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Numbers

Ten

The Foundation Stones

1 Ki 7:10 "And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits." In building the temple and the king's house, Solomon had laid the foundation of these buildings with great and costly stones of ten cubits and of eight cubits. In the scriptures, as we have previously proven, ten is associated with the laws, commandments, and authority of God and eight is associated with the subject of new beginnings.

The Lord told Peter in Matt. 16:17 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is founded upon the rock of revealed truth of Jesus Christ. It is founded upon the person of Jesus Christ, and upon the work of Jesus Christ, and upon the word of Jesus Christ. In this revealed truth is contained the laws, commandments and authority of God. Thus the foundation of the church consists of a great stone of ten cubits (Ten = laws, commandments, and authority of God).

The church is also founded upon the work of Jesus Christ. Part of the work of Jesus Christ included making some New Beginnings for the elect of God. The elect are brought from a state of being dead in trespasses and sins into a state of spiritual life in Christ Jesus. They are brought from a state of condemnation before a just and holy God to a state of being justified and made righteous before God. They are brought from a state of being corrupt by nature and in the resurrection being made incorruptible. Thus the foundation of the church consists of a great stone of eight cubits (Eight = New Beginnings).