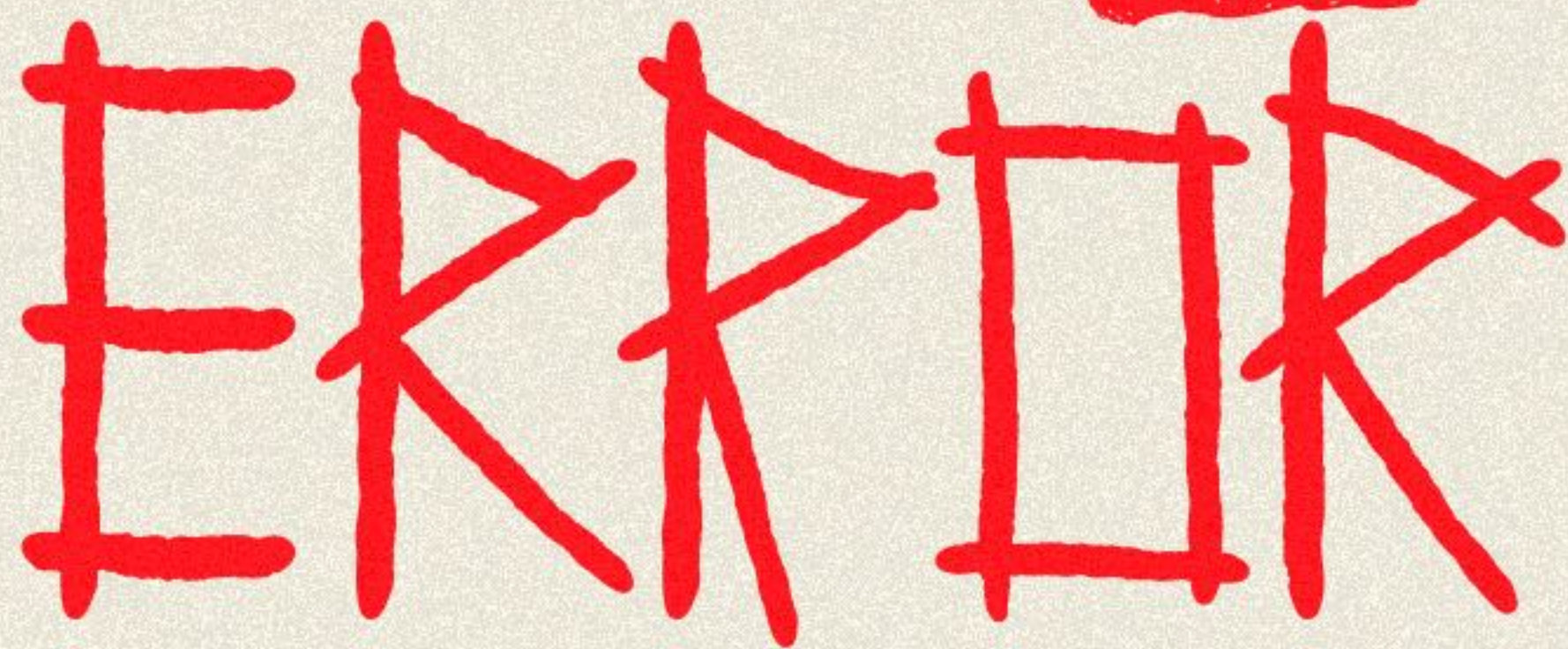
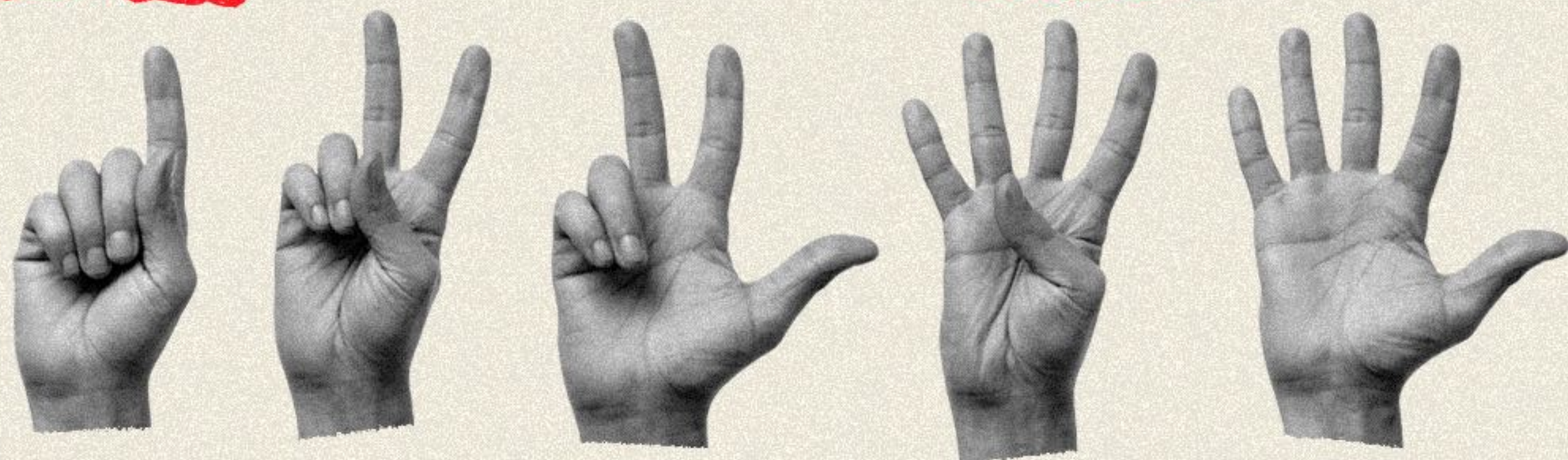




