

# **Gematria**

## **How it Works**

All creation, from the largest to the smallest, can always be reduced to numbers. Pythagoras, the father of mathematics, discovered a great truth when he said, “Numbers are the language of the universe.” In the writings of the ancient philosophers there is common agreement that the purpose of number is for the investigation of the universe. From the atom to the galaxy in the heavens, the same unchanging laws apply – the laws of arithmetic, the language of number.

Just as the hand of God spread the vast expanse of the heavens by number, so too His written word can be reduced to number; and those who have tried it have stood in awe of the intricacy and beauty of the design. It was an intentional design.

The secrets locked up in the Number Code of the Bible are there for all to behold; and down through the centuries many have unlocked those secrets and revealed to us the unspeakable beauty of the intended design. But it was not until the advent of the computer that we are able to truly search the depths of this amazing science, and find those gems that have been hidden in plain sight for thousands of years.

The practice of Gematria is as old as man. It is simply the number substitution for the letters of the alphabet. It is specifically an integral part of the two languages in which the original texts of the Bible were written – Hebrew and Greek. These two languages are called “dual character systems.” They have a meaning of phonetics and a meaning of quantity.

One of the best known uses of Gematria in the Old Testament is the section headings in Psalm 119. Any student of the Old Testament is aware that the names for these sections are in fact the sequential letters of the Hebrew alphabet. These letters were simply used to number the sections.

Gematria among the Greeks was in common use at the time of the writing of the New Testament. A copy of one of these early manuscripts, called papyri, exists today in Dublin, Ireland in the Chester Beatty Collection. It is the earliest known copy of the book of Revelation extant. It is dated somewhere between 200 and 300 A.D. This manuscript uses Gematria for every number in the book of Revelation.

The re-discovery of these Number Codes is not new. The noted Bible expositor, E. W. Bullinger, was among the many who have added to our understanding of this subject. His book *Number in Scripture*, published in 1894, shows the supernatural design in the use of numbers, both in the works of God and in the word of God. However, the equivalents for the Greek alphabet can be found in any Webster's Dictionary.

The Greek alphabet used twenty six letters, two of which have become extinct. The current twenty four are listed below.

<b>Alpha</b>	$\alpha$	<b>1</b>
<b>Beta</b>	$\beta$	<b>2</b>
<b>Gamma</b>	$\gamma$	<b>3</b>
<b>Delta</b>	$\delta$	<b>4</b>
<b>Epsilon</b>	$\epsilon$	<b>5</b>
<b>Zeta</b>	$\zeta$	<b>7</b>
<b>Eta</b>	$\eta$	<b>8</b>
<b>Theta</b>	$\theta$	<b>9</b>
<b>Iota</b>	$\iota$	<b>10</b>
<b>Kappa</b>	$\kappa$	<b>20</b>
<b>Lambda</b>	$\lambda$	<b>30</b>
<b>Mu</b>	$\mu$	<b>40</b>
<b>Nu</b>	$\nu$	<b>50</b>
<b>Xi</b>	$\xi$	<b>60</b>
<b>Omicron</b>	$\omicron$	<b>70</b>
<b>Pi</b>	$\pi$	<b>80</b>
<b>Rho</b>	$\rho$	<b>100</b>
<b>Sigma</b>	$\sigma \varsigma$	<b>200</b>
<b>Tau</b>	$\tau$	<b>300</b>
<b>Upsilon</b>	$\upsilon$	<b>400</b>
<b>Phi</b>	$\phi$	<b>500</b>
<b>Chi</b>	$\chi$	<b>600</b>
<b>Psi</b>	$\psi$	<b>700</b>
<b>Omega</b>	$\omega$	<b>800</b>

There were once letters for 6 and 90, but they became obsolete through time, and finally dropped from the alphabet. The letter standing for the number 6 was called “*stigma*.” It looked similar to sigma but with a little tag on the end. The only use for the letter stigma in the New Testament is in Revelation 13:18 where it gives the number of the Beast. In the old manuscripts it was written as  $\chi\xi\xi = 600, 60, 6$ , using Gematria.

