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This is our series on biblical numerology. And in this edition, we're going to look at the number five. And what I'm going to share with you might surprise you, because you're going to hear something very different than most believers teach. But before we deal with the number five, allow me to share this with you. To me, it is very disappointing. To see how both Judaism and Christianity handle the Word of God, I see a great lack of respect, and numerous violations of the laws of biblical interpretation. Now, biblical interpretation and the study of that, and the rules relating to that is called hermeneutics. And it involves proper exegetical methodology, in order that we learn how to study the Word of God. And this, of course, is very important in our study of numbers and the significance The meaning of these numbers. Now, I've shared with you what is indeed, the proper methodology, we have to look at a number and this study the number five, we look at all the places that that number five appears in the Scripture. And then we by studying these passages, where the number five appears, or any number, we see if there's something that's consistent, if the Word of God speaks to us about a specific theme, a common theme that appears in at least the vast majority of the locations where that number appears. Now, if you look to Christianity, they will tell you this, that the number five relates to grace, and can that be supported from the Scripture, what I did was this, I wanted to check what most Christians believe. So I googled the meaning of the number five, Bible. And what I found was an organization. And there were several that had the number five discussed, and they pretty much all came away with the same conclusion. The number five relates to grace or the favor of God. But I want you to see how they arrived at this conclusion. If you look, for example, and I'm on a website called Bible study.org, great name. The problem is this. They're not doing Bible study, they're not using the Clear the obvious methodology for discerning the meaning of the number five, what is it? I'll say it again, you look at all the places, and by the way, we're talking over 300 places, the number five appears in the Scripture, you have to find those, read those, study those and see, as I mentioned, if there's something constant, consistent, that appears in all of these specific passages containing the number five, they didn't do this, what was their methodology? Well, it says, the number five, and I'm quoting, the number five symbolizes God's grace, His goodness, and favor towards humans. That's what we hear consistently in Christianity. And then they do this. They say, sense. Now they don't give us any proof. They simply say, sense five represents grace. When it's multiplied by itself. It produces 25. Well, yeah, five times five is 25, which they say, is grace upon grace. Well, how is five related to grace? And why do we do five times five to get 25 and

say, That's grace upon grace? Well, they give a scripture as their proof for this. And they quote John chapter one and verse 60. But the problem is that verse doesn't even contain the number five it just mentioned, grace upon grace or abundant grace. And then they say this, the 10 commandments contains two sets of five commandments. The first five commandments are related to our treatment and relationship with God, while the remaining ones concern our relationship with other human beings. Okay, if that is true, what does that say about grace? Where's grace in anywhere related to these commandments? It's called at Hebrew, a spirit and they broke, they don't break it up. The Bible doesn't break them into five and five man did that. I'm not saying there's a problem with that. But it's not biblical. We have 10 commandments. We don't have five and five, that is man doing that. And how do we know that five is related to grace? Well, this is what they say. They go on and point out the book of Psalms can be broken into five sections. Yes, Judaism does that. But where does that mean? That that five has to do with grace because the book of Psalms by man is broken into five sections, and they give some ridiculous explanations that have nothing to do with the Word of God. Then they say, there are five books of God's law. That's true Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. Yes. They say the Five Books of God's law, commonly referred to as the Pentateuch. Okay, yes. How does that relate to grace? They never tell us, then they get really, really spiritual. The four gospels plus the book of x equals five books. Yeah, that's true. And therefore, it says, this can be designated. God doesn't designated as the New Testament Penta took, they're just making up things. They're just trying to search for things related to five and say, This is Grace. But there's no biblical basis for that. It says here, these five books, the four Gospels and an X, they reveal your sure teaching concerning the law and the prophets. Okay, that's true. The apostle John wrote five books centered upon the grace of God, really, all of John's writing, including the book of Revelation is centered upon the grace of God, where's that? What evidence do they give to support that? And then they say this. The holy anointing oil mentioned in Exodus chapter 30, verse 23, through 25, has five primary ingredients, okay. And therefore, these five ingredients relate to the revealing of God's pure grace in his anointing. Here again, this is not Bible study. This is Bible speculation. It's ridiculous. And then we see, five, this is what they're saying. Five is the third prime number occurring after the primes two and three. Okay, that's true. But how does that relate to grace? Five books in the Bible contains only one chapter. All right, fine. Five books in the Bible only contain one chapter. Where does that speak about grace? And it just gets worse. For example, I'll close with this. They point out that that there was a dream in the book of Daniel about five periods of time, and they say, the fifth period, the final one represents the 10 toes of iron mixed with clay, found in Daniel chapter two verses 41 through 44. Okay, this symbolizes the successors of the Roman Empire. But what does this have to do with grace? I looked at everything that they wrote, they never, ever gave a verse of Scripture that contained five and said, This is why five relates to grace. It's simply not Bible study. It is ridiculous and worse than being ridiculous. It is pathetic. It is said, and people repeat over and over. The number five does not have to do with grace. We don't see that in the Scripture. What does the number five have to do with? That's the question you should be asking. And remember our methodology. One should look at all the places those 300 Plus places that five appears in the

