

# THE AMAZING SEVENS

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We have discussed many ways in which the Scriptures are totally perfect. Factual detail is completely consistent throughout the Bible. Mathematically, however, the Bible is an utterly fantastic phenomenon. Maintaining the mathematical purity showed by the Scriptures would be completely impossible for any number of modern computers, much less for man to do it two to three thousand years ago. A man named Rocky Freeman, a fulfilled Jew, produced a small book entitled, "The Amazing Sevens."<sup>1</sup> You should get a copy and read it in its entirety. The following list of sevens is representative of what the Scriptures contain:

Seven days for creation.  
Seven days until the Sabbath.  
Seven days for Noah to gather the animals.  
Seven persons were with Noah.  
Seven years of plenty and seven years of famine.  
Seven priests, with seven trumpets, were to encompass the walls of Jericho for seven days and on the seventh day, Jericho fell into the hands of Israel.

Seven days were required for the unclean to be cleansed.  
Seven items were required in many of the sacrifices.  
Seven days, Job's friends sat with him.  
Seven years were required to build the temple.  
Seven Feasts were enumerated in Leviticus.  
Seventy-seventh from Adam was Christ.  
Seven hours was Christ on the cross.  
Sevens in the book of Revelation are abundant.

There are literally thousands of sevens used in the Scriptures. Seven, as a number, indicates totality of completion. Examples of this concept: The seven days for creation and the seventh day, the Sabbath. There are numerological books in which each number in the Bible is given a very specific meaning. For example, three equals the trinity; four equals the four corners of the earth, meaning man, and so on. That if the number seven signifies completion, then six is the mark of the beast. You will find a whole series of things assigned some numerical significance or other, but the Scriptures only assign real significance to the seven. Some of the sevens of Revelation are the seven lamps, the seven golden lamp stands, the seven stars, the seven spirits of God, the seven churches, the seven seals, seven trumpets and the last seven plagues, and all these sevens signify completion.

Rocky Freeman shows in his book that the combinations of sevens found in the Bible is totally supernatural. Genesis 1:1, is a very familiar verse: "**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**"(KJV) In the original Hebrew that verse displays a fantastic array of sevens. There are, in fact, seven special relationships of sevens, **Figure 27**. In this phrase, there are seven Hebrew words.

**GENESIS 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This verse contains:**

**7 Hebrew words**  
**7 words contain 28 letters**  
**14 letters in the first 3 words**  
**7 letters in the last 4 words, 2 objects**  
**7 letters in the subject "GOD"**  
**7 letters in the objects**  
**The middle word and the word to the right and the middle word and the word to the left contain 7 letters**

**Figure 27**  
**Sevens in Genesis 1:1**

The number of letters in the 7 words equals 28, or 4 times 7. The first 3 words have 14 letters, or 2 times 7. The last words have two objects, "the heaven," and "the earth." Each has seven letters. Forgetting for a moment who wrote these verses, the odds are about a million to one against the sevens being arranged in this way purely by chance. This interplay of sevens is nothing short of a mathematical miracle. In the first eleven verses of the book of Matthew there is another series of sevens, **Figure 28**.

As before, concluding that this highly complicated verbal design is accidental would be ridiculous. In these 11 verses, there are 49 words. The number of letters in these 49 words is 266, or 38 times 7. Of these 266 letters, 140 are vowels: 20 times 7. and 126 are consonants: 18 times 7. Look at all the different breakouts of the 49 words (7 squared) and the functions or factors of seven that make up these verses. The number of common nouns, and that of the proper nouns, are all functions of seven. If you look further, you will find that this pattern continues all the way through the 11 verses. The odds against these sevens happening by accident are one chance in 678 billion. The Lord simply had to have written it.