There were twenty two letters in the Hebrew alphabet, as follows:

<b>Aleph</b>	א	1
<b>Beth</b>	ב	2
<b>Gimel</b>	ג	3
<b>Daleth</b>	ד	4
<b>He</b>	ה	5
<b>Vav</b>	ו	6
<b>Zayin</b>	ז	7
<b>Cheth</b>	ח	8
<b>Teth</b>	ט	9
<b>Yod</b>	י	10
<b>Kaph</b>	כ ך	20
<b>Lamed</b>	ל	30
<b>Mem</b>	מ ם	40
<b>Nun</b>	נ ן	50
<b>Camek</b>	ס	60
<b>Ayin</b>	ע	70
<b>Pe</b>	פ ף	80
<b>Tsadey</b>	צ ץ	90
<b>Qoph</b>	ק	100
<b>Resh</b>	ר	200
<b>Shin</b>	ש	300
<b>Tav</b>	ת	400

Notice there are five finals. These letters are shaped differently when they appear as the final letter in a word. In the Cabala these five finals are given higher numbers, namely, 500, 600, 700, 800, and 900. In my search of the Gematria of the Old Testament I do not find this additional assigning of the numbers to be part of the original design. It appears to be an addition to the system that was adopted later.

To search for the numbers hidden in the Bible, it is necessary to use a Hebrew Text and a Greek Text. Unless you understand and can read and write these languages, you need to purchase an Interlinear Hebrew-English Bible, and an Interlinear Greek-English Bible. These will show the original text in Hebrew or Greek, and beneath each word it will translate into English.

If searching the original texts is too difficult and too time-consuming, there is a very good website that can do it for you. It is

[www.biblewheel.com/GR/GR\\_database.asp](http://www.biblewheel.com/GR/GR_database.asp)

This website will give you numbers for words, or words for numbers, or it will give you the total Gematria for whole verses. It will not give you numbers for a multiple of contiguous words. In other words, it will not give you the Gematria for “Lord Jesus Christ.” It will, however, give you the number for “Lord” and the number for “Jesus” and the number for “Christ.”

I chose “Lord Jesus Christ” as an example because it is of so great importance in the Gematria of the Bible, and by just using the above webpage you will miss it entirely. The name “Lord Jesus Christ” has a Gematria value of 3168. When that was first shown to me, my first reaction was “Well, what’s so important about that number?” I had much to learn. I had judged a matter before even examining it. Let’s take a look.

The Bible tells us that Jesus, before he came to earth as a man, was the agent of the Father in all the works of creation. The Apostle John stated it very simply when he said, “***By him all things were made, and without him was nothing made.***” That is all-inclusive, which means that our earth, and the creating of man upon it, was the work of Jesus in his pre-human state, as the agent of the Father. This is stated in eloquent language in Proverbs 8. This scripture tells us that Jesus was the very first creation of the Father, and then he became the agent of the Father, specifically in the creation of the earth and man upon it. It was a dual work. This is indicated in Genesis 1:16: “***Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...’***” The Hebrew word here translated “***God***” is ***Elohim***, which is a plural word (there were more than one involved in creation). And the use of the word “***us***” further indicates more than one. But Proverbs 8 describes the unity and harmony of the Father and Son in the works of creating the earth and preparing it for man’s habitation, and then the creation of man.

*“The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.”*

And, as a great artist signs his name to his masterpiece, so He carefully and lovingly enclosed the earth within his name. Enclose our earth within a square, and the perimeter of the square will be 31,680 miles.



