

8 MEN CARRIED GOOD NEWS TO ASIA

Acts 20:4 “And there accompanied him (**Paul**) into Asia—**Sopater** of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, **Aristarchus** and **Secundus**; and **Gaius** of Derbe, and **Timotheus**; and of Asia, **Tychicus** and **Trophimus**.”

8 MEN BROUGHT GOOD NEWS TO THE GENTILES

Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me (**Peter**) go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these **6** brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's (**Cornelius's**) house.” (*Cornelius had sent for Peter*)

Also, here's one account of supernatural healing at the hands of **Peter** where the person IS actually named:

Acts 9:32-35 “As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. ³³There he found a man **named Aeneas**, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for **eight years**. ³⁴“Aeneas,” Peter said to him, “**Jesus Christ heals you**. Get up and roll up your mat.” Immediately Aeneas got up. ³⁵All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.”

And, of course, circumcision was on the **8th day** for every newborn boy:
Genesis 17:12 “For the generations to come every male among you who is **eight days old** must be circumcised.”

(It's an interesting & worthwhile study to find the number 8 in relation to resurrection & new beginnings. These are just a few small samplings.)

8 MEN WROTE THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Paul, Peter, Jude

THE HEBREW WORD FOR EIGHT

In Strong's Concordance #8083, the Hebrew word for '**eight**' is 'shmonah' or 'shemonah' and is derived from an unused root meaning "to be fat" or "to cover with fat," associated with the idea of **abundance** or **fullness**.

The number eight is also associated with the revelation of Moshiah – the Messiah. This is reflected in the Talmud which states, “the harp of the era of Moshiah will be of **eight** strands.”



8 is Enough *(for a 'church')*

WHY was the early church instructed to '**not forsake the assembling of ourselves together?**' (Hebrews 10:25)

Was it—as is commonly thought—**just** to keep them from backsliding? NO, although that is certainly be one of the by-products.

To understand this admonition, the New Testament word 'church' needs defining. 'Church' in Greek is 'ekklesia'—meaning a **legislative body that has authority to make decisions for the area where they lived**.

A lone citizen did not have that authority.

The thesis of this brochure is that perhaps **EIGHT souls** of the **same stature, walking in unison**, are needed to legally make declarations for a city or locale to colonize it for God's Kingdom.

The Ark of the Covenant, also called the Ark of Testimony (Exodus 25:22, Revelation 11:19) represented the Presence of God on the earth.

EIGHT men—named in 1 Chronicles 15:11-12—demonstrated what caused King David to throw off his garments and dance. (2 Sam. 6:14).

In order to carry God's testimony, they HAD TO BE of the same stature and walk in harmony!

Inside the Ark of Testimony were 3 things (Hebrews 9:3-4):
pot of MANNA (representing the **indwelling Jesus**-John 6:35)
Aaron's ROD that budded (representing **Holy Spirit power**-Rom. 8:11)
10 COMMANDMENTS (representing **God's authority**-Hebrews 8:10)
(God's Power of Attorney-identifying 10 Ruler spirits by function-in order to bind them)



'8' IN THE BIBLE is associated with NEW BEGINNINGS & RESURRECTION

The patriarchs Noah & Abraham both experienced
new beginnings in the Old Testament:

In **Noah's** flood, only **8 souls** survived to begin anew. (2 Peter 2:5)
Abraham had **8 sons** (*after* he was 100 years old!) (Genesis 25:2)
although Isaac was called his only begotten son (Hebrews 11:17)

8 INDIVIDUALS RESURRECTED IN THE BIBLE

- 1) **widow's son** by Elijah (1 Kings 17:22)
(Note: Elijah performed 8 miracles, Elisha 16)
- 2) **Shunammite woman's son** by Elisha (2 Kings 4:35)
- 3) **dead man** by touching Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:21)
- 4) **widow's son** by Jesus (Luke 7:14)
- 5) **Jairus's daughter** by Jesus (Matthew 9:25)
- 6) **Lazarus** by Jesus (John 11:44)
- 7) **Tabitha** by Peter (Acts 9:42)
- 8) **Eutychus** by Paul (Acts 20:12)