For these two passages, the one in Genesis and the 11 in Matthew, to be in the same book, one in Hebrew and the other in Greek, is fantastic in its implications. The chance against the similar occurrence of the sevens in both cases is phenomenally large. I can not tell you the name of the number but it has 19 commas! In 678,000,000,000 of course, you only have three commas. Only God knows how to deal with numbers of this size. These sevens hold through the entire Bible. Throughout both Testaments, you can actually check for alterations by looking at the sevens. However, this only holds true in the original languages. The books of the Apocrypha, as an example, do not show these combinations of sevens. So they would not have been a part of the original Scriptures. What I am trying to get across is that the Scriptures must be the inspired writings of God, Himself. It would require more than one of today's super computers to plant sevens in a verbal passage in the way that they are planted in Scripture. No group of men could do it. For one group to have done it in Genesis, in Hebrew, and another group to have done it six or seven hundred years later in Matthew, in Greek, is beyond comprehension! If they wrote the Bible in the Middle Ages as some have said, or in the second or third centuries, A.D., as others have speculated, the person or persons who pulled this one off had to have an unbelievable head for mathematics. It is an absolute impossibility that the Scriptures could have been done by anyone except the Supreme Being, God. He can maintain this kind of system over the centuries and through the pages of the Bible.

**Sevens are throughout the Scriptures, for example:** There are:

- 35 major prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament.
- 35 parables taught by Christ.
- Scriptures name themselves 21 different names.
- There were 14 events on the cross.
- Seven of the above events were statements by Christ.
- The 14 events took place over a 7-hour period.

There were seven appearances by Christ after the ascension. He appeared to the ten disciples, who became ten of the apostles. Thomas was not there. Later, He appeared to the eleven disciples, and still later, He appeared to the eleven disciples again. If these instances of ten, eleven and eleven were all the same people, then He appeared to 560 different people on His seven appearances after the ascension. That is 560: 80 times 7. However, it is not just in the Scriptures that these relationships of seven hold. What about the **seven continents** and the **seven seas** of the earth? Why seven? Where do we limit the definitions of the seas to hold the number at just seven? Man has **seven** layers of skin; he replaces them every **seven** years. Man comes of age at **21**, or **14**, if he is a Jew. **Computers work on octal numbers: 0 through 7.** We do not use 8s or 9s with our computers. Light is formed of seven colors. Music has seven whole notes; the eighth one begins a new octave. In the atom, there are **7 active electrons** to a shell; the eighth one signifies a new or neutral configuration, such as in Helium molecule. The **moon has a 28-day** orbit: 4 times 7. Sevens are consistent in almost everything you investigate, even the biological realm. **Women have 28-day cycles.**

The gestation periods are: for a mouse is 21 days. That for rabbit is 28 days; a cat, 56 days; a dog, 63 days; a lion, 98 days, a sheep 147 days; a human, 280 days.

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These of course, are all factors of seven. God originated all these things. He is in control, and the sevens mean completion. We started entering the Bible into the computer in 1975, and it took us thirty months to enter the complete Bible into the computer. We started with the book of Revelation, then typed in some of Daniel and some of Ezekiel, studying the Bible as we typed it. The actual data entry involved 300-character records. That is, records, each of which contained 300 letters, numbers, blanks or whatever . . . blocks of 300 characters each. Some of these records contained a single verse. Some of them five verses, some of them only half a verse, depending on the size of the verse and the number of blank spaces. Each completed record, although very specific in length, was not necessarily filled. We entered the entire Bible in this manner.

At that point, we rearranged the computer files to conform to the order of the canon, Genesis through the book of Revelation. However, the Bible was so large in total characters, we could not fit it on a single magnetic computer disc, the largest discs we had in 1973 were one million character capacity. We found that we had to have a series of discs; actually, it took four discs, each with a capacity of 2.5 million characters. We put the Pentateuch and some of the writings on the first disc. The remaining writings and the poetry filled the second disc and the Old Testament prophecies completed the third disc. The New Testament took up the fourth disc. My good Christian friends were always asking, "How do you know you got it in there right? How do you know you did not leave out something? How do you know it is complete?" My heathen friends, of course, never asked any such questions. But Christians worried about what we had done to the Bible, and whether we had tampered with it so it now answered questions in the way that we wanted them answered, and so on. That really worried us, and it worried us because we did not have an answer. I just could not tell them that I was sure it was right. Nevertheless, one Sunday, I was at the Foundation working with the computer and the New Testament disc loaded. I was thinking about what my friends had been asking.