NUMBERING





# SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBERS

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4

Universal

7

Completion,  
Perfection

8

New Beginnings

10

The Law

12

Government

13

Rebellion


38

End of  
Futility

100

Fruitfulness  
and Maturity





Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. <sup>2</sup> So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, “Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it.” <sup>3</sup> And Joab answered, “May the Lord make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord’s servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?”



1 Chronicles 21:1-3



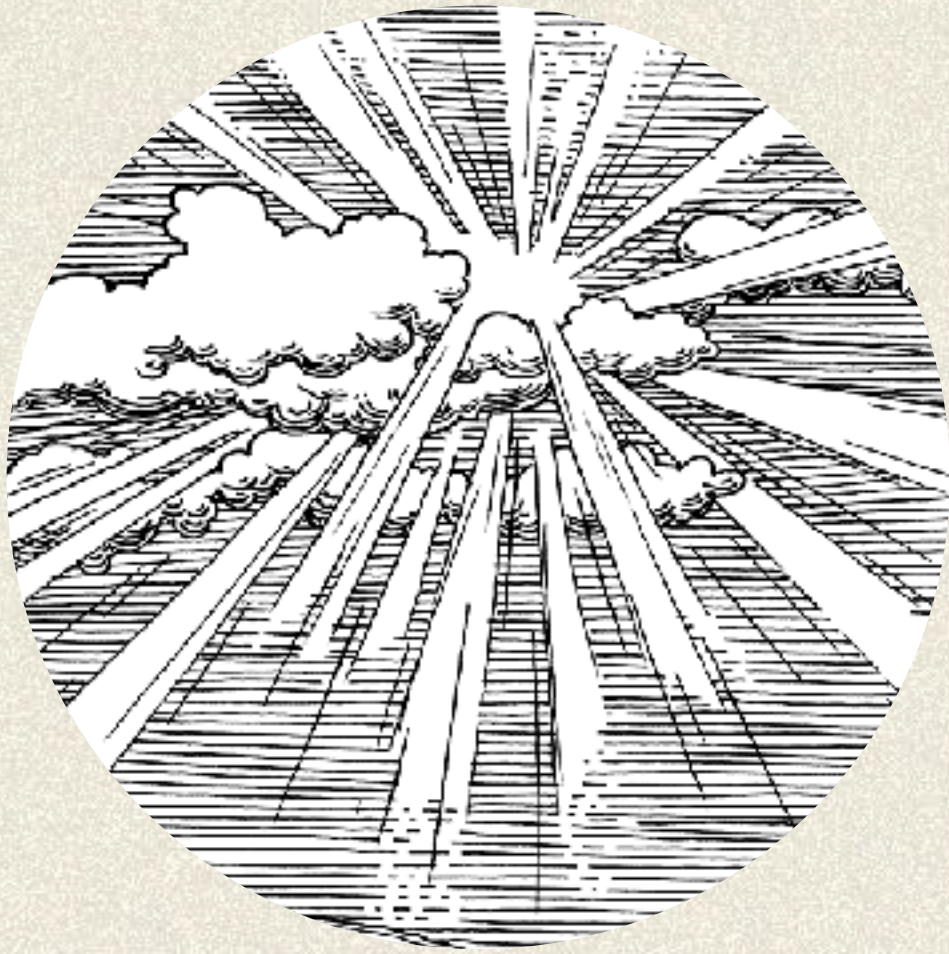


Again the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”

