

## Why are certain numbers in the Bible so specific?

In the Bible, there are no numerals, as we know them. Our numerals came to us via Arab traders. The numerals had been developed by mathematicians in India, about 400 years after Jesus.

All numbers, small and large, are **spelled out** in the Hebrew of the OT and in the Greek of the NT.

The number of Assyrians killed by the Angel of the LORD

Isa 37:36 "... one hundred and eighty five thousand ..." (185,000 = **37** x 5000)

$37 \times 3$                        $851 = 37 \times 23$   
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111    359            446    46

מאה ושמנים וחמשה אלף                      **37** x 26 = 962

Sign to Hezekiah that God would extend his life

Isa 38:8 So the sun (shadow) went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down.

219    501    548    546    570    645    708

ותשב השמש עשר מעלות במעלות אשר ירדה                      **37** x 101 = **3737**

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man, and his number is six hundred and sixty six.

(Note: 666 = **37** x 18)

John 21:11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty three.

446                      884                      1260

εκατον πεντηκοντα τριων                      **37** x 70 = 2590