

The Number Seven.

This number is frequently used in the writings of the Bible.

On the seventh day of the week God ended his work.

In the seventh month Noah's ark touched the ground.

In seven days a dove was sent out. Abraham pleaded seven times for Sodom.

Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and yet seven more.

Jacob mourned seven days for Joseph.

Jacob was pursued a seven day's journey by Laban.

A plenty of seven years, and a famine of seven years were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by seven fat and seven lean beasts, and seven ears of full and seven ears of blasted corn.

On the seventh day of the seventh month the children of Israel fasted seven days and remained seven days in tents.

Every seventh year the land rested.

Every seventh year all bondmen were set free.

Every seventh year the law was read to the people.

In the destruction of Jericho seven priests bore seven trumpets seven days; and on the seventh day they surrounded the wall seven times, and at the end of the seventh round the wall fell.

Solomon was seven years building the temple, and feasted seven days at its dedication.

In the tabernacle were seven lamps. The golden candlestick had seven branches.

Naaman washed seven times in the river Jordan.

Job's friends sat with him seven days and seven nights, and offered seven bullocks and seven rams as an atonement.—Ex.

Autumn Silences.

And then the silence of autumn days! Sit on a hillside and look at the valley beneath you. It is mid-day. The cattle stand grouped in the meadow, full fed from the rich aftermath. There are no reapers in the field, no clattering noise of farm machinery; no hurrying of teams and men; but every lot is empty, filled from fence to fence with rich sunshine amid which, the cattle stand dreamily. The cloud overhead stands still, for the shadow beneath is motionless. The leaves zigzag downward in slowest movement, or fall in indolent spirals. Nature is drowsy with haze. She has come to her indolent mood, as if after the toil of growth she would enjoy the couch, the odor and the sunshine she has so well earned.—Golden Rule.

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