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## *The Biblical Significance of the Number Eight*

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- Throughout the Bible, the number eight symbolizes a new beginning.
- In the Hebrew language, the number eight is viewed as a combination of the numbers seven (7) plus one (1). Since the number seven symbolizes completion, the number eight represents a new order, a new era.
- In the Old Testament, the number eight indicates renewal which means to reestablish or to reaffirm.
- Consider these eight biblical examples of the number eight.
  1. Circumcisions on Hebrew boys were to be performed on the eighth day after their birth, symbolizing their covenant relationship with God.
    - *Genesis 17:12*
    - *Genesis 21:4*
  2. Eight people survived the flood and were charged to replenish the earth.
    - *I Peter 3:20*
    - *II Peter 2:5*
  3. The Bible consists of eight covenants between God and the Nation of Israel. The eighth covenant is the "New Covenant". (*Jeremiah 31:31-33*)
  4. King Josiah, the last righteous King of Israel, was eight years old when he began to reign. (*II Chronicles 34:1*)
  5. David, the greatest King of Israel, was the eighth son of Jesse. (*I Samuel 17:12*)
  6. There were eight biblical rights of the New Testament. (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter and Jude*)
  7. Jesus appeared to Thomas eight days after the resurrection. (*John 20:26-29*)
  8. There are eight references to the Old Testament in the first chapter of the book of Revelation.