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I am not a numerologist, numerology is not a passion of mine and I do not spend endless hours studying numbers and gematria in the Bible. But numbers are important and I believe that God wants me to share the next 5 minutes with you as an introduction into what is in store for us in 2016.

What we will look at is the numbers and Hebrew letters that represent these numbers and some of their meanings.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
							
Chet	Zayin	Vav	Hey	Dalet	Gimmel	Bet	Aleph
							

70	60	50	40	30	20	10	9
							
Ayin	Samekh	Nun	Mem	Lamed	Kaf	Yod	Tet
							

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	Tav	Shin	Resh	Qof	Tsade	Pey
						

2016, 20 10 6 looking at the 16 it is made up of 10 and 6.

Kaf is the 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet.



The meaning of this number is a palm of the hand. The letter is called Kaf, and the two letters that make up the word Kaf mean actual and potential. So think of the human hand and what it is capable of actually doing and think of the hidden potential in that hand when it is enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The next letter is Yod, and is the 10th letter. The number 10 speaks of God's completeness, quorum, God's order, and base number. The Hebrew symbol signifies work, prayer and worship.



The 6th Hebrew symbol is vav,



symbolizing a hook or fastener tent peg. The number 6 has strong biblical associations with man (man was created on the 6th day), and the work of man – man works for 6 days.

Exodus 27:9-10 "You shall also make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side there shall be hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side. 10 And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be silver.

Think of a tent peg, securely fastened into the ground and holding down the tent in times of storm.

The first Vav in the Bible (Torah) occurs in Genesis 1:1 and its placement suggests a joining of heaven and earth, and thus a connection between spiritual and earthly matters. It is also associated with the divine hook between heaven and earth.

Now is the time to hook into God, connect with the Rock, Jesus Christ who is our solid ground. He is the one who keeps us steady in the storms of life.

8+8 = 16

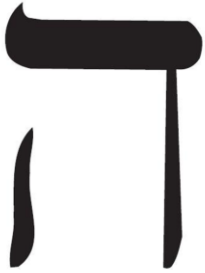


Hebrew Chet, the doorway to life, spending time in community, togetherness, unity, so we can see the gates of heaven open and we can enter into Gods house together.

8 is the number of grace, new beginnings.

So those are the numbers in our Gregorian calendar that we all use but I also want to look at the numbers in the Hebrew calendar. What I would like you to consider is are there any similarities in the meanings behind the numbers of the Gregorian calendar and the Hebrew calendar.

Hebrew year 5776 Started September 2015 already
5 Hebrew letter Hey.



Shows God in man, Abram was changed to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah by including the Hey in their name. Christ's salvation in us. Opening the heart to the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit. 5 in the bible speaks of the 5 fold ministry

Ephesians 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

When God is in our lives we are transformed. He also has a 5 fold ministry, some form of work that everyone can be involved in.

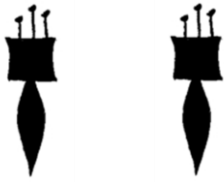
7 Hebrew word Zayin,



Sword, speaks of war and food, maybe even warring for food. This is not necessarily warring for physical food but in a spiritual sense to be nourished and at rest we need to do spiritual warfare.

7 is the number of completion, wholeness, blessing and rest, double 7 double portion

Zayin is a crowned man,



that is, Jesus Christ. Therefore zayin as a sword reveals Jesus as our protector, the Lion of Judah, and as nourishment, our Shepherd who feeds His sheep.

6 is the tent peg, the hook the fastener. We have already dealt with so we will not repeat it again.

To summarise; It is time to get to work, specifically the work of God in man and not the work of man that is not from God, it is a time for us to go to war spiritually, to surrender ourselves to Jesus so He can fight on our behalf. Our weapons are not carnal but mighty in God. It is time to make sure we are securely standing on the Rock of our salvation Jesus Christ so we cannot be moved. Let us unite and stay in unity, therein is strength and the commanded blessing of the Lord, a double blessing from the Lord.