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Bible, and look and study and see what is the common context? What is the message consistently being related to the reader when the number five appears? I like to give you two examples. And then you go through the rest of Scripture and see Eat? Well, are these two an exception to the rule? Or are

they good examples of what the number five relates to? Again, to me, the number five, looking at the word of God relates to lacking that which is insufficient, that which is inadequate. And the scripture that I'd like to turn to, is the book of Genesis Chapter Genesis and chapter 18, the book of Genesis, and chapter 18. Now, this is where Abraham intercedes for Saddam. And remember what he says to God, he says, God, if there are 50, righteous people in in Saddam, will you still destroy the city or for the sake of the 50? You will spirit? And God says, All right, if there's 50, I will not destroy Saddam. But notice what Abraham says in verse 28. He says, perhaps, that number 50, will be lacking, there won't be 50, righteous ones, and it will lack by how many? Five? So he says, What if there's not 50? But only 45? Five, short, five lacking? Will you still destroy it? He says, No, I won't. He says, Well, what if there's not 45? What if there's five lacking Will you still destroy it? What we see here is five is related to that which is inadequate, insufficient, something which is lacking something which is missing, something which is not complete. Now, again, you will have Christianity telling you that the number seven is the number of completion, it is not, it is the number 10. Seven has something different. We'll talk about that in a few weeks. But I want us to look at a another place in the Scripture. And that is the Gospel of John and just coincidentally, chapter five. Now this is when Messiah is going up to Jerusalem for a festival, based upon the order in John to he's there for Passover, John seven, he's there for the feast of, of Tabernacles. The other festival that you're required to go up to Jerusalem would be the Feast of Weeks or shoveled may be better known to you as Pentecost. And most See, chapter five, relating to Pentecost. And Pentecost reminds us of what God provided so that we could complete all of his work. And what is that? Well, it says grace. Grace helps us to fulfill God's will. But the problem with us is this. In the natural left to ourselves, we lack the grace of God. Remember that, in this passage, we read look with me to John chapter five, and verse 22. It says, in Jerusalem, by the sheep, not by the sheep gate, look at the Greek the word gate doesn't appear there. In Jerusalem, by the sheep, there was a pool and this pool is called bet cuz the in Aramaic, that acid in Hebrew, and that relates to God's mercy, His loving kindness, his grace, but this is what you need to see. It says, this place is called bet as the and around it, around it are five what we could call porches. Now, some will say these, these places are Solomon's portico, and they are a covered walkway. This is what most Christians say. But the word here that's used here to word stole up in Greek. This word has to do with a porch, usually a place where people are, and we find this is exactly what the Word of God says. Look at verse three, and this is the key verse. In these porches, they're late many, so many people were laying in these five different porches and what were they all they were all sickly. They all were sick, meaning they lacked health. So the number five is related to lacking just like we saw in the book of Genesis. These individuals lack their health or They were blind, they lacked their vision, or they were paralyzed, they lacked the strength to walk, or they were lacking something else, fullness of their limbs because some of them, their limbs were dried up, what were they in need of because they were lacking and all humanity is lacking, and what do we need, we need grace, but five does not relate to grace, five relates to lacking, insufficient inadequate, something is missing. So, when you study all these places, that the number five appears, you will find in a dominant way, that that number five more often than not relates to that which is lacking that which is missing that which is insufficient, that which is not complete. So the number five relates to something that is incomplete, something that is lacking, it does not have to do with grace. I'll close with that. Until our next study. Shalom