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Numbers

Ten

Ten and Law or Commandment

There is an association between the use of the bible number **ten** and the subject of law, or commandment, or authority. This association began in the first chapter of Genesis when the phrase, "**God said**," appears in **ten verses** and is associated with God's **commandments** in natural creation.

This association is manifest in the fact that God gave **ten commandments** in establishing His covenant with the children of Israel. He sent **ten plagues** upon the land of Egypt because Pharaoh disobeyed his commandment to let Israel go **ten times**. The word, "**law**," appears in the book of Genesis **ten times**. The term "**wrath of God**" appears **ten times** in the scriptures and is used to show God's great displeasure at the disobedience toward his commandments. Moses is commanded to use the **rod** to manifest the **authority** of God **ten times**.

The book of Psalms tells us to sing praises upon an **instrument of ten strings**, which we will see is symbolic of the commandments written in the heart and mind of God's born again people.

Abraham married the Egyptian handmaid Hagar after he had been in the land of Canaan **ten years**. Hagar as we will see is a representative of the **law** covenant.

The false authority of Satan is manifest to us in the book of Revelation as he is pictured to us as a dragon with seven heads and **ten horns**. The dragon causes to rise up out of the sea a beast with seven heads and **ten horns**. We are told the dragon gives the beast his **power and great authority**.

The two cherubims in the temple were each **ten cubits in height** and each had a **wing spread of ten cubits** from end to end. The molten sea was **ten cubits in diameter**. The temple had **ten candlesticks** and was built upon a **foundation of stones of ten cubits** in size. As we will see in later essays these had a connection with the laws and commandments of God.