If you have found this interesting and would like to do further research I found this website to be the most helpful. www.hebrew4christians.com

Sermon for 3 January 2016 Holy Spirit Power

God does not expect us to go through life alone. He does not expect us to face the challenges and endure the hardships alone. He promises to always be with us and the Word tells us this so it is true!

Joshua 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

When we have a look in the Word we can see that he was always with us and will be forevermore, truly He is the Alpha and Omega. Let us look at the first book and first chapter in the Bible, Genesis, and in verse two we find this

I have placed the verses on the presentation screen, all verses are from the New King James Version. If we can I'd like us all to read them aloud together.

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

The Strongs Hebrew dictionary describes the Hebrew word rûach, roo'-akh, wind; by resemblance breath, that is, an exhalation; figuratively life, anger, by extension a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit,

Before anything, God was! His Spirit was here hovering over the face of the waters.

Revelation 22:17 And the **Spirit** and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

The Strongs Greek dictionary describes the Greek word pneuma, pnyoo'-mah, a current of air, that is, breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively a spirit, that is, (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, daemon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy spirit: - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind.

Interestingly enough both the Hebrew and Greek words mean the same. So it is without a doubt that both scriptures speak of Gods Spirit, the Holy Spirit. God has been helping us from the beginning with His Spirit and will continue to do so till the end. The cry of the Holy Spirit is this that all should come back to the Father, and our cry should be the same, that same cry of reconciliation with our loving Father.

I want to take some time looking at how the Holy Spirit has been helping man through the ages.

Joseph, was serving a prison sentence for being wrongly accused of adultery with Potiphar's wife. There is no exact time given for his sentence but one can deduce that it was a number of years that he was in prison. But there came a day when Pharaoh had a dream that could not be interpreted and Joseph was called upon for an interpretation, these were the words of Joseph.

Genesis 41:16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, **It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.**

So as soon as Joseph was cleaned up and shaven and brought before Pharaoh, he knew God will give the answer. He does not touch the glory of God, all credit will go to God the Most High. This speaks to me of a relationship that was not broken while he was in prison. And as he gave the interpretation, even Pharaoh, an idol worshipping non believer recognised something in Joseph.

Genesis 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the **Spirit of God** is?

Even Pharaoh recognised the **Spirit of God** in the prisoner in front of him, only the Spirit of God enabled Joseph to do what he did, it was not in his power. Even during a testing time in prison Joseph kept his relationship with God so God could use him when the time was right. How is your relationship with God? Are you ready and available for him to use you, when the time is right? I ask these questions of myself just as I ask these questions of you.

Exodus 31:1-5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the **Spirit of God**, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

Here we see the example of God empowering a man to work with his hands. It was not done for the man's glory and honour but to honour God in the building of the tabernacle, the Holy dwelling place of the glory of God. The instructions for the building, finishing and decorations of the Tabernacle were specific and exact and these had to be replicated exactly by the work of a man's hands. These hands had to be anointed for the task. Bezalel had completed his trade test under the guidance of the **Spirit of God!**

2Chronicles 15:1-2 Now the **Spirit of God** came upon Azariah (*az-ar-yaw'*) the son of Oded. And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while

you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

In this example we see the **Spirit of God** empowering a man to deliver a message, a message of encouragement, a message of guidance and direction. This message that came from God had an effect.

2Chronicles 15:8 And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, **he took courage**, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he **restored the altar of the LORD** that was before the vestibule of the LORD.

The fact remains the Word of God does not return void, it shall accomplish what God pleases and it shall prosper in the thing for which He sent it. Let us ask ourselves what messages are we speaking out? Is it our own messages of gossip, slander and hate or are we speaking out anointed words guided by the Spirit of God, messages of exhortation and of hope?

In the Old Testament we see many example of the Spirit of God enabling people to do things to the Glory of God, but after the task is done the work of the Holy Spirit was finished and He left.

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you

Jesus Christ Himself made us this promise before He was crucified that the Helper would come. And after He had risen and 40days later just before he ascended back into Heaven He told them this.

Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts records the event as follows

Acts 1:4-5 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now."

