

THE SECRET OF HIS PURPOSE .... THE PLAN FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE TIMES  
**TO HEAD UP ALL THINGS IN THE KING,**  
EVERYTHING IN THE HEAVENS AND ON THE EARTH,  
**IN JESUS....**

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(The following comes from an article about [standing in the council of the Lord](#). Considering that some of the most read postings deal with the signification of numbers and this article contains a section on the number 70, I figured it would be helpful to present this section (with some editing) as a stand-alone article.)

The Hebrew word *sod*, often translated as *council* (counsel), speaks of coming into union with the Lord to hear what He is saying. It signifies *oneness*. Speaking to the false prophets in Jeremiah’s day, the Lord presented a question: **For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?** (Jeremiah 23:18). This word is just as relevant today as it was in Jeremiah’s day. We must see and hear what our Lord Jesus and our Father are saying in this day of great confusion and chaos, along with countless voices, and this requires union. To do this, we must know and experience union with King Jesus.

Interestingly, built into the word *sod* is the number 70, which has profound meaning regarding God’s ultimate purpose.

The word *sod* is comprised of three Hebrew letters.

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We’ll conclude with the meaning of these three Hebrew letters. But first, note that the gematria or sum total of the numbers associated with the Hebrew letters for *sod* – based on daleth (4), vav (6), and samech (60) – is the number 70. Numbers in scripture have meaning, and the number 70 is significant in regard to God’s plan for the nations and for all things in heaven and on earth. It is **the number of restoration and universality**, which speaks to the ultimate purpose of God to bring all things into union with Himself through His Son our Lord Jesus, who (as we will see) is the *sod* of God.

In the Hebrew alphabet, the number 70 is assigned to the letter *ayin*, which literally means “eye” and symbolically means to “see, know, or experience.”

Also, the number 70 is made up of the number 7 and the number 10. The number **7** signifies **spiritual perfection**, and the number **10** signifies **ordinal completion of a series** or **perfection of divine order**. Thus, both numbers signify perfection or, we could say, completeness.

In the book *Number in Scripture*, E.W. Bullinger states that “7 x 10 signifies perfect spiritual order and carried out with all spiritual power and significance. Both spirit and power are greatly emphasized.”

To further understand the number 70, let’s consider some places in scripture where it appears.

The first mention is discovered with the descendants of Shem, Japheth, and Ham that repopulated the earth after the flood. Adding up the descendants of Noah as recorded in Genesis 10 reveals that there were 70 of them, signifying 70 nations.

The house of Jacob that entered Egypt numbered 70, and from this group eventually came the nation of Israel.

All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob’s sons, *were* sixty-six persons in all, and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, *were* seventy. (Genesis 46:26-27 NASB)

When the Lord delivered the sons of Israel from Egypt and led them into the wilderness under the leadership of Moses, God gave Moses the command to choose 70 elders to help him judge the people.

The LORD therefore said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.” (Numbers 11:16 NASB)

Later and after Solomon’s United Kingdom of Israel was split into two kingdoms (houses), Israel and Judah, Judah was given the iron yoke of judgment (Jeremiah 28:13-14) and sent into Babylonian captivity for 70 years, which was also the length of years for the Babylonian monarchy. With the end of the 70 years, Judah was allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city and its temple (Jeremiah 25:11, 12; Daniel 9:2; Zechariah 7:5).

The Lord told Daniel that 70 weeks were set for his people to finish the transgression.

“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.” (Daniel 9:24 NASB)

These 70 weeks were actually 490 (7 x 70) years that ended with the crucifixion of Jesus in 33 AD. The last week or 7 years of Daniel’s 70 weeks occurred from 26-33 AD. Jesus began His ministry in the midst of the week in 29 AD when He went to John for baptism on the day of atonement. This is when He presented Himself for ministry and made an end to sin, which was fully consummated at the cross.

A bit more obscure reference to the number 70 is discovered in the feast of tabernacles (booths). As a reminder, this feast is a type of the sons of God being manifested in glorified, spiritual, celestial, immortal bodies (new tabernacles; new booths; new creations) that commissions them to reign with Christ on earth and in heaven in the ages to come.

During the 7-day feast of tabernacles that the sons of Israel celebrated each year, starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, they were required to present a specific number of bulls as burnt offerings.

