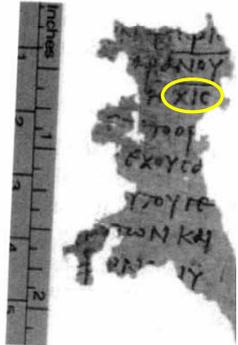


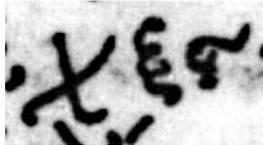
Manuscript References

Oxythynchus Papyri (P.Oxy LVI 4499)



The newest volume of Oxythynchus Papyri (P.Oxy LVI 4499) contains a fragmentary papyrus of Revelation which is the earliest known witness to some sections (late 3rd, early 4th century).

Codex Vaticanus 350 AD



Chi, xi, stigma hexakosioi deka hex

Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count [calculate] the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Roman (Latin), Greek, Babylonian and many other numbering systems assigned numeric values to letters of the alphabet that was in use.

Most ancient language systems that did not use pictures (pictographs) had only letters, no numbers.

So, letters were used as numbers also.

(gematria Gk: **grammateia**)

We are familiar with Roman numerals.

I=1 V=5 X=10 L=50 C=100 D=5-00 M=1000
 MDCCLXXVI = 1776.
 MMVI = 2006

Hence: "count the number of the beast" "the number of his name" Rev 15:2

Many names can be calculated and equal 666 ... to the church it means nothing !!

Numerology = a system of occultism built around numbers: especially those giving a birth date, those which are the sum of the letters in one's name: divination by numbers

Later Greek [Upper / Lower case] (Sound)

Gematria values

Alpha	[Αα]	(a)	1									
Beta	[Ββ]	(b)	2									
Gamma	[Γγ]	(g)	3									
Delta	[Δδ]	(d)	4									
Epsilon	[Εε]	(eh)	5									
	***	[ϛ]	(-)	6								
Zeta	[Ζζ]	(z)	7									
Eta	[Ηη]	(ay)	8									
Theta	[Θθ]	(th)	9									
				Iota	[Ιι]	(i)	10					
				Kappa	[Κκ]	(k)	20					
				Lambda	[Λλ]	(l)	30					
				Mu	[Μμ]	(m)	40	Rho	[Ρρ]	(r)	100	
				Nu	[Νν]	(n)	50	Sigma	[Σσζ*]	(s)	200	
				Xe	[Ξξ]	(ks)	60	Tau	[Ττ]	(t)	300	
				Omocron	[Οο]	(o)	70	Upsilon	[Υυ]	(oo)	400	
				Pi	[Ππ]	(p)	80	Phi	[Φφ]	(f)	500	
					***	[ο]	(-)	90	Chi	[Χχ]	(ch)	600
									Psi	[Ψψ]	(ps)	700
									Omega	[Ωω]	(O)	800

* The letter "sigma" has two lower case characters. The "σ" is used unless it is the last letter of a word. In this case "ς" is used. The value is the same.

*** These letters became obsolete shortly after the NT v "σ" written. But, they were still used for their numeric value. "ϛ"

Forms of Gematria

- **Ragil** (nominal)
- **Kolel**, the *ragil* values plus the number of letters in the word.
- **Katan**, small values; all tens and hundreds reduced to 1 - 9 by summing the digits. (Also called "reduced" values.)
- **Hakadmi**, nominal values plus the values of each letter preceding it.
- **Hameruba Haklali**, the value of the word *squared*.
- **Hameruba Haperati**, the sum of the squares of each individual letter.
- **Miluy**, the sums of the values of the *names* of each letter that makes up the word. (Also called "filling.")

!! CAUTION !!

If you spend enough time (and it doesn't take much), you can create (or find) a numbering scheme that will calculate to 666 for nearly any name you wish.

Gematrias can be fun. Recent interest in 'Bible Codes' are an example...some of these are even legitimate! – BUT, do not let them become an obsession...

Concerning GEMATRIA, we do **not** know with a certainty:

1. **Which language to use.**
2. **What numbers to assign to each letter of that language.**

We do know with certainty that Antichrist will not be revealed until the Restrainer – the Church - is finally removed; Raptured from the earth.

No one will know who he is until after we are gone !!

Those who are alive on earth at the time will be able to confirm the

“...**the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man...**

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count...

...His number is Six hundred threescore and six”

Scripture says to 'calculate' the number not manipulate it – be careful...

It is impossible, even foolish, to try to connect the number of the beast with any current or past historical figure but it will perfectly identify the coming antichrist when he appears.

Believers who live during his time will read this passage which is now unclear to us as clearly as we read the 22nd Psalm which was a mystery to those of David's time.

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

Revelation 13:18

Here is **wisdom**.

*Let him that hath understanding
count the **number** of the beast:
for it is the **number** of a **man**;
and his **number** is
Six hundred threescore and six.*

sophia → **wisdom**, broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters

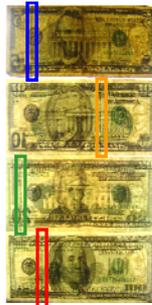
psephizo → to **count**, reckon, calculate, decide by voting

arithmos → a **number**; either definite or an indefinite number

anthropos → a human being; **a man**

The MARK is NOT →

- Insertable chips,
- Hidden code strips,
- RFID tags on credit and bank cards
- bar codes



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It is his (antichrist's) name or the number of his name that are the critical identity issues

It is on the forehead or right hand

It is received as a 'mark of allegiance'

– like a gang member ID tattoo

It received for worshiping the beast and his image, rejecting all other gods, including Jesus Christ the true Lord...