

# THE NUMBER 273



**Memory Verse:** "And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;" Numbers 3:12

From November 29 to December 5, 2020

Sunday

**Acts 27:35** And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken [it], he began to eat.

27:36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took [some] meat.

27:37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

27:38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

27:39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

**Idea:** Read this text every day of the week.

Your turn to write what you've understood:-----

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## Monday

**History:** At the beginning of the history of the children of Israel, before Moses the servant of the living God sent the 12 spies to visit the land of Canaan, God would ask Moses to count the children of his people. This request will be repeated a second time after the crossing of the desert. The Bible tells us: "All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, [were] **twenty and two thousand** " Numbers 3:39. The Levites = 22,000

Do you remember, when God is going to establish the Passover, He is going to change the time and decide that it will be the first month, He is also going to ask His servant Moses to sanctify all the firstborn to Him. "Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, [both] of man and of beast: it [is] mine." Exodus 13:2

Are you the first in your family? If so, then if you lived in the time of Israel you would be consecrated in a special way to the God of the universe.

But when the children of Israel turned away from God a few months later, they would make a golden calf on the 45th day after the law was given. God was very sad to see the situation of His people. Moses coming down from the mountain on the 46th day faced a catastrophic situation: the first-born and the families dancing before a golden calf and saying, "These [be] thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt" Exodus 32:4

So, Moses told them they must make a choice, God does not impose anything on you. Who wants to follow him? who wants to walk with the God of the universe? who wants to serve him with a sincere heart? the answer did not take long to come. Then Moses stood at the gate of the camp and said, "Who [is] on the LORD'S side? [let him come] unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him." Exodus 32:26

Who are the new people who have chosen to consecrate themselves to God?

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**Tuesday - Study**

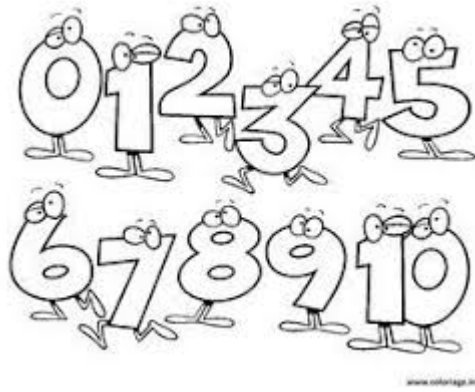
**Question:** What does the number 276 mean?

**Words to study:**

**Related texts:**

**Write down what you've understood:**

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## Wednesday - Study

**Questions:** How many Levites are missing? How do you do the math?

**Related Texts:** Numbers 3:39-46

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## Thursday - Prophetic Application

**Explanation:** While the people are in the desert and are about to enter the earthly Canaan, God is going to ask Moses to count the people. Until then, the first-born males continue to be consecrated to God and the Levites are also present. So, God will choose a group, the Levites, those who had decided to stand out from the others at the feast before the golden calf. Remember? you can reread Monday's story.

Now Moses stands before a group of 22,000 Levites and 22,273 first-born males.

Numbers 3:43 " And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen."

God doesn't need all these people; he doesn't need 44,273 people. You remember the story of Gideon there were 32,000 of them and God is only going to keep 300. In reality it is not the number that matters to God, but the hearts of men. So, God will choose the Levites. But they are less numerous than the first-born.  $22273 - 22000 = 273$

There are 273 Levites missing. But never forget that the whole Bible is a single book and that our Savior knows the end from the beginning. He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

When we arrive in Paul's last journey, before appearing before Rome, it is surprising to see that there are 276 people in the ship. If you remove the three friends (Paul, Luke, and Aristarchus) how many people are left? Yes, very well, there are 273 people left. The same number that was missing at the beginning of the history of the people of Israel.

So now, when you read the story of Paul's last trip carefully, how many groups of people do you find?

There are three groups of people:

- The 3 men (Paul / Aristarchus / Luke)
- The group of 273 peoples
- The others

Thus, this number 273 is prophetic, it wants to tell us something special for us who live at the end of time.

**Gives the prophetic meaning of the number 273.**

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**On our line where will you place this date? Draw a line**

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## Friday - Summary

After this EAST wind that you saw in the lesson "Euroclydon", Paul is not shaken, he sees the work he has to accomplish for others. Paul was hidden for several days in the boat, which means that no one was paying attention to his advice. But now he brings a message to the 273 people in the boat who are very afraid. This prophetic number makes us think of the year 273 B.C. So in the year 273 B.C. Egypt established its first diplomatic relations with Rome, sending its ambassadors to Rome. Then Rome returns the favor and sends ambassadors to Egypt.

