordinary, everyday numbers of the workaday world hide curiosities and treasures within their depths. Whole volumes have been written to demonstrate the mysterious and hidden significance of various numbers in our mathematical system. Sir James Jeans, the famous British astronomer, once declared that the Creator of the universe had to be 'a pure Mathematician.'"

Belief in the symbolism of numbers can be traced back to the early Egyptians. What was once perhaps a science soon degenerated into superstition and, in due course, numerology developed. The Jewish Cabalists, the Greek Pythagoreans, Philo of Alexandria, the Gnostics—all saw mystical significance in numbers. Modern numerologists have found all kinds of strange meanings in numbers.

We believe that God is a God of numbers. We believe that the Word of God is perfect in holiness and righteousness, design, execution, object and end, and perfect in number.

We want to look at the design in numbers; then later, we will look at the significance of numbers. When we see the same design in each of the words and works of God, the same mysterious principle being carried out in each, the conviction is overwhelming that we have the same Designer, the same Author

I. The Significance of numbers in Scripture.

II. The number one in Scripture.

III. The number two in Scripture.

IV. The number three in Scripture.

V. The number four in Scripture.

VI. The number five in Scripture.

VII. The number six in Scripture.

VIII. The number seven in Scripture.

IX. The number eight in Scripture.

X. The number nine in Scripture.

XI. The number ten in Scripture.

XII. The number eleven in Scripture.

XIII. The number twelve in Scripture.

XIV. The number thirteen in Scripture.

XV. The number seventeen in Scripture.

XVI. The number forty in Scripture.

XVII. The number fifty in Scripture.