



REPENT AUSTRALIA

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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THE MASTER MATHEMATICIAN

Numbers are as much an integral part of existence as are food and drink, sleep and work, love and truth. They are everywhere. We use them every day at home, at school, at work and at play. They are employed in science, engineering, navigation, music and sport. The very nature of the universe is bound up in mathematics. Numerical calculations have provided men with the ability to build bridges, skyscrapers, rockets, and satellites; to chart courses across unknown seas and space; to produce nuclear weapons and power plants, sophisticated ships, planes, cars, trains and other countless inventions. For God who created this entire universe has woven numbers into the fabric of His symphony of nature as they are a very part of God Himself. He is the Master Mathematician.

The Number Seven

Yet there is much more to the way God has embedded numbers into His creation than we probably realise. Firstly, He has embossed His seal, the mark of His authorship, on that creation in the regularity with which the number **seven**, the perfect number, occurs in nature. Take the human body. The development of the embryo takes place in periods of 28 days, the full gestation period being 280 days. The gestation period of many living creatures also bear the seal of seven: the canary, finch, cockatoo and robin, 14 days; the hen and mouse, 21 days; the rat, common hen and duck, 28 days; the swan and rhea, 35 days; the cassowary, ostrich and kiwi, 42 days; the emperor penguin, 49 days; the dog, 63 days; the emu and cat, 56 days; the lion 98 days; and the sheep, 147 days. And there are others.

The Natural World

The natural world, too, exhibits the divine signature in the number seven. The light from the sun consists of seven colours – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet – the colours of the rainbow. Seven marks the only possible mode of classification of the mass of everything called science: kingdom, sub-kingdom, class, order, family, genus and species. The Bible tells us that God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Thus the week consists of seven days, six for work and the seventh for rest. And man's allotted lifespan is 70 years. In the Scriptures seven usually denotes God's fullness of command, as Naaman the leper had to wash seven times in the Jordan to be healed and the Israelites had to march seven times around Jericho on the seventh day before the city's walls collapsed. Moreover the Book of Revelation abounds in sevens – seven churches, seven angles, seven trumpets and so on.

Forty, Three and Twelve

Other numbers, too, are significant. In the Bible the number **forty** represents a period of probation, as in the Great Flood of Noah's day when it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Moses spent 40 days on Mt Sinai when God gave him the Ten Commandments; the Israelites wandered 40 years in the wilderness; Nineveh was given 40 days to repent; Christ was 40 days on earth after His resurrection. The number **three** denotes completion; for example, the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God also has three attributes; He is omnipotent (all-powerful); omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipresent (everywhere at the one time). Time consists of past, present and future; matter comprises animal, vegetable and mineral; human capability is summed up in thought, word and deed. The number **twelve** signifies perfect government in the Scriptures. The 12 sons of Jacob became the 12 tribes of Israel; Jesus appointed 12 apostles; the New Jerusalem shall have 12 gates and at the gates 12 angels; it shall measure 12,000 stadia (furlongs) and the walls 144 cubits. Moreover, the number of the sealed in Revelation will be 144,000.

The Lord of History

God has so impressed his numerical seal upon everything in this world that we can be sure that numbers are not a matter of chance but of design. We can also be sure that Jesus Christ is the Lord of History: it is HIS STORY for it is a record of events on earth as they relate to man and his Saviour. Though few may know it, God's hand has always been on the affairs of this world, guiding, leading, watching people and events, and every now and then the evidence of His hand is made apparent. Consider these events that occurred early last century

Clock Striking Eleven

On the **eleventh** day of December 1917 General Edmund Allenby liberated the city of Jerusalem after centuries of Turkish rule. It was a significant event for at long last the Holy City was free from the yoke of the infidel and again in Christian hands. It also cleared the way for the long prophesied return of the Jews to their promised homeland. Exactly **eleven** months to the day, at the **eleventh** hour of the **eleventh** day of the **eleventh** month (11 November 1918) the Armistice was signed, ending the horrors of World War I. God's clock was striking **eleven**, drawing the world's attention to the fact that the midnight hour was approaching.

God's Master Plan

In the Scriptures God has revealed His master plan for the earth based on seven – the seven days of creation. According to a biblical principle that each of these days represents a thousand years, the span of history from the first man, Adam, to the present day is 6000 years. The seventh day (when God rested from His work) symbolises the Millennium when Christ shall reign over His kingdom here on earth. In fact God has revealed no other plan. Either this is truly God's program or the world will continue *ad infinitum* with the devil continuing to run rampant until this planet becomes a virtual hell-on-earth. Even now, the world continues to degenerate at an alarming rate as men and women reject the Spirit of Truth and allow the pleasures of sin to run rampant in their lives. What would it be like in a hundred or a thousand years time? The prospect is unthinkable.

Parable of the Ten Virgins

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus warned us to be ready for that awesome time: the midnight hour! "At midnight there was a great cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; come out to meet him!' then all the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps have gone out.' But the wise replied, 'No, lest there is not enough for both of us and you; but rather, go and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were away the bridegroom came, the virgins who were ready went in with Him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came saying, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us.' But He replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I know you not.' "

The Midnight Hour

We are now almost at the end of the age of grace throughout which Jesus Christ the bridegroom has been preparing a bride for Himself. That bride now looks eagerly for His return to claim her. And who is she? Everyone who has acknowledged that He who knew no sin was made sin for them on the cross that they might become the righteousness of God in Him. Everyone who has been cleansed by His blood and sealed with His Holy Spirit. For them the midnight hour will hold no terrors, just the sheer joy of seeing Him face to face. It is almost zero hour. Are *you* ready for His return in glory?

PRAYER

Almighty God of infinite grace, holiness, truth and glory, Maker of heaven and earth and all who live in it, have mercy on us. Omniscient Father, in Christ's righteousness we come with repentant hearts yielded to Your omnipotent Spirit to worship and thank You for being our Covenant-keeping God Almighty Father, thank You too for Your omnipresent Spirit speaking immortal truths to Your Family of Faith, that we may not only behold Your glory but become partakers of the full blessings of Your earthly kingdom. Sovereign Lord, reign in us with Your supernatural love exhibited at Calvary and imparted to us by Your boundless Holy Spirit. As members of Your Body who are permanently joined to You, Father, in an everlasting relationship through Jesus Christ and consequently united to Your omnipotent Spirit at all times and under all circumstances help us to proclaim Your wondrous message of redeeming Grace to the lost.

Gracious Father, we thank You that Your greatest gift to the world is the gift of eternal life through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection for all who believe. Merciful Father, we fervently pray for those without the Saviour to sincerely repent this day and ask Jesus Christ to be their Saviour and Lord. Holy Spirit, we ask You to touch the hearts of leaders of nations to repent and have their minds renewed in order to prepare their citizens for a personal relationship with God through His Living Word, JESUS CHRIST, the King of Glory who is soon to return to rule and reign on earth. In Jesus' majestic name we pray. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen.

REJOICE & SHARE IN FAITH THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.