If you read history books you will see that this year -273 Pyrrhus will fight against Rome and the latter will enter the world stages of history.

The servant of the Lord, Ellen G. White, when she tells this story of Paul, draws a parallel with the story of Gideon. Do you know this beautiful story? If not, ask your parents to tell it to you.

"A gloomy apathy settled upon those three hundred souls, as for fourteen days they drifted, helpless and hopeless, under a sunless and starless heaven." {LP 265.2}

"Nearly three hundred souls, sailors, soldiers, passengers, and prisoners, stood that stormy November morning upon the shore of the island of Melita. " {LP 270.1}

Judges 7:22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, [and] to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath.

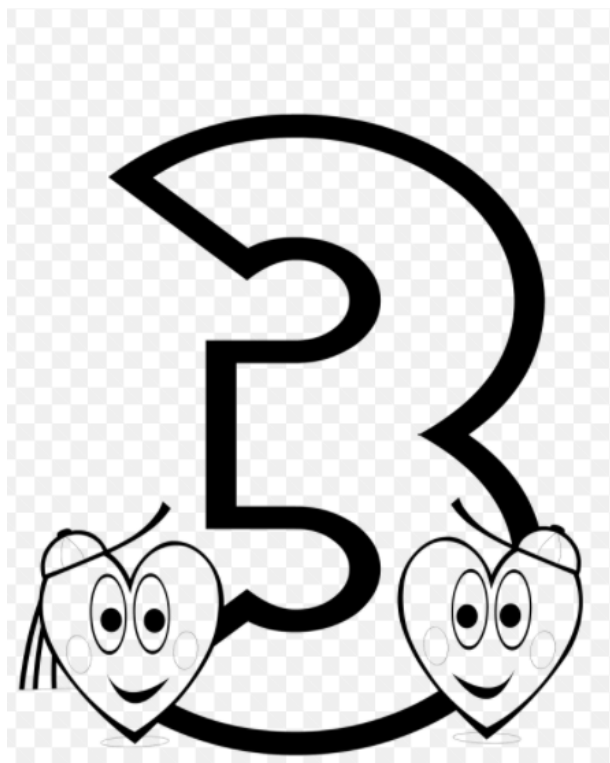
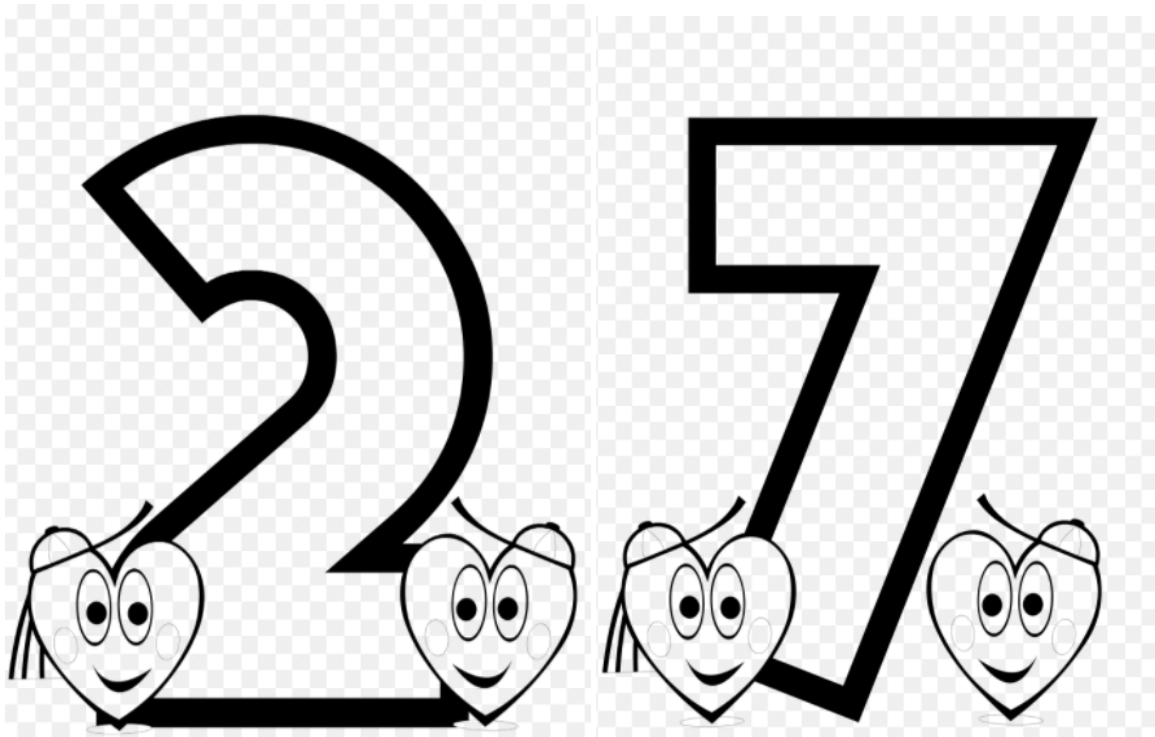
We know that the Priest took office at 30 years of age. Between 1989 and 2019, we are 30-year-old, and therefore we understand that it is after our training that the message will be given with strength to the Levites. Paul gives a double message:

