

UPWARD CALL

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but this is my one aim: to forget everything that's behind, and to strain every nerve to go after what lies ahead. I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God
IN KING JESUS.

(Philippians 3:13-14)

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Numbers 61 & 37

Elsewhere, I noted that February 10, 2009 was a very interesting day. The US Stock Market dropped 382 points to 7888.88, and the US Senate brought to cloture the misnamed stimulus bill by a vote of 61 to 37. What caught my attention were the numbers 61 and 37, along with the multiples of the number 8.

First, let us consider the number 61. For those who study the meaning of numbers in scripture or what some call the *bible number code* or *biblical mathematics*, you will not find any specific reference to the number 61 in most reference books. The significance of 61 is not in the number itself but in the two numbers that make it up. I like to think of it as a formula, $6 + 1 = 7$, or 6 days plus 1 day equals 7 days, with the number 1 actually representing the 7th day. Simply, the number 61 represents God's plan for mankind and the present earth upon which we live.

As an aside, the number 61 was first revealed to me in a dream on December 6, 1998. Check out these links.

Highway 61 – $6 + 1 = 7$ (Dream) — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p71.pdf>

Six Days, then the Seventh ($6 + 1 = 7$) — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art45.pdf>

According to Moses, Elohim restored the ruined earth in 6 days and rested on the 7th day: *God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ... Thus, the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven* (Genesis 1:31; 2:1-4).

Peter adds more meat to the seven days by telling us that the Lord's days are 1,000-year days: *But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day* (2 Peter 3:8).

Then, Hebrews draws us back to Genesis and tells us that there is coming a 7th day.

For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh [day] thus, "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works;" [Gen 2:2] and in this [place] again, "They will not enter into My rest." [Ps 95:11] Therefore, since it remains for some to enter into it, and the ones having first heard the Gospel did not enter in because of disobedience due to unbelief, again He designates a certain day, "Today," saying in David, after such a long time just as it has been said, "Today if you hear His voice, stop hardening your hearts [fig., becoming stubborn]." [Psalm 95:7, 8] For if Joshua had given them rest, He [i.e., God] would not have spoken concerning another day after these [things]. So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. (Hebrews 4:4-9 ALT)

The seventh day speaks of the kingdom of Christ that is going to openly manifest to this earth upon completion of the 6,000 years; what some call **man's day**. Of course, the kingdom is already established, but it has not been revealed to all the nations yet. For this to occur, King Jesus Himself must return to the earth visibly and physically to reveal Himself as the King of kings and lord of lords.

Thus, prophetically speaking, the number 61 sums up the history of our present earth. The number 61 reminds us that God's plan requires that the kingdom of our Lord be manifested over the nations of the earth at the time fixed

by the Father. The eons (ages) have been made through the Son of God (Hebrews 1:2); all in accord with God's plan that His Son shall inherit the nations and possess the earth (Psalm 2).

Now, let us consider the number 37. The meaning of words, thoughts, or names can be gleaned by gematria, either as a single number or multiples of a number, or by the actual number of times a word, thought, or name appears in scripture. The number 37 can be understood in all these ways. According to gematria, many of the titles, names, and attributes of the Father and the Son are multiples of the number 37; for example: God (37); only Son (37); power (37); glory (37); truth (37); wonderful (37x3); the Most High (37x3); Son of the living God (37x3); Lord of all (37x3); Nazarene (37x6); the rock (37x8); only begotten (37x10); my Messiah (37x10); peace (37x10); the door (37x14).

Also, the number 37 has a very unique quality in that multiplying it by 3 or a multiple of 3 up to its third power yields a multiple of a single number. For example: $37 \times 3 = 111$; $37 \times 6 = 222$; $37 \times 9 = 333$; $37 \times 15 = 444$; $37 \times 27 = 999$. No other number yields the same result. Further, the number 3 signifies *divine perfection*, which has led one commentator to claim that this means the number 37 speaks of the word of God as the only means to unite the heart of all mankind through Christ, who is the word of God.

These are all interesting ways to understand the number 37; however, there is one more aspect of this number that fits well with the numbers 8 (8 signifying *new creation*; 888 signifying *Jesus*) and 61; the number 37 also signifies inheritance, specifically the inheritance that awaits all who conquer or overcome.

The name Caleb appears 37 times in the Bible. According to the record, the first generation of the sons of Israel was disqualified from entering and receiving an inheritance in the promised land, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb. They were a type of the conqueror.

But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it. (Numbers 14:24 NASB)

Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully. (Joshua 14:14 NASB)

Interestingly, the concept of receiving an inheritance or reward is discovered when the names Noah (Genesis 9:24), Abram (Genesis 15:1), Abraham (Genesis 21:5), Isaac (Genesis 26:12), Moses (Exodus 6:2), Joseph (Genesis 40:12), and Jerusalem (2 Samuel 19:19) appear in scripture for the 37th time; all of which point in type to the Lord's conquerors receiving an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, the inheritance of glorified and immortal bodies.

How are we to tie the numbers 8, 888, 61, and 37 together? Obviously, they do not refer directly to what happened on February 10th in regard to the stock market or to the cloture vote, both of which, I believe, are signs of the impending fall of the kingdoms of men. As a side note, on February 13th, the US Senate passed the final version of what I call "the sinking of the Titanic bill" by a vote of 60 to 38. The number 60 signifies the *pride of man*, and the number 38 signifies *slavery*. This bill will make the American people slaves to trillions of dollars of debt. Convinced that they knew best for the country and did not need to consider other views, which is called *pride*, the "smart" politicians that voted for this bill did so without even reading it. But it is more insidious than this, for one political party took advantage of the present financial crisis to solidify their power so that they could socially reengineer the very fabric of American life. It is called *socialism*. Starting with the president, the politicians are telling us that they are going to operate with higher standards of ethics and transparency. It is moral bankruptcy!

Here is how, based on gematria, we tie the numbers together. Thank God, a better day is coming, which is a new beginning, a new creation (8) in Jesus (888) as the Father brings the 6th day to an end and ushers in the 7th day (61) with the open manifestation of the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. In that day, the conquerors will receive their reward or inheritance (37). Glory to God!