

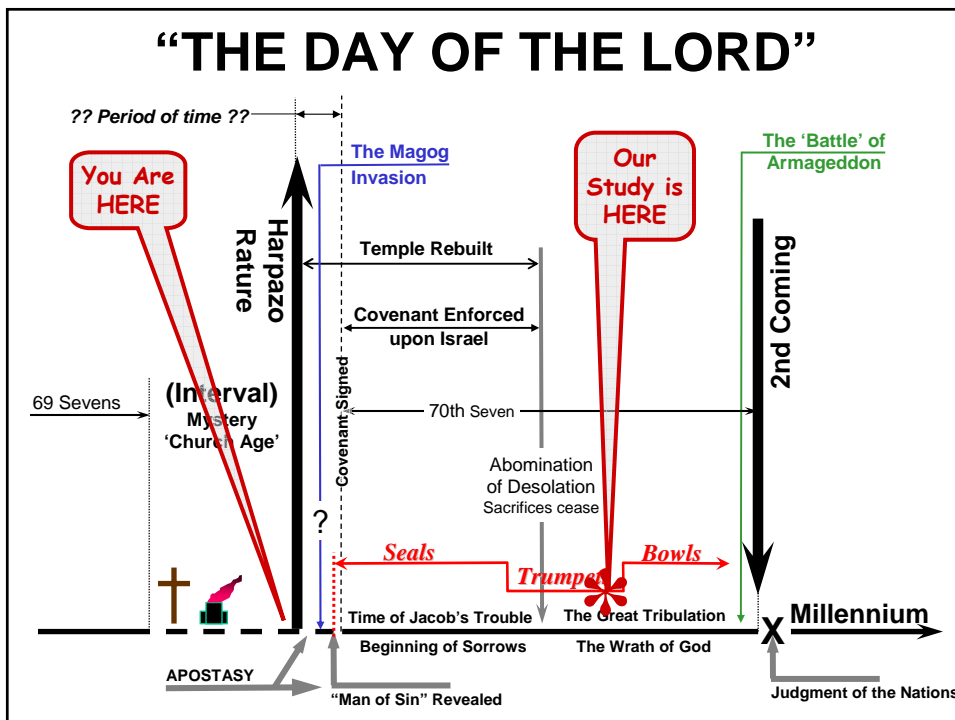
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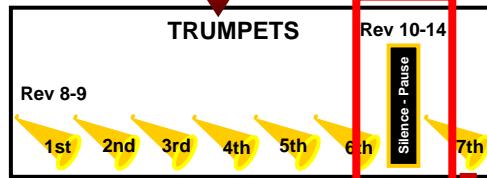
THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Rev 13:1-18

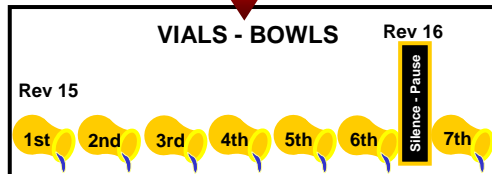
“THE DAY OF THE LORD”



The 3 Heptads of Judgment



In each series of seven judgments — the seals, trumpets, and bowls — there is a ‘time out’, a pause passage, a parenthesis between the 6th and 7th of each series.



Parentetical Chapters

REVELATION

- **Chapter 10**
 - The Little Book
 - The Seven Thunders
- **Chapter 11**
 - The Temple
 - The Two Witnesses
- **Chapter 12**
 - The Woman
 - The Man Child
 - The Dragon
- **Chapter 13**
 - The Beast from the Sea
 - The Beast from the Earth

Rev 13 links to OT

13:1 Dan 7:3, 7, 8

13:2 Dan 7:4-6, 8

13:3 Dan 7:8

13:4 Dan 8:24

13:5 Dan 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36

13:7 Dan 7:21

13:8 Dan 12:1

13:10 Jer 15:2; 43:11

13:11 Dan 8:3

13:13 1Kgs 1:9-12

History on Stage: The Seven Players

1. The Woman – Israel *Revelation 12*
2. The Man Child – Jesus, the Messiah and Lord
3. The Red Dragon – Lucifer, Satan
4. Michael – Arch Angel
5. The Remnant
– the Remaining Portion of Believing Israel
6. The Beast out of the Sea *Revelation 13*
– the coming political world ruler, the 'Man of Sin'
7. The Beast out of the Earth
– The False Prophet, the leader of the final false religion

Revelation 12:15-17

[15] And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. [16] And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. [17] And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 12:17 in early manuscripts all read, "...and he stood upon the sand of the sea."

