

Doctrine of the Eighth

1. In Revelation 17:11 the Roman Empire is viewed as rising from ruin.
 - *Revelation 17:11 And the beast [Roman Empire] that was, and is not, even he is the [an] eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition [destruction].*
2. The number eight appears in *Scripture* to be symbolically associated with resurrection and renewal.
3. The eight day is the beginning of a new week and so we read that Jesus was resurrected on the first or eighth day.
 - *John 20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.*
4. Eight people were saved on the ark to bring life back to earth after the Flood.
 - *1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*
 - *2 Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person [along with seven others], a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*
5. Leprosy was viewed as an image of death. If cured, a leper could not be readmitted into the congregation until the eighth day, and then only after offering a sacrifice.
 - *Leviticus 14:10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.*
 - *Leviticus 14:23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the Lord.*
6. The menstruous woman was considered unclean for seven days. Then she was cleansed on the eighth day when she offered a sacrifice.
 - *Leviticus 15:29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.*
7. The act of circumcision as a religious rite took place on the eighth day when the dead flesh was cut off and new life and vitality began.

- John. *Luke 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. 60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.*
 - Isaac. *Acts 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.*
 - Paul. *Philippians 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;*
8. The good king Josiah began to seek after God in the eighth year of his reign and so brought new spiritual life to himself and his nation.
 - *2 Chronicles 34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.*
 9. David was the eighth son of Jesse, while Solomon was the eighth son of David.
 10. The writers of the New Testament were eight in number: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter and Jude.
 11. The Lord's birth place, Bethlehem, is mentioned eight times in the New Testament. Jesus came that we might have a new beginning. Accept Christ today, be born again and enter into life anew.