8 TIMES THE RESURRECTED JESUS APPEARS

- 1) to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-11, Matt. 28:10, John 20:15)
- 2) to 2 disciples traveling to Emmaus (Mark 16:12, Luke 24)
- 3) to 10 disciples in Jerusalem (*no Thomas*) (John 20:19-24)
- (8 days later):** 4) to 11 disciples—(Matt. 28:16-17 John 20:26-29)
- 5) Peter (*Cephas*) fishing with 6 disciples (John 21 & 1 Cor. 15:5)
- 6) to 500 believers (1 Corinthians 15:6)
- 7) to James (1 Corinthians 15:7)
- 8) to Paul (1 Corinthians 15:8)

888—Hebrew & Greek are both **Alpha-Numeric**
(their letters ARE numbers)

The **GREEK** word for '**JESUS**' (Matthew 1:16) **adds up to 888**
more at: <https://theomatics.com/examp1.html>

HEBREW phrases about the Messiah that **add up to 888** are at:
<https://menorah-bible.jimdofree.com/english/structure-of-the-bible/alphabets-and-numerical-values/>

*Note: Theomatics, Equidistant Letter Sequencing (ELS), Torah Codes, Gematria and other Codes are **not** the same—but all bear the same testimony: the Bible in it's original languages IS Divinely inspired.*

8 NAMED PEOPLE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Although all believers in Jesus are told to be **filled** with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) by **asking** and **receiving** by faith (Luke 11:13) or simply by **receiving** this **GIFT** sovereignly by God (Acts 2:38 & 10:44),
but the Holy Scriptures only give the **actual names of EIGHT PEOPLE**—besides Jesus Himself (Luke 4:1)—who were **filled** with the Holy Spirit. Here's what those 8 names mean in Hebrew:

'With Prayer to God' - **Bezaleel** (Exodus 31:3, 35:31)

'Salvation' - **Joshua** (Deuteronomy 34:9)

'God's Promise' - **Elizabeth*** (Luke 1:41)

'Remembered by God' - **Zacharias** (Luke 1:67)

'Hearing Rock' - **Simon Peter** (Acts 4:8)

(We are told 3 times in Acts—10:5,18,32—that Peter was Simon's surname)

'Crowned' - **Steven** (Acts 6:3-6 & 7:55)

'Son of Comfort' - **Barnabus** (Acts 11:22-24)

'Humble/Small' - **Paul** (Acts 13:9) *(Paul gave this name to himself)*

**The only other Elizabeth ('El-sheba') in Scripture is the wife of the first High Priest of Israel, Aaron (Exodus 6:23)*

8 NEW things God gives

NEW **COMMANDMENT** (John 13:34, 1 John 2:8)

NEW **HEAVENS** & (2 Peter 3:13, Rev. 21:1,

NEW **EARTH** Isaiah 65:17, 66:22)

NEW **HEART** &

NEW **SPIRIT** (Ezekiel 11:19, 18:31, 36:26)

NEW **NAME** (Isaiah 62:2, Rev. 3:12)

NEW **SONG** (Psalm 40:3, Rev. 5:9, 14:3)

NEW **TONGUES** (Mark 16:17, Acts 2:4)

8 VIRTUES OF GOD—who **IS LOVE** (1 John 4:7)

GOD OF CONSOLATION/ENCOURAGEMENT (Rom. 15:5)

GOD OF HOPE (Romans 15:13)

GOD OF KNOWLEDGE (1 Samuel 2:3)

GOD OF MERCY (Psalm 59:10)

GOD OF PATIENCE/ENDURANCE (Romans 15:5)

GOD OF PEACE (Rom. 15:33, 16:20, Heb. 13:3– Phil. 4:9)

GOD OF STRENGTH (Psalm 81:1)

GOD OF TRUTH (Deut. 32:4, Isaiah 65:16, Psalm 31:5)

*Note: Besides 'God of...' there are **many** virtues for 'Lord of...'*

Here are Hebrew words for God used in the Old Testament:

Adon or **Adonai** (KJV translates as 'Lord') *(the Father)*

EI/Elohim (KJV translates as 'God') *(the Spirit)*

YHVH/YHWH (KJV translates 'LORD') *(the Son)*

MORE EIGHTS:

When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, the word '**born**' is used **8 times**. (John 3:1-8)

When talking to the woman at the well, the word '**water**' is used **8 times**.

(John 4:7-15) Jesus is called '**Redeemer**' **8 times** in Scripture.

Jesus arose on the **8th day** (1st day) of the week.

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