"And the dragon became enraged because of the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus; and he [the dragon] stood upon the sand of the sea."

In Rev 12, we are told the dragon is standing "on the sand of the sea".

This position of the dragon forms the connection between the war in Heaven and the war that is about to break forth upon the earth with increased fury.

- He hates God and he rebels against God warring in Heaven against the angels of God
- Cast out of Heaven down to earth, he was filled with wrath knowing his time remaining was short.
- Enraged with the woman, he stands upon the sand of the sea waiting for the beast of Rev 13:1 to rise out of the sea. He enters into the one who is called a 'wild beast'.

As chapter 13 opens, John joins him "on the sands of the sea"...

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Rev 13: The Satanic Trinity

1. The Red Dragon – *Rev 12*
– Lucifer, Satan
2. The Beast out of the Sea – *Rev 13:1-10*
– *the Antichrist**; the coming political world ruler, the 'Man of Sin'
3. The Beast out of the Earth – *Rev 13:11-18*
– The False Prophet, the leader of the final false religion

* *The Antichrist:*

Greek, anti G473 ἀντί

= 1] over against; opposite to
2] instead of; in the place of

Latin → vicarious

→ "Vicar of Christ"

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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The "Seeds" of Conflict

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Holy Trinity

- God the Father
 - Seated on the Throne
- Christ: God the Son
 - Lord & Savior of men
 - The Seed of the Woman* →
- God the Holy Spirit
 - Testifies of the Son
 - Leading men to worship Him

unholy trinity

- Satan - the Red Dragon
 - Wanting God the Father's throne
- Beast #1 - out of the Sea
 - Antichrist: False 'Savior' of men
 - The Seed of the Serpent* ←
- Beast #2 - out of the Earth
 - Testifies of the Antichrist
 - Driving, forcing men to worship him
 - The False Prophet



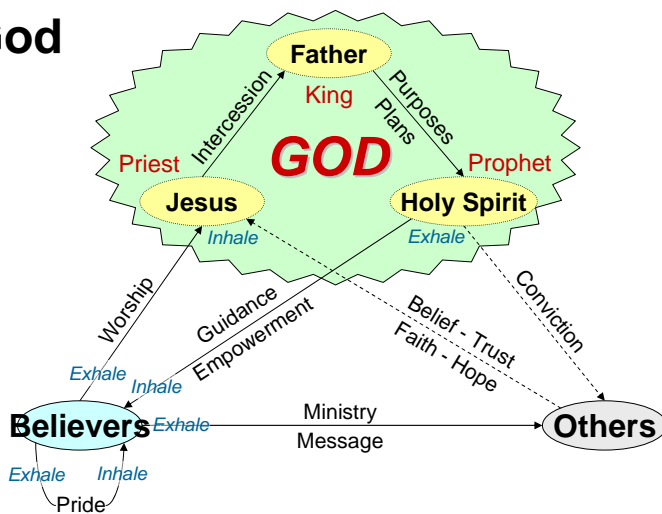
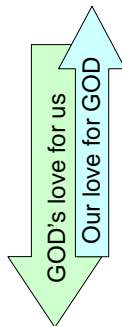
The same forces are behind world powers and activity today

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Triune God

Triune GOD:	
Father	King
Son	Priest
Holy Spirit	Prophet



3 Responses to God's Love - Grace:	
1] Accept it: Belief → Love → Hope →	→ Faith → Trust → Experience
2] Ignore it	
3] Reject it	

Reasons We Do Everything That We Do:	
1] To please God	– Worship
	– Joy of the Lord
2] To please Others – Ministry / Message	
	– Exhort / Encourage / Entertain
3] To please Self	– Pride – Self-gratification

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Rev. 13:1-10

[1] And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

[2] And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

[3] And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

[4] And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

[5] And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. [6] And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

[7] And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. [8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

[9] If any man have an ear, let him hear. [10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Rev. 13:11-18

[11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

[12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

[13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, [14] And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

[15] And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

[16] 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: [17] 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. [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.