Now the computer program enables one to scan through the computerized Bible. At one point, I told the computer to go to the end of the file (right to the end of the New Testament), and it did. The last entry in the New Testament was Revelation 22:21, and the number of the 300 character records just happened to be **7777**. Four sevens! Do you remember the fourth seven in Revelation 16:17? The statement made in conjunction with this fourth seven is, "**It is done.**" It is complete. It is finished. So now, when anybody asks me whether I have the whole Bible entered correctly, I just tell them, "Look, I got four sevens. It is done. I don't worry about it." That is the way Revelation is, too . . . complete. It is a complete Revelation of Jesus Christ.

On another occasion, we ran radio station KOKF for about ten years. We decided to read the Bible completely through over the air, no breaks in the reading except the required station identifications. We asked our listeners to come into the station and read a portion over the air, more than 180 responded. We did not have any idea of how long it would take and we asked our listeners to bear with us. After we had completed the reading, many people called the station to tell us how long it took to read the Bible through. We averaged the reported times and the Edmond Sun newspaper printed the results as shown in **Figure 29**. What a blessing.

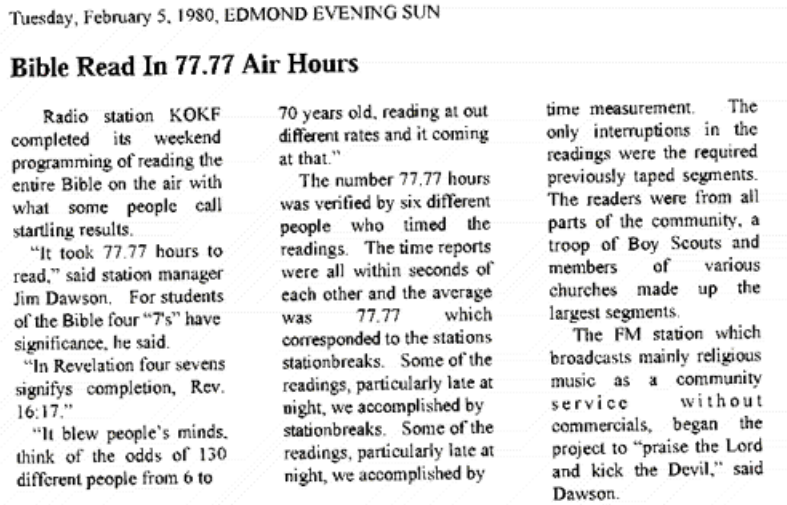


Figure 29  
KOKF Bible Reading

One Christmas, I was sitting in church, and our pastor was having us look at the genealogy of Christ. We were turning back and forth between the first chapter of Matthew and the third chapter of Luke making various comparisons. At my age, I cannot keep that up too long. After a while, I became tired and just started reading in Matthew. When I reached the seventeenth verse all the bells and whistles went off at the same time. What I saw was this:

**So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations. Matt. 1:17.**

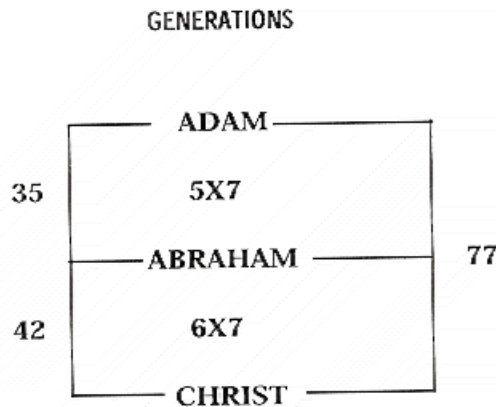
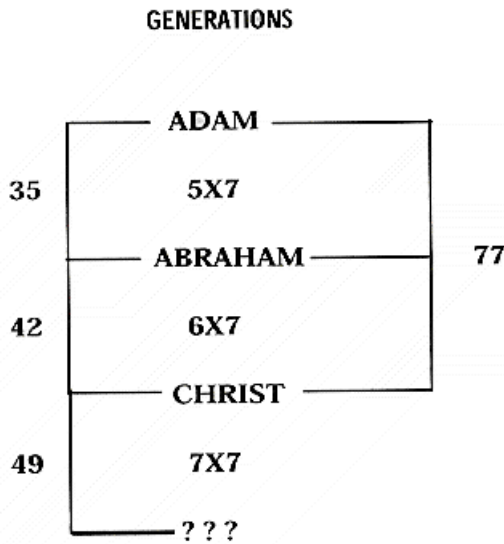