||| 2 Samuel 24:1 |||







**GOD**



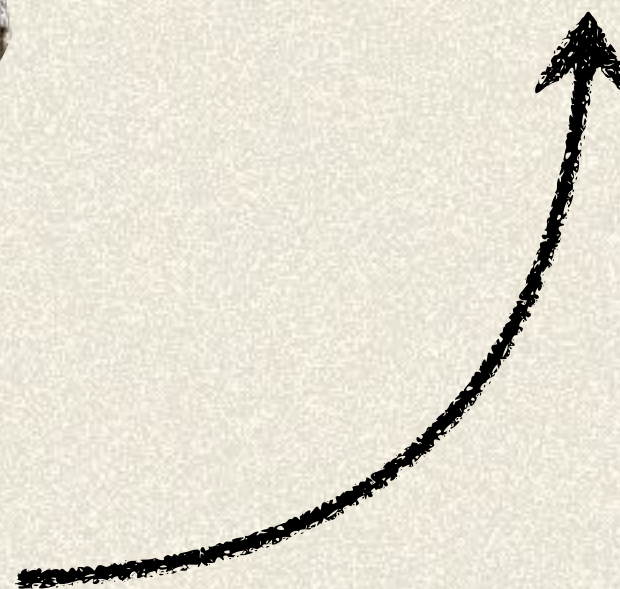
**SATAN**



**DAVID**  
(Numbers)



**ISRAEL**





## INTERESTING SIDENOTES

The census took 9 months  
and 20 days to complete. .... God gives us time to repent.

The tribe of Levi and  
Benjamin were excluded. .... God's judgement is not blind.

God struck Israel  
(*1 Chronicles 21:7*) ..... David's repentance was delayed.

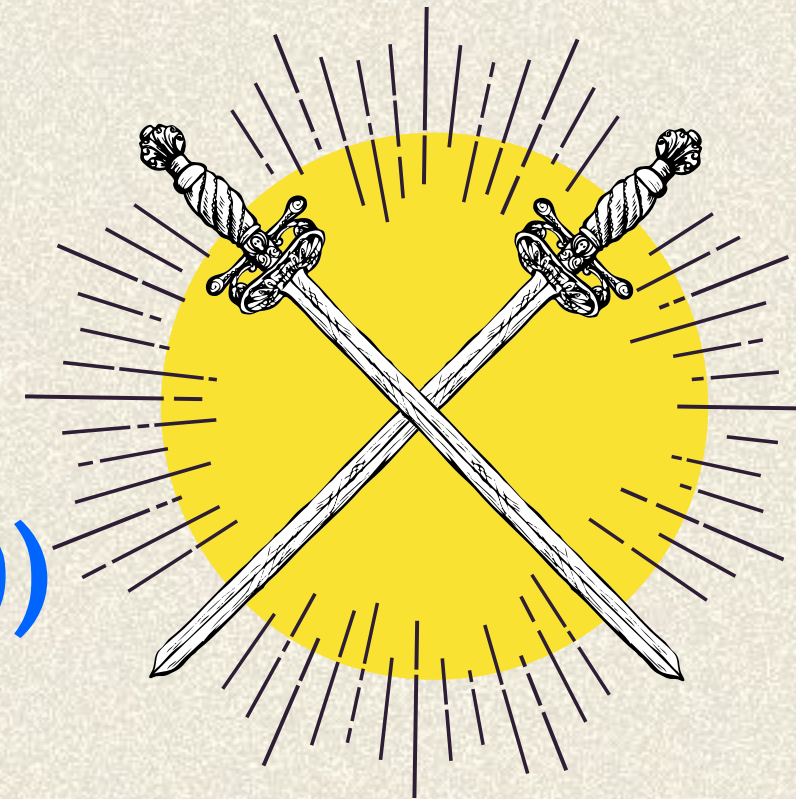
Joab was the first one ..... We don't get to choose where  
who tried to correct David. correction comes from.



# RECONCILING 2 SAMUEL 24 AND 1 CHRONICLES 21

## 2 Samuel 24

800,000 valiant men  
who drew the sword. (v9)



## 1 Chronicles 21

1,100,000 men who  
drew the sword. (v4)

$$800,000 + 288,000 + 12,000 = 1,100,000$$

David had a standing army of:

12 units of 24,000 men,  
amounting to 288,000

12,000 men in Jerusalem  
and in chariot cities.



# RECONCILING 2 SAMUEL 24 AND 1 CHRONICLES 21

2 Samuel 24

7 Years  
of famine. (v13)



1 Chronicles 21

3 Years  
of famine. (v12)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{4 Years} \\ \text{.....} \end{array} + 3 \text{ Years} = \begin{array}{c} \text{7 Years} \\ \text{.....} \end{array}$$

A famine had already  
started **4 years** in  
2 Samuel 21:1.

The **7 years** is an  
extension by **3 more years**  
which lines up with  
1 Chronicles 21.



# RECONCILING 2 SAMUEL 24 AND 1 CHRONICLES 21

2 Samuel 24

The threshing floor  
of Araunah. (v18)



1 Chronicles 21

The threshing floor  
of Ornan. (v15)

Araunah is **another name** for Ornan.



# RECONCILING 2 SAMUEL 24 AND 1 CHRONICLES 21

## 2 Samuel 24

David buys the  
threshing floor and oxen  
for 20 shekels of silver. (v24)



## 1 Chronicles 21

David gave  
600 shekels of gold  
for the place. (v25)

20 shekels  
of silver



600 shekels  
of gold

For the threshing  
floor and oxen.

For the whole site.



# THE RESULT OF A NUMBERING ERROR



1

# BARRENESS

# 3

1

# DEFEAT



# DISEASE