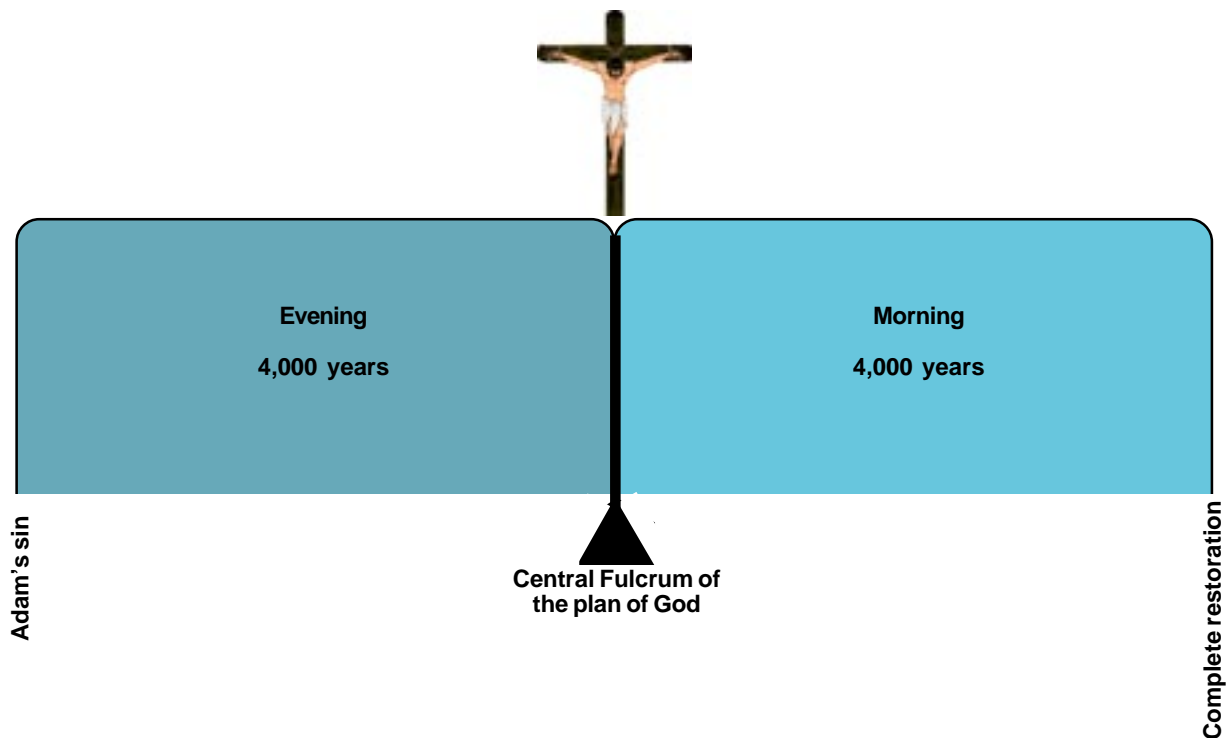
Perimeter of square drawn on the earth = 31,680 Miles  
Gematria value of “Lord Jesus Christ” = 3168

Jesus knew, even before man was created, that He would come to earth to be man’s Redeemer. He knew that he would hang on a cross and pour out his life blood – his innocent blood – for the guilty blood of Adam. This is why *“his*

*delights were with the sons of men*” – he not only gave them life at the time of creation, but he knew he would redeem them and restore that life to them. This is why the prophet Isaiah was inspired to write:

*“He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”* (Isaiah 53:11)

I doubt that Isaiah, when he wrote these words, was aware that they contained the number of the name Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, this verse in its entirety, has a Gematria value of 3168. It is not just a convenient coincidence. It was placed there by the One who gave these words to Isaiah. It positively identifies the One who would hang on the cross and *“see the travail of his soul.”* It was the pivotal point in the entire plan of God for man – the precise middle of the 8,000-year timeline from man’s sin to man’s complete restoration. And it is identified by the number 3168.