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Generations of Matthew 1:17

In Matthew, we have three sets of fourteen generations. Yes, but this is also six sets of sevens, or 42 generations. In the third chapter of Luke 2 it states there were **77 generations from Adam to Christ**. The difference between the number in Matthew 1:17 and Luke 3 amounts to 35 (77 minus 42). Thirty-five, then, is the number of generations from Adam to Abraham. These data, two elements of a series in sevens, 5X7 and 6X7 are shown in **Figure 30**, but what would be the next event?

After 35 generations God called Abraham and the chosen people were started. After 42 more generations the start of Christianity occurred with Christ's first coming. If God's word is perfect and logical, can one then speculate on the next element, 7X7 generations. Logically the next event would be the second advent of Christ, the 49th generation from the first advent. The 50th generation would be the jubilee generation. In Leviticus it defines the jubilee generation as the generation where all mortgages can be reclaimed by the family of the original owners. Then Christ has returned to reclaim the earth. At this point, there arises a very important question: How long is a generation? I can show you in Job that a generation is 35 years. In Exodus; a generation would be 40 years and depending on which Scripture you take, you can demonstrate that a generation can be from 35 to 43 years. In Matthew it states there were fourteen generations from Abraham until David. Still, to what part of David's life . . . his birth, or His death, for Christ was it the start of His ministry or to His resurrection? At which part of one's lifetime does a generation begin? Again, we cannot say because we do not know. However, even if we do not know the length of a generation, we are still given a definite number of generations. **Figure 31** shows these generation gaps graphically.



**Generations**

- 0 X 7
- 1 X 7
- 2 X 7
- 3 X 7
- 4 X 7
- ADAM
- 5 X 7
- ABRAHAM
- 6 X 7
- CHRIST
- 7 X 7
- SECOND COMING ?

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times 7) to 42 (6 times 7) should have 49 (7 times 7) as its next element.

generations from Christ's first coming? The second coming?

and this mathematical progression upward, from 5 times 7, to 6 times 7, and 7

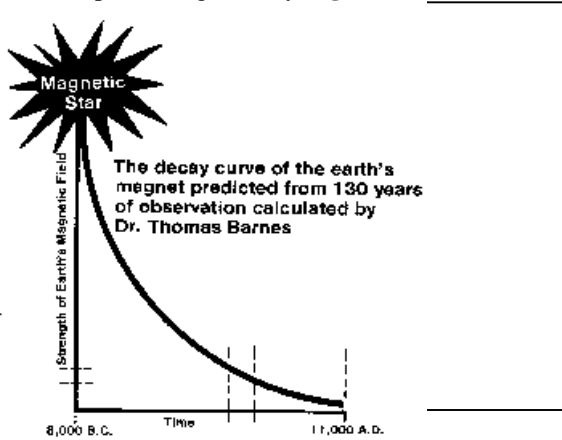
times 7 of the series. This, of course, would be 0 times 7, 1 times 7, 2 times 7, 3

times 7.

