

FOUR

NUMBER FOUR IN SCRIPTURE – CREATION/DOMINION

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DESCRIPTION:

CREATION – n. Act of forming or originating; universe

DOMINION – n. Supreme authority or control; territory subject to a ruler or government

VINE'S EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF NEW TESTAMENT WORDS:

CREATION: *Ktizo*, verb, used among the Greeks to mean the founding of a place, or city or colony, signifies in Scripture, to create, always of the act of God (*a*) whether in the natural creation, Mark 13:19; Romans 1:25 (where the title "The Creator" translates the article with the aorist participle of the verb); I Corinthians 11:9; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; I Timothy 4:2; Rev. 4:11; 10:6, or (*b*) in the spiritual creation, Ephesians 2:10, 15; 4:24; Colossians 3:10.

DOMINION: *Kratos*, force, strength, might, more especially manifested power, is derived from a root, *kra-*, to perfect, to complete: "creator" is probably connected. It also signifies dominion, and is so rendered frequently in doxologies, I Peter 4:11; 5:11; Jude 25; Revelation 1:6; 16; and Hebrews 2:14, it is translated "power."

Note: Synonymous words are *bia*, force, often oppressive, *dunamis*, power; *exousia*, primarily liberty of action, then authority either delegated or arbitrary; *ischus*, strength, especially physical, power as an endowment.

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE – 1977: Bible references in **Hebrew Dictionary for O.T.** and **Greek Dictionary for N.T.** (Italics)

Creation: Mark 10:6 Code 2937; Romans 1:20 Code 2837. **Creator:** Isaiah 40:28 Code 1254a; Romans 1:25 Code 2936

Dominion: Daniel 4:34 Code 7985; Jeremiah 34:1 Code 4475; Revelation 1:6 Code 2904; Ephesians 1:21 Code 2963

Arbah [f.], *arbahah* [m.] Authority, government, rule, dominion, calendar, time, creation, kingdom, fullness, giving of the Torah (Law) and Holy Spirit.

- Judah was **fourth** born son and had the sceptre of rule.
- 4 matriarchs
- 4 corners of the earth
- 4 horns on the altar
- 4 tassels (tzit-tziyot) are to be worn on one's garment/robe
- 4 living creatures
- 4 horse men
- 4 rivers of Eden
- 4 winds
- 4 gospels and many more...

ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE:

- 4 beasts (Daniel 7:3)
- Fourth one different from the others and has ten horns, later has 11 horns (Daniel 7:25)
- Opposition to the calendar/clock/seasons/law that God gave on Day 4 of creation

Fourth Hebrew letter: **Dalet**. **Numerical value of 4**. Pictographic meaning door, draw out or in, knock, path, way, portal to heaven, dominion, control, bough and branch.

- Passover Seder is structured around **fours**: the **4** questions, the **4** sons and the **4** cups of wine.
- **Seven** loaves fed **four** thousand with **7** baskets of left over.
- On **Day 4 of creation**, the sun, moon and stars are placed in the sky (natural light) **to govern** the moedim (feast days). They **mark time** and **give signs**. Their light separates from darkness.
- God's **calendar** and **prophetic clock** were established on **Day 4**.
- The Jerusalem Council gave **four basic requirements** for Gentiles to enter the assembly. (Acts 15:19-21)
- **Fourth Feast**: Shavuot (Pentecost, Leviticus 23).
- **Fourth Spirit of God**: Ruach Adonai - fullness of Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2)
- **Fourth Church of Revelation**: Thyatira (meaning perfume, odor of affliction, sacrifice of labor)
- **NEGATIVE SIDE**:
- A heart that devises **wicked imaginations**, becoming full of **false light**. (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- Giving **authority** to the beast and appetites of desire. **Four** also results in **judgment, as in the four horsemen**.

TIME AND AUTHORITY are intrinsically linked with Day 4.

- ✓ The mercy seat is a type of Throne, another picture of Authority and Government. **Four Living Creatures** surround the throne of Elohim, always declaring, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (3 times) is THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8)
- ✓ Both **four** and **seven** have many common elements. They depict holy places in both SPACE and TIME.
- ✓ Jesus is the door for the sheep (John 10:7-9) No other door or way is possible to enter into relationship with God.

QUOTABLE QUOTES FOR NUMBER 4:

- Authority makes some people grow and others just swell. (Matthew 23:11, 12)
- Only by being on the level can we rise to the highest plane.
- When you grasp you lose, when you yield to God, you gain.
- If absence makes the heart grow fonder, some people must really love the church.
- A little spark of accomplishment can ignite great endeavours
- Some people go through life standing at the complaint counter.
- God loves every one of us as if there were but one to love.
- A Christian's character, like a beautiful gem, is formed by pressure and polished by friction.