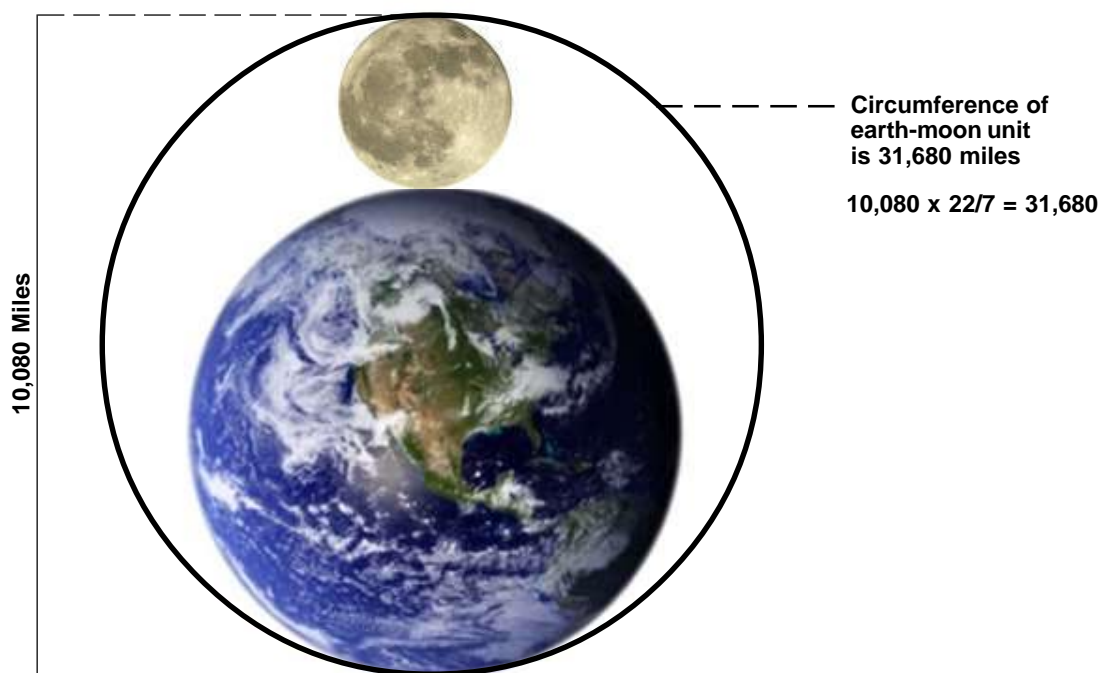
What we have just observed is the evidence that the system of Gematria which applies to the Greek text of the New Testament is the same system of Gematria that applies to the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. Bear in mind that these two testaments were written by many different men over a time span of

about 4,000 years. There was no way they could have collaborated to produce those number relationships. Yet those relationships are very real; and they consistently have to do with the Lord Jesus Christ and the size of our earth. His signature is written all over it.

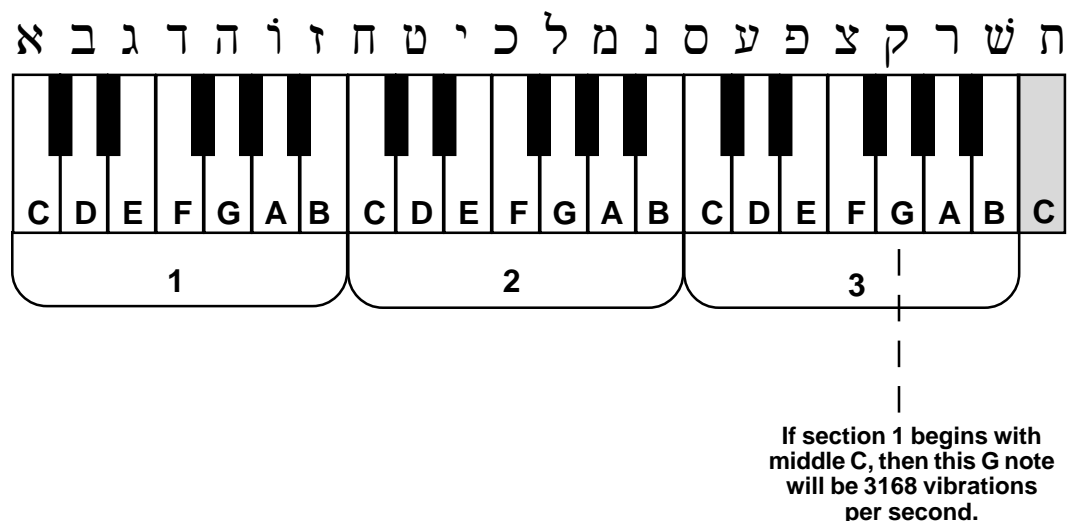
Our earth and its lone satellite, the moon, orbit the sun as a unit. The moon, as it orbits our earth, passes through phases governed by its position in relation to the earth and the sun. These lunar phases were for regulating the sacred year that God gave to Moses. Because the moon is vitally connected to our earth, let's include the moon when measuring the earth, simply adding the diameter of each. Their combined diameters total 10,080 miles. It is not a coincidence that the angel who announced to Mary that she would give birth to the world's future king, used this figure – 10080 – when explaining who her child would be. He said:

***“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give him the throne of his father David.”***

This announcement by the angel has a total Gematria value of 10080. So let's take a look at the combined diameters of earth and moon, and observe something fantastic. If we enclose these two orbs – earth and moon – in a circle, and use  $22/7$  for Pi, the circumference of the circle becomes 31,680 miles. (In Sacred Geometry  $22/7$  is always used for Pi.)



The fact that  $22/7$  is used for Pi in Sacred Geometry is based upon the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, which is a display of the number of vibrations per second of the notes of the music scale. The 22 letters of the alphabet completes three groups of 7, plus the final letter, which on the music scale, is the note of conclusion and the beginning of the next octave. It can best be shown by the simple diagram below.



This amazing demonstration of the relationship of the Hebrew alphabet to the music scale and to Gematria is evidence that they are, all three, given to us by the same Creator. In fact, every note within the human hearing range bears a number (vibrations per second) that is a sacred number in the Gematria of the Old and New Testaments. The number for Lord Jesus Christ – 3168 – is the G-note in the third octave above middle C.

The relationship of the Gematria of both the Old and New Testaments to the size of our earth and its moon is a magnificent display of the evidence that Jesus Christ (the Word) was indeed with the Father and was the agent through which all creation was accomplished. It also reveals the relationship between Jesus Christ, salvation, and the earth (all bearing the same number – 792). The earth is the place of salvation, and its geometry and Gematria verify that fact. Earth’s diameter, its distance from the sun, the speed of its orbit, and even the rate of its rotation, all relate to the Gematria of the work of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. It verified the truth of John’s statement that *“By Him all things were made, and without him was nothing made.”* He placed his signature on all his works – and that signature was written in numbers.



The two basic numbers of his name are 3168 and 792. Let's observe some of the uses of these two numbers in the geometry of our earth, moon and sun.

A square enclosing our earth has a perimeter of 31,680 miles.

The diameter of our earth is 7,920 miles.

The radius of our earth is 31,680 furlongs.

The combined circumferences of earth and moon are 31,680 miles.

The distance light travels from our sun to earth, when stated in inches and divided by the speed of light, equals 3,168.

The cattle shelter on the south-east side of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, is at 31.68 degrees latitude north.

The earthly life of Jesus began at Bethlehem and ended at Jerusalem. The distance between the place of his birth and the place of his death is six miles, or 31,680 feet.

The place where Jesus was baptized (Bethabara) is 18 miles from the city of Adam, which is 31,680 yards. When Joshua, whose name is Jesus in Greek, had the priests hold the Ark of the Covenant in the middle of the Jordan, the water receded all the way back to the city of Adam, picturing the atonement for the sin of Adam.

There are probably many more, but these are the ones that come to mind at this writing.