- All members will be saved
- However, they will shipwreck on an island

It is a message connected with the Law of Sunday. People wake up, it's daylight, they understand the situation, they don't recognize the country. It is a special message, but full of hope they receive it. But it also depends on the efforts they are going to make in order to reach the shore. The Bible tells us: "And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship. 44 And the rest,

some on boards, and some on [broken pieces] of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land." Acts 27:39, 44

All were saved. The 14th night leads us to the 15<sup>th</sup> day, and they are led into the Adriatic, into darkness. This date reminds us of Exeter because it is the night of August 14th when Samuel SNOW arrives and gives the Midnight Cry. We are still in the midnight period and the cry is given.



# SUNDAY LAW



**Memory Verse:** "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16,17

From December 6 to 12, 2020

**Sunday**

**Acts 27:38** And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

27:41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

27:42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

**Idea:** Read this text every day of the week.

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## Monday

**History:** This week we will have the pleasure to talk about the Sunday law. You won't find the expression "Sunday Law" in the Bible, but the servant of the Lord, Ellen G White, talks about it many times. She explains that the United States is going to pass a law that will force everyone on earth to observe Sunday.

What is a law?

The law is a general and impersonal norm. According to the Constitution of 1958, it is passed by Parliament ... The law is the expression of the general will: it is considered that every citizen participates, directly or through his representatives, in the elaboration of the law.

So, when the law is passed, you will be forced to make a choice, either you will continue to obey God or you will choose to obey men.

The Bible tells you that with this law you can neither buy nor sell. So how will you live? It will be an exceedingly difficult time.

But now we realize that, at the beginning, this law will not be related to the worship of the Sabbath or Sunday.

For every time you transgress one of God's laws, you are guilty of all. Today certain laws are passed, and they will soon lead to the promulgation of the SL, but you must recognize the ones that are passed today in order to be able to stand tomorrow.

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Take time to read Revelation 13:15-18.

Tuesday - Study

**Question:** What does it mean to kill prisoners? (Acts 27:42)

**Words to study:**

**Related texts :**

**Write down what you've understood:-----**

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Wednesday - Study



**Questions:** What does the Sunday Law mean to you?

**Related texts:** Give texts from the Bible to explain your thoughts.

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Thursday - Prophetic Application

**Explanation:** If you want to understand the year -273 in our history you must necessarily understand the literal before making a prophetic application.

That is to say, you have to go into history and understand what happened in this period.

The Bible tells us about the Statue in Daniel 2, I think you remember it. We see a succession of kingdoms; can you list them?

- Babylon
- The Medo-Persian Empire
- Greece
- Rome

The history teaches us that the Medo-Persian kingdom fell by Alexander the Great who was a king of Macedonia and one of the most famous persons of Antiquity. He becomes one of the greatest conquerors of the history by taking possession of the immense Persian empire and by advancing until the banks of India.

But Alexander will die when he is young, he is only 32-year-old in the year -323. Also after his death there were the Diadochi wars which were conflicts that intervened for the division Alexander the Great's empire between his successors or Diadochi. Those wars took place from 322 to 281 BC.