‘Then on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work, and you shall observe a feast to the LORD for seven days. ‘You shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire as a soothing aroma to the LORD: thirteen bulls.... ‘Then on the second day: twelve bulls.... ‘Then on the third day: eleven bulls.... ‘Then on the seventh day: seven bulls.... (Numbers 29:12-32 NASB)

Notice that on the first day, they sacrificed 13 bulls, and on the second day, they sacrificed 12 bulls. Each day they reduced the number of bulls to be sacrificed by one until on the 7<sup>th</sup> day they sacrificed 7 bulls. There was a total of 70 bulls sacrificed over this 7-day period.

Drawing from Genesis 10, the Jewish Talmud saw these 70 bulls as representative of the number of the nations in the world – 70. Thus, the purpose of these sacrifices during the feast of tabernacles was to appeal to God for the restoration of all the nations of the world, to restore them back to God. They were doing this with full knowledge of God’s heart as revealed through His prophets.

Jesus, who is the fulfillment of all the prophets, confirmed this when He sent out 70 of His disciples into the harvest of the world, He did this as a sign that it is God’s plan to restore all the nations. God plans to harvest (i.e., restore) all the nations to Himself through His Son who has the power to subject all things to Himself (1 Corinthians 15:25-28; Philippians 3:21).

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. (Luke 10:1 NASB)

Later, Peter reminded the men of Israel of the restoration of all things as spoken by God through the ancient prophets.

“Therefore, repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. (Acts 3:19-21 NASB)

Notice how Peter expanded the restoration to all things, not just the nations. Of all the apostles, Paul most often used the comprehensive Greek phrase *ta panta* or *the all*, commonly translated as *all things*. I have written much on the subject of *all in all*, so it won’t be repeated here.

These are but a few verses that speak of God’s plan to head up or sum up all things in His Son in order to achieve His ultimate purpose: *So that God may be all in all, making all things new* (1 Corinthians 15:28; Revelation 21:5), for *from Him and through Him and to Him are all things* (Romans 11:36). God is not counting the world’s trespasses against them (2 Corinthians 5:19); He plans to restore not only all the nations, as representative of the number 70, but all things. God’s plan is being and will be worked out through Christ and His body, the complement of the one completing the all in all (Ephesians 1:23 CLV). This is the true calling of the ecclesia.

But let it be known that restoration, as good as it will be, is not the endpoint – new creation is!

Now, when we speak of new creation, we are immediately drawn to God’s Son, our Lord Jesus.

Once again, consider the chart presented at the beginning, explaining the word *sod*.

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A *door* signifies a pathway or a way to go, which could signify a *plan*. A *nail* signifies that the plan is *secure*; it is nailed down, so to speak. A *prop* could have several meanings. According to Webster's Dictionary, as a noun, it could mean 1) a rigid support, as a beam, stake or pole, placed under or against a structure; 2) a person who is one of the main supports of an enterprise. As a verb, it means to support, hold up, or hold in place.

Taken together, **these three Hebrew letters speak not of a thing but of the person of our Lord Jesus**. He is the door (John 10:9). He who was nailed to a cross is the same one who secures the salvation of all mankind (1 Timothy 4:10). He is the entire enterprise, so to speak. He is the one who upholds (holds up, props up) all things by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3).

Also, notice that *vav* refers to the conjunction *and*. Is Jesus not the **and** of all things; that is, is He not the alpha **and** the omega, the first **and** the last, the beginning **and** the end? Is He not the one who is **and** who was **and** who is to come?

In other words, when we come into the council of the Lord, we come into the very one who is the Word. It is more than coming into words, it is coming into the Word Himself to see and hear Him. It is about seeing Jesus and hearing His voice and abiding in Him. It is about being in union with Him, being in His constant presence – **living His life in union**. It is about a face-to-face, heart-to-heart, heart-thumping encounter with the Lord. It is about seeing Him, hearing Him, knowing Him, and experiencing Him.

Dear brethren, this is the ultimate meaning of the number 70. Jesus is the *sod* of God. There is no restoration, no universality, no union with God the Father, and no new creation apart from Jesus, the Son of God. He is the consummate meaning of the number 70. Jesus is central, supreme, and preeminent in all that God is doing and intends to do. **He is the all in all of God!**