This study is about Gematria. And the evidences that the number 3168 is the identification of the Lord Jesus Christ, are magnificent. Let's look at a few of them. Several of these scripture texts contain both 3168 (Greek spelling of Lord Jesus Christ) and 792 (Hebrew spelling of Lord Jesus Christ). The one best know to all is Isaiah 53:11, which I have already quoted. But I am showing it again, and this time, including the portion that adds to 792. The combination of these two numbers in this one verse is magnificent.

**“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquity.”**

The portion underlined in green adds to 792; and the portion underlined in red adds to 3168, thus identifying him in both Hebrew and Greek. Let's look at another scripture in the book of Isaiah (42:5) and see that this same principle is at work in the description of creation. The above scripture identifies him as the Redeemer; and the below scripture identifies him as the Creator of earth and man upon it.

**“God Jehovah, creating the heavens and stretching them out; spreading out the earth and its offspring, giving breath to the people on it and spirit to those walking in it.”**

Again, the two portions underlined in green each add to 792, and the portion underlined in red adds to 3168. These are amazing evidences! They are obviously not just random numbers. They display the evidence of having been put there with the purpose of identification.

In the Bible we find primarily three aspects of Jesus' personal contact with mankind. First, was the work of creation. Second, was when he came to be man's Redeemer and pay the price for the sin of Adam. And, Third, when he comes again as the King on David's throne and sets up Divine Government in the earth. All three of these are marked in the scriptures by the number 3168.

At his first advent, when the moment came for him to be that equal-price for Adam, as he hung on the cross he cried out ***“My God, My God; why have you forsaken me.”*** He was quoting Psalm 22:1-2 because he knew that it was a prophecy concerning that very event and moment in time. And, I'm sure, he knew something else about that Psalm – it bore the number of his name. Within those prophetic words of David, we find the clear identification that this cry to the Father would be spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ, whose number is 3168.

**“A Psalm of David; My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God I cry out ...”**

The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 3168. Do I believe it was just accidental that this number appears there? No! I believe it is part of a vast incomprehensible plan of which we are only given insight into little pieces.

But those little pieces tell us of a Mind far beyond anything we can imagine – the mind of God that plans for eternity to the minutest detail.

About 34 years prior to that day, an angel of the Lord spoke to Mary and told her that she would have a son who would one day become the King on David’s throne. It was in fulfillment of a promise that God had given to David that one of his own descendants would sit on his throne. That promise is in Psalm 132:10-11.

***“For the sake of David your servant, do not reject your anointed one. The Lord swore an oath to David, a sure oath that he will not revoke: One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.”***

The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 3168. And, just as that promise to David was sure, so also we can have confidence that the Lord Jesus Christ, whose number is 3168, will sit on the throne of David, administering Divine Government in the earth.

God spoke to the prophet Jeremiah and caused him to write that a King will surely sit on David’s throne and execute justice and righteousness. Jeremiah 23:5-6.

***“The days are coming declares the Lord, when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.”***

Again, the portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 3168. It leaves no doubt as to the identity of this new King – it will be the Lord Jesus Christ whose number is 3168.

The prophet Isaiah had a flair for the poetic. In his 16th chapter he puts into verse the beautiful prophecy of Jesus sitting on the throne of David, executing justice and righteousness in the earth.

***“The oppressor will come to an end, and destruction will cease; the aggressor will vanish from the land. In love a throne will be estab-***

*lished; in faithfulness a man will sit on it – one from the house of David – one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.”*

The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 3168. Obviously Isaiah had seen, in vision, the new King sitting on the throne, but I doubt that Isaiah knew his eloquent poetry was indeed encoded with the number identifying the One sitting on the throne.

The Gematria of the Bible is a vast subject – so huge that it would take many volumes to show it all. At present, we only see small pieces of it. But those pieces are beautiful. I fully believe that it has been given to us as confirmation that there is indeed an all-powerful and all-wise God, and that the Bible is His Word. I also believe that all its beauty was not given to us just to be hidden forever. I am sure that it will all be revealed in God’s due time. But for now, rejoice with me in the small pieces that have become apparent.