



DESCRIPTION: **Final** – adj. Coming at the end, last; n. Finality – the end.

VINE'S EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF NEW TESTAMENT WORDS:

FINAL: n. a limit, end, Hebrews 6:16, termination, to the last detail.

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE – 1977: Final [319] Daniel 8:19; finally [8552] Daniel 2:16, and others.

NINE: Last and largest single digit.

- Signifies finality, judgment, harvest.
- **Ninth** Hebrew letter: **Tet** Numerical value of **nine**.
- **Nine** fruit and gifts of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23, I Corinthians 12:8-10)
- Human gestation covers **nine** months, linking the number **nine** to birth, fruit, and life.
- **Ninth** hour is the hour of prayer. (Acts 3:1; 10:30).
- Jesus gave up His Spirit at the **ninth** hour. (Acts 10: 3, 30).
- Abram was **99** when God changed his name to Abraham, gave him the covenant of circumcision and predicted Isaac's birth.
- Sarai was **90** when God changed her name to Sarah and was promised a son (Isaac). (Genesis 17)
- Jesus will leave the **99** sheep to go after one. (Matthew 18:12)
- Out of 10 lepers cleansed, **nine** to not give praise to God (Luke 17, one foreigner does give praise!)
- Harvest cannot be made without separating the wheat from the chaff or without putting a sickle to the heads of grain. (Connection to judgement.)

Nine is a fascinating number. If any number is multiplied by **nine** the resulting digits always add to **nine**, e.g. $2 \times 9 = 18$ ($1+8=9$); $4 \times 9 = 36$ ($3+6=9$), and so on. There are many important Hebrew words that reduce to **nine**.

This fact reminds us of the unchangeable nature of God. God cannot change and math does not change.

There is a flip side to the number **nine**. The number nine also implies righteous judgment and discernment, e.g. the story of Cain and Abel. God rejected Cain's offering and accepted Abel's offering.

It is the inverted **6** – the number for both man and the beast. This presents to us a choice. We can be a righteous 9 or a 6 under judgment! There is both goodness and evil in the number **9**. What appeared tragic or evil was concealed for God's good purposes. We all have built into us the ability to be good or evil, our choice! The **6** (man/beast) will be inverted through righteous judgment **9**. Will we be for **evil** or for **good**. God is giving us a choice. What will Jesus find inside our vessel (body) when our real lives are revealed?

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

- If your Christian life is a drag, worldly weights may be keeping you down.
- An idol is anything that takes the place of God.
- Our character is measured by what we do when no one is looking.
- God loves everyone as if there were but one to love.

- Christians are like coals of fire; together they glow; apart they grow cold.
- A Christian's character, like a beautiful gem, is formed by pressure and polished by friction.
- Hardening of the heart is more serious than hardening of the arteries.
- In every desert of trial, God has an oasis of comfort.
- Sin will add to your trouble, subtract from your energy, and multiply your difficulties.