Pyrrhus was the cousin of Alexander the Great and also an ambitious conqueror, he is one of the most formidable opponents of the early days of Ancient Rome. After having considerably increased the territory of Epirus, he becomes king of Macedonia and Thessaly. It gains on the Roman legions the battles of Heraclea (-280) and Asculum (-279).

It will be provisionally king of Macedonia in the history of the diadochi wars. He will die in the year -272, just one year after the year -273.

The battle of Beneventum took place in 275 BC. It was the last confrontation between the forces of Pyrrhus I and the Romans.

In the year 272 B.C., Rome sends ambassadors to Egypt led by Fabius Maximus Gurges, meaning "the maximum flood". (Rome comes as a flood). Pyrrhus also dies at the age of 46.

This history is very rich and with many prophetic meanings. Also, you can ask your parents to study this subject with you.

**How wanting to kill prisoners prophetically represent the SL? On our line shows where the SL stands?**

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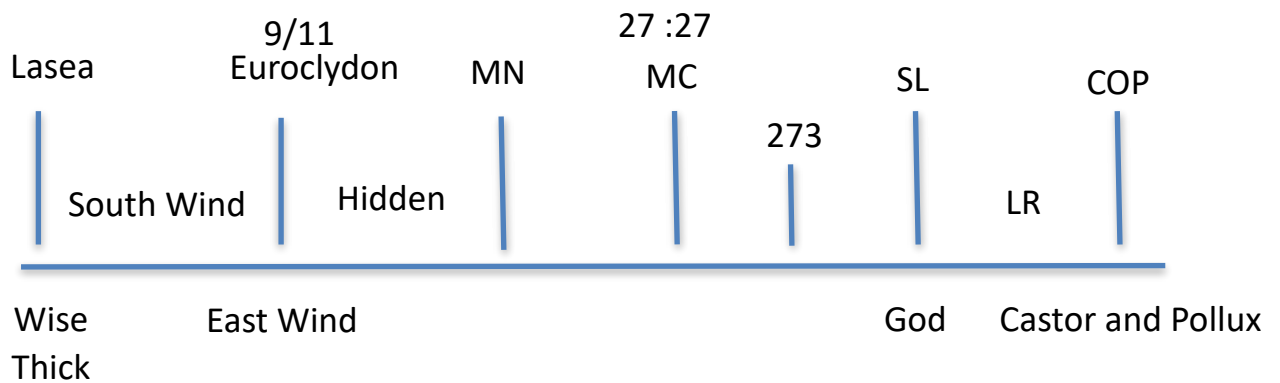
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With the opening of navigation, the centurion and his prisoners set out on their journey to Rome. An Alexandrian ship, the “Castor and Pollux,” had wintered at Melita on her way westward, and in this the travelers embarked. Though somewhat delayed by contrary winds, the voyage was safely accomplished, and the ship cast anchor in the beautiful harbor of Puteoli, on the coast of Italy{AA 447.1}

## Friday - Summary

In this reform line which can be seen and related in history, Acts 27, Paul gives messages of warning to the institutions, between Acts 27:27 and the shipwreck, Paul feeds the people with the word of God. This ship will not be completely destroyed in this battle.

Ellen White tells us: " Paul and the other prisoners were now threatened by a fate more terrible than shipwreck. The soldiers saw that while endeavoring to reach land it would be impossible for them to keep their prisoners in charge. Every man would have all he could do to save himself. Yet if any of the prisoners were missing, the lives of those who were responsible for them would be forfeited. Hence the soldiers desired to put all the prisoners to death. The Roman law sanctioned this cruel policy, and the plan would have been executed at once, but for him to whom all alike were under deep obligation. Julius the centurion knew that Paul had been instrumental in saving the lives of all on board, and, moreover, convinced that the Lord was with him, he feared to do him harm. He therefore "commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: and the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land." When the roll was called, not one was missing." AA 445.1

Sunday laws will be progressive and will cause a separation among God's people, between the faithful and the unbelievers. If we understand that the first law will not be on the subject of the Sabbath/Sunday, we must not forget that this subject will be agitated whether we like it or not, in the history of the end. For our adversary will do everything in his power to lose us and he will agitate everything.

Everything will be set up to deprive us of our freedom, may we each day spend time at the feet of Jesus so that we may learn from Him.