So for 10 days they waited in Jerusalem in the upper room. The disciples, the women, as well as Jesus' mother and brothers, altogether about 120 people. What were they doing for 10 days in the upper room? They continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. They were all unanimous in their prayer and worship. It was oratory, it was vocal as they worshipped and prayed together. 120 people at a 10 day prayer meeting! Can you imagine it? It was then that the prophesy in Joel came to pass as God released His Holy Spirit on the Earth.

Joel 2:28-32 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will **pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

I want you all to pinch your arm, like this... If you are made of flesh then the Holy Spirit is for you. Regardless of what I say or what you think, the Word tells us the Holy Spirit will be poured out on all flesh. God can and will use anyone He wants to.

The Word gives us many ways in which the Holy Spirit is received;

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; **and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 10:44-45 While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit**

fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the **Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

The Holy Spirit is for everyone, all nations, races, men, women, even children everyone everywhere.

It is interesting when watching people, especially the people of South Africa, we are a fascinating people. We live in a beautiful and sunny country, a country where the temperature often goes over 30 degrees Celsius. In some places it reaches 35 or even 40 degrees. Now what do we do when it gets hot in South Africa? We LIGHT A FIRE!! We go outside stand in the heat and light a fire. It is time to light a fire Church, it is time to turn up the heat Church, in Jesus name.

The Holy Spirit is represented by fire. The presence of God is represented by fire. Moses met with a burning bush...

Exodus 3:2 And the **Angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.

Leviticus 9:24 and **fire came out** from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Hebrews 12:29 For our **God is a consuming fire.**

When you have a fire going and you place a rod of iron in the fire what happens? The iron starts glowing red! When you place the steel in the fire the fire goes into the steel. Do you hear what I am saying? When you place the steel in the fire the fire goes into the steel. If you place yourself in the Fire the Fire will go into you. If you place yourself in the presence of the Lord the Lord will go into you.

The mystery of Christ in me is what the Holy Spirit empowers.

Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

The most fascinating change in the New Testament receivers of the Holy Spirit is the fervour with which they preached the Good News. They faced torture, being burnt, crucifixion and other terrible methods of punishment for being caught just being a follower of Christ, but they persisted in the face of these threats and the Gospel spread and it continues to do so today. It will never stop.

Romans 8:8-11 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us! That is the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:10 -13 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you **I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works**. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus Christ made this promise and He will keep His promise. He promised unusual miracles, works that we cannot even think of, super abundant, excessive, superior, beyond measure, this is what the expressive Greek words mean.

Luk 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**"

The Holy Spirit has always been available for God to use, since the beginning of time. God used the Holy Spirit to empower ordinary people in the Old Testament to perform good works, bring messages, interpret signs and even win miraculous wars. Jesus Christ did not die in vain, He did not die and come back to life again on the third day for nothing! The Holy Spirit is part of His promise to us. The New Testament followers of Christ are filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to preach the Gospel, to spread the news and also to perform miracles, healing and we just have to ask God for the Holy Spirit to m a k e t h e s e t h i n g s p o s s i b l e .

Last year we had some pregnant ladies in the congregation, Helen, Thembeka and Thembi. And this is the same for all pregnant ladies. Now at first we did not know they were pregnant, so unless we were specifically told we would not have known. But eventually it became obvious, that they were expecting. And we knew that there was a baby coming, How did we know this? Because we saw the signs. Because of the signs it became clear what was happening and that a baby was on the way. The signs are there, the promise is there, this is the way it has been made God has ordained it and promised it.

When we come to the house of the Lord do we come with an expectation? When we meet for prayer do we gather with expectation? When we ask God for something do we wait with anticipation and expectation? Get expectant, come with expectation for the Lord to move, come with an expectation to see Jesus touch people, change lives and turn the people to Himself. Do we have an expectation to see miracles and Gods favour poured out in Jesus name?

Who is here with an expectation today? Who is here with an expectation today to receive a touch from Jesus Christ? Whatever we can think of God can do

and more, He is the God of more than enough! Whatever you come for prayer for today we will pray for God to give you more than that. If you come for prayer for healing we will pray for more than that, if you require anything from God we will ask for more than that. If you need God to change your life we will pray for more than that. More than you can ask or think.

Holy Spirit have your way in this place.