

Why is Seven Sacred?

If we ask why is seven so important to the Lord, there are many possible answers:

In the Arithmetic of the Lord, **seven** signifies perfection or completeness. We read in Psalms 12:6 *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified **seven** times.*

$$3 + 4 = 7$$

Godhead Dimensions Eternal Life

Father, Son & Holy Ghost

in mortality

(God's work – Perfection of man)

- There are two hundred and **seven** occurrences of **seven** in standard works.
- There are **seven** periods associated with the creation of the earth.
- There are **seven** days in a week with the Sabbath day to commemorate creation during BC.
- There are **seven** days in a week with the Sabbath day to commemorate the atonement AD.
- There are **seven** thousand years to bring the earth to its celestial and perfected state.
- The **seven** days of the week – concluding in the Sabbath – are designed to bring us closer to Him who is perfect. (Ezekiel 20:20)
- There are **seven** archangels orchestrating the perfection of the kingdom of heaven.
- There are **seven** dispensations of the gospel:

Adam

Enoch

Noah

Abraham

Moses

Jesus Christ

Joseph Smith

- There are **seven** angels who will sound their trumpets and reap down the earth as it is purged, and purified in preparation for it being made perfect.
- There are the **seven** fat years and the **seven** lean years which brought about the saving of the House of Israel temporarily in the days of Joseph. There will be **seven** fat years and **seven** lean years (3 ½ in the New World + 3 ½ in the Old World) as the seed of Joseph assist the Lord in saving the House of Israel in the latter days in preparation for the arrival of the Perfect ONE.
- There are the **seven** plagues of which John speaks to purge the earth in preparation for the return of the Perfect ONE.
- There are **seven** dimensions to the Atonement: 1) Gethsemane, where He sweat blood from every pore and suffered alone for the sins of all ; 2) rejected by Israel; 3) rejected and physically tortured by Gentiles; 4) was left totally alone on the cross as the Father withdrew His Spirit; 5) voluntarily gave His life as He died of a broken heart (He did not die from crucifixion nor was He held on the cross by nails; He was held by love); 6) He opened the preaching of the gospel to the departed spirits; and 7) He broke the bands of death for all in His glorious resurrection.
- In Rev. there are **seven** churches in the shape of a chiastic horseshoe – giving **seven** chiastic characteristics of the Savior and giving **seven** chiastic blessings coming to those who choose to overcome through Christ the trials of the latter-days. The **seven** sets of problems are the same as today. There are **seven** plagues that will purge the earth in preparation for Christ's reign. Church in the wilderness for 3 ½ years; two prophets prophecy for 3 ½ years = **seven**.
- There are **seven** last sayings of Christ as he hung on the cross.
- There are **seven** electron shells completing all the atoms in the known universe.

- There are **seven** conducting channels in the diallel-line structure.
- There are **seven** spectral regions; in these we can see and feel Father's love.
- There are **seven** main learning centers in the brain.

FROM THE SCRIPTURES:

- For **seven** days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. (Gen. 7:10)
- he stayed yet other **seven** days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other **seven** days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. (Gen. 8:10-12)
- And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee **seven** years for Rachel thy younger daughter. (Gen. 29:18) And Jacob served **seven** years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her. (Gen. 29:20)
- And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground **seven** times, until he came near to his brother. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. (Gen. 33:3-4)
- **Seven** days shall ye eat unleavened bread... (Exodus 12:15)
- And thou shalt make the **seven** lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. (Exodus 12:15)
- And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them... that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on **seven** days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy *place*. (Ex 29:29-30)
- And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood **seven** times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary. (Lev 4:6) And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger **seven** times... And he shall make an atonement... because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their... sins. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger **seven** times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. (Leviticus 16:14-19)
- And thou shalt number **seven** sabbaths of years unto thee, **seven** times **seven** years; and the space of the **seven** sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. (Lev 25:8)
- And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho,... And **seven** priests shall bear before the ark **seven** trumpets of rams' horns: and the **seventh** day ye shall compass the city **seven** times, (ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them) and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat,.. (Joshua 6:1-20)
- Then went [Naaman] down, and dipped himself **seven** times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. (2 Kings 5:14)
- Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be **sevenfold**, as the light of **seven** days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound. (Isaiah 30:26)
- [After battle of Armageddon] Israel shall... burn the weapons... **seven** years: (Ez 39:8-16)
- [Temple at New Jerusalem] gate that looketh toward the east; [with] **seven** steps; (Ez 40:22)
- **Seventy** weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,... to make an end of sins,... to bring in everlasting righteousness,... and to anoint the most Holy. (Daniel 9:24-27)
- *Seek him* that maketh the **seven** stars and Orion,... The LORD *is* his name: (Amos 5:8)
- [Forgive **seventy** time **seven**; in other words, always] (Matt 18:21-22)
- [Jesus] appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast **seven** devils. (Mark 16:9)
- Anna, a prophetess,... had lived with an husband **seven** years from her virginity; (Luke 2:36)
- ...having reserved... provisions,... that they might subsist for **seven** years, (3 Ne 4:4; Ether 13)