

The Number 10

In the Bible, the number 10 is used 242 times. The designation "10th" is used 79 times. Ten is also viewed as a complete and perfect number, as is 3, 7 and 12. It is made up of 4, the number of the physical creation, and 6, the number of man. As such, 10 signifies testimony, law, responsibility and the completeness of order.

In Genesis 1 we find the phrase "God said" 10 times, which is a testimony of His creative power. God gave the 10 Commandments to man. Ten therefore represents man's responsibility to keep the commandments. A tithe is a 10th of our earnings and is a testimony of our faith in the Lord.

The Passover lamb was selected on day 10 of the 1st month (Exodus 12:3), as was Jesus, the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world (John 12:28 - 29; 1 Corinthians 5:7). Day 10 of the 7th month is also the Holy Day known as the Day of Atonement. This unique day of fasting pictures the removal of Satan, the author of sin, before the Millennial reign of Jesus begins (Revelation 20:1 - 2).

The last great world-ruling kingdom of man under Satan is symbolized prophetically by the 10 toes of Daniel 2 and the 10 horns of Revelation 13 and 17.

This number was, among the Sages, a sign of concord, love, and peace. To Masons it is a sign of union and good faith; because it is expressed by joining two hands, or the Master's grip, when the number of fingers gives 10: and it was represented by the Tetractys of Pythagoras

Other Appearances of the Number Ten

- The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles ten days after the Ascension of Jesus.
- The ten leprous heal by Jesus. (Lk 17,11)
- The ten pounds given at ten servants in the parable. (Lk 19,13)
- The ten horns of the Beast of the Revelation with the ten diadems on each of horns. (Rev 13, 1)
- The ten impotent powers against the love of God. (Rm 8,38)
- The ten vices that exclude from the kingdom of God. (1 Co 6,10)
- The ten nations whose hostility towards Israel was constant. (Ps 83,7-9)
- Boaz took ten witnesses to marry Ruth. (Rt 4,2)
- God move back the shadow on the sundial of Ahaz of ten degrees as a sign that He was going to deliver Hezekiah from his mortal sickness and the city where he was. (Is 38,1-8)
- The Ten Commandments of God given to Moses. (Ex 20,1)

Ten generations of man lived on the earth before the flood waters came and swept away all those who were disobedient. Noah, the tenth generation, was 600 years when he and seven other family members entered the Ark.

The Patriarchs who preceded Noah are Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah and Lamech (who was Noah's father). Incredibly, the average age of these 10 patriarchs is 857 years! If we leave out the unusual circumstance of God transporting Enoch at the age of 365, we end up with an average lifespan of 912 years!

10 Women who caused the death of another person

- Sisera killed by a woman who drove a peg through his head (Judges 4:21)
- Abimelech was killed by a woman who dropped a milestone on his head (Judges 9:52 - 53)
- A woman caused Sheba's head to be cut off (2 Samuel 20:1, 21 - 22)
- A harlot accidentally rolls over and kills her infant child (1 Kings 3:19)
- Jezebel, wife of King Ahab, has the prophets of God killed (1 Kings 18:4)
- Jezebel has Naboth, who owned a vineyard her husband Ahab wanted, murdered (1 Kings 21:9 - 10)
- A starving woman, in the besieged city of Samaria, boils and eats her son (2 Kings 6:24 - 29)
- Athaliah, the mother of King Ahaziah, has all the Royal seed killed (2 Kings 11:1)
- Esther has Haman's ten sons, which were enemies of the Jews, hanged (Esther 9:13 - 14)
- The head of John the Baptist is requested of Herod, by Herodias, through her daughter (Matthew 14:8)

The Number 10 related to the Exodus

The 10 plagues God sent on ancient Egypt, in order to free his people, represented his complete and total judgment of the pagan empire.

1. The Nile River is turned into blood
2. Plague of Frogs
3. Plague of Lice
4. Swarms of Beasts
5. Plague on the Cattle
6. Boils
7. Great storm of hail, thunder and lightning
8. Locusts
9. Darkness over the entire land for three days
10. The death of the firstborn of both man and beast