Revelation 13:1-10 – Free Translation

Verses 1-10: The Wild Beast Out of the Sea

'And I saw a wild beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. 2 And the wild beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet are like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave to him his power, and his throne and great authority. 'And one of his heads was as though slain to death, and his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth wondered at and followed after the wild beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon because he had given the authority to the wild beast; and they worshipped the wild beast, saying, Who is like unto the wild beast? and who is able to make war with him? 'And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and authority was given unto him to act forty-two months. 6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemies, against God, to blaspheme His Name, and His tabernacle and those dwelling in Heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority was given to him over every tribe and people, and tongue and nation.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, every one whose name hath not been written in the book of life of the Lamb, who hath been slain from the disruption of the world. 'If any one hath an ear, let him hear. 'I'll/ any man is for captivity, into captivity he goeth; if any man shall kill with a sword, he must be killed with the sword. Here is the endurance and faithfulness of the saints.

Revelation 13:11-18 – Free Translation

Rev. 13:11-18: The Wild Beast Out of the Earth

[11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. [12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. [13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, [14] And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The dragon (Satan), now cast down out of Heaven at the hands of Michael and his forces, comes to the earth looking for someone through whom he can carry on his war against his Creator and God by attacking those who serve and believe in Him.

As John stands on the "sand of the sea" he sees a "wild beast" rise "out of the sea" to whom Satan gives his power.

Symbolically, the 'sand of the sea' does not refer to a seashore.

Sand, in scripture, always represents an innumerable company of people.

Gen 32:12 You yourself said, 'I will treat you well; I'll make your descendants like the sands of the sea, far too many to count.'"

The sea is used a symbolic of the restless nations of the earth.

Rev. 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Isaiah 57:20-21 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. [21] There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

'The Wild Beast'

"Beast" = *therion* [Gr] → beast of prey, (not *zoa*: 'living creature');
mentioned 36X (6²) in Revelation.

There are those who see the 1st Beast as:

- an imperial nation or system
and/or
- an individual, the head of an imperial nation or system

This wild beast certainly represents the final imperial power of a great league of united nations arrayed against God and His people.

But, it specifically represents its leader, an individual through whom Satan will seek to rule and build his empire.

REV 13:1-2 vs. Dan 7:3-8

No part of inspired Scripture contradicts any other part.
Any difficulties come from man's understanding and interpretations;
not from the God's Word.

Rev. 13:1-2

[1] And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast **rise up out of the sea**,

having seven heads and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

[2] And the beast which I saw was **like unto a leopard**,

and his feet were as the feet **of a bear**,

and his mouth as the mouth **of a lion**:

and the dragon gave him his **power, and his seat, and great authority**.

Daniel: Lion, Bear, Leopard
looking forward *

Rev 13: Leopard, Bear, Lion
looking back ?? *

Leopard: swift
Bear: exceeding strength
Lion: proud, arrogant, vicious

Daniel 7:3-8

[3] And four great beasts **came up from the sea**, diverse one from another.

[4] The first was **like a lion**, ...

[5] And behold another beast, a second, **like to a bear**...

[6] After this I beheld, and lo another, **like a leopard**...

[7] After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, **dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly**; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and **it had ten horns**.

[8] I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth **speaking great things**.

* seeing the kingdoms from the closest to the furthest from the writers own time

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“Times of the Gentiles”

The last was an empire of iron is eventually mixed with clay.
It was struck down by a stone 'cut out without hands' which then consumed all the kingdoms of earth and filled the whole earth as God's kingdom;
the promised Messianic kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ which will never end.



Rev 1:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The 4 Kingdoms

Four GREAT BEASTS...ARE FOUR KINGS - *Dan 7:17*.

Four beasts ARISE OUT OF THE EARTH - *