

Doctrine of Seven

1. In Hebrew the word for seven is *sheva*, “to be full or satisfied, have enough of”.
2. It is a word that speaks of completeness.
3. On the seventh day God rested from the work of Creation. It was full and complete, and good and perfect. Nothing could be added to it or taken from it without marring it. Therefore, the word *Shavath* means, “to cease, desist, rest”. Shabbath, or Sabbath, is a day of rest.
4. That which is associated with the number seven is marked by perfection and completeness.
 - Time. There are seven days of the week which are universally observed amongst all nations and in all times.
 - Salvation. The weekly Sabbath or day of rest, speaks of an eternal Sabbath which remains for the people of God in all its everlasting perfection.
 - The Rainbow. In the creative works of God, seven completes the colors of the spectrum and rainbow.
 - Music. On the scale, there are seven notes in music. In each of these the eighth is only a repetition of the first.
5. The number seven appears in various ways in Scripture.
 - Abraham received a sevenfold blessing from God (Genesis 12):

"I will make of thee a great nation,
And I will bless thee,
And make thy name great;
And thou shalt be a blessing;
And I will bless them that bless thee,
And curse him that curseth thee:
And in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."
 - God made a seven-fold covenant with Israel (Exodus 6:6-8).

“I will bring you out from Egypt.
I will rid you of their bondage.
I will redeem you.
I will take you to Me for a people.
I will be to you a God.
I will bring you in unto the land.
I will give it you.”

- There was a seven-fold sprinkling of blood at the Tabernacle indicating a redemption that was perfect and effectual.

Blood was to be sprinkled on the mercy-seat	Leviticus 16:14
Blood was to be sprinkled before the mercy-seat	Leviticus 16:14
Blood was to be sprinkled before the veil	Leviticus 4:17
Blood was to be sprinkled on the horns of the golden altar	Exodus 30:10
Blood was to be sprinkled on the horns of the brazen altar	Leviticus 16:18
Blood was to be sprinkled round about upon the altar	Leviticus 16:19
Blood was to be poured out at the foot of the brazen altar	Leviticus 4:18

- There are seven names mentioned in the titles as the authors of the Psalms.

David	
The Sons of Korah	Psalm 42, 44-49, 84, 85, 87, 88
Asaph	Psalm 50, 73-83
Heman the Ezrahite	Psalm 88
Ethan the Ezrahite	Psalm 89
Moses	Psalm 90
Solomon	Psalm 72

- Seven specific Psalms in the New Testament are ascribed to David.

Psalm 2 in Acts 4:25, *"Who by the mouth of Thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing."*

Psalm 16 in Acts 2:25, *"For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the LORD always before my face, for He is on my right hand that I should not be moved."*

Psalm 32 in Romans 4:6, *"Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works."*

Psalm 41 in Acts 1:16, *"This Scripture must needs have been fulfilled which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas."*

Psalm 69 in Romans 11:9, *"And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling-block, and a recompence unto them."*

Psalm 95 in Hebrews 4:7, *"He limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time, as it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice."*

Psalm 109 in Matthew 22:43, *"How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord," etc.*

- There are seven “men of God” mentioned in the Old Testament.

Moses. *Deuteronomy 33:1* *And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.*

David. *2 Chronicles 8:14* *And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.*

Samuel. *1 Samuel 9:6* *And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.*

Shemaiah. *1 Kings 12:22* *But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,*

Elijah. *1 Kings 17:18* *And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?*

Elisha. *2 Kings 4:7* *Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.*

Igdaliah. *Jeremiah 35:4* *And I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:*

Special Note.

Timothy, in the New Testament, is also called a man of God.

- Seven unusual instruments used by God to bring divine deliverance during the time of the Judges.

Ehud, a left handed man	Judges 3:21
An ox-goad in the hand of Shamgar, delivering from the Philistines	Judges 3:31
A woman	Judges 4:4
A tent-peg in the hand of Jael	Judges 4:21
A piece of a millstone thrown by another woman	Judges 9:53
The pitchers and trumpets of Gideon's 300	Judges 7:20
The jaw-bone of an ass	Judges 15:16

- The seven-fold qualifications for service.

Conviction as to one's own humiliating condition	Judges 6:11, 15
An exercised heart	Judges 6:13
No confidence in the flesh	Judges 6:15
Peace with God through grace and a gift	Judges 6:17-18, 22-23
Worship	Judges 6:24
Obedience in small things	Judges 6:25-27
Power for great things	Judges 6:33-35

- Seven Oak Trees

Jacob buried teraphim	Genesis 35:4
Rachel's nurse was buried	Genesis 35:8
At Jabesh Saul and his sons buried	2 Samuel 31:13
Joshua set up the stones of witness	Joshua 24:26
Absalom's oak	2 Samuel 18:9
At Ophrah, where the angel appeared	Judges 6:11
Where the man of God sat	1 Kings 13:14

- Seven Deadly Sins

Proverbs 6:16-19

A proud look,
 a lying tongue,
 and hands that shed innocent blood,
 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
 feet that be swift in running to mischief,
 A false witness that speaketh lies,
 and he that soweth discord among brethren.

- Seven Miracles in the Gospel of John

The water turned into wine	John 2:9
Healing of the nobleman's son	John 4:47
Healing of a crippled man at the pool of Bethesda	John 5:4-9
The feeding of 5,000 people	John 6:10
Healing of the man born blind	John 9:1
The raising of Lazarus from the dead	John 11:43
The catching of 153 fishes by some of the disciples	John 21:6

- Seven Promises to the Seven Churches of the Revelation

- Seven Seals

- Seven Trumpets

- The Seven Parables of Matthew 13
- The seven gifts of the Spirit. Romans 12:6-8
- Seven Titles of Christ in Hebrews

Heir of all things	Hebrews 1:2
Captain of our salvation	Hebrews 2:10
Apostle	Hebrews 3:1
Author of salvation	Hebrews 5:9
Forerunner	Hebrews 6:20
High Priest	Hebrews 10:21
Author and finisher of faith	Hebrews 12:2
- Seven miracles wrought by Christ on the Sabbath day: -

Healing of the withered hand	Matthew 12:9
Healing of the unclean spirit	Mark 1:21
Healing of Peter's wife's mother	Mark 1:29
Healing of the woman	Luke 13:11
Healing of the man with dropsy	Luke 14:2
Healing of the impotent man	John 5:8, 9
Healing of the man born blind	John 9:14
- Seven times "the last day" is mentioned in John's Gospel:

	John 6:39, 40, 44, 54
	John 7:37
	John 11:24
	John 12:48