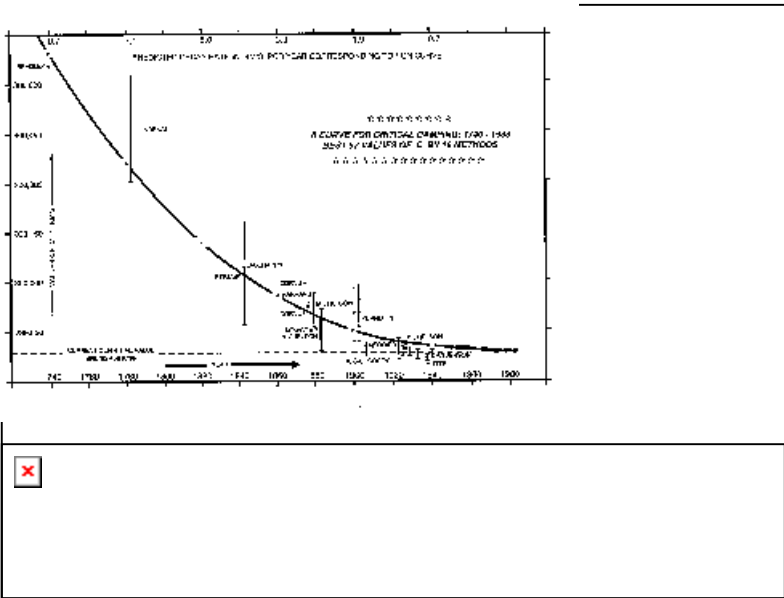
**Figure 33**  
**Generation Series**

The Bible is complete and perfect, therefore, it would not start in the middle of a series. We also know that from Adam to Abraham approximately 2000 years passed, and from Abraham to Christ was about another 2000 years. We believe that if this series holds, then, approximately another 2000 years will occur between the First and Second coming. Scripture does not say this, however secular history shows these time frames. Then we assume that the 2000 year period would hold throughout the series of generations. **Figure 33** reflects these new *assumptions*. The series element 0X7 is also infinity, no beginning, and these time gaps would make the age of the earth coincide with the decay of the earth's magnetic field, **Figure 16**

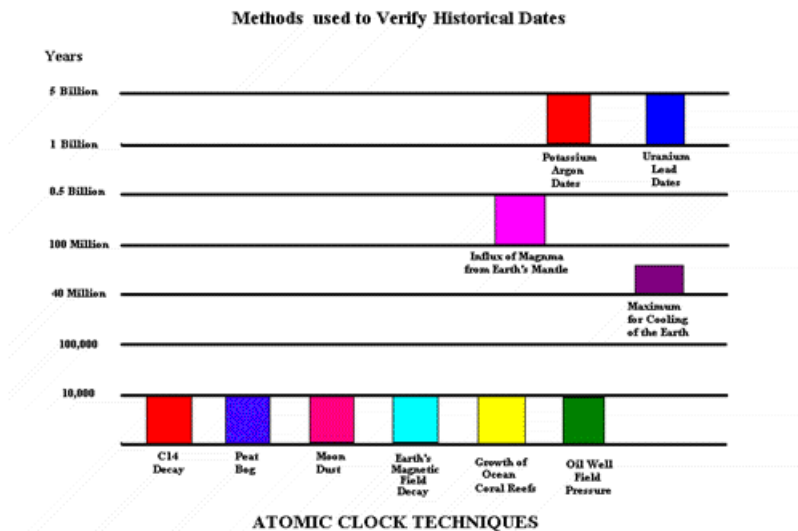
and the speed of light decay **Figure 22**.



Also these time frames reflect the limits on the atomic measurements of time, **Figure 9**.



We can show this series from Adam to the Second Coming from Scripture and Israel's history.



**Figure 34** shows a chronological view of the major events in Israel's history, both past and future. God directed his activity through Israel for approximately 2000 years, from Abraham to Christ. Then, they scattered the Jews, as prophecy foretold, and now God is restoring them. God then dealt with the church as shown.

If all the sevens hold for the events that we have just described, then Christ should come for us now. The rapture of the church should happen soon. We are living our daily existences on borrowed time. He is coming, and the assurance that He is coming is as specific as the events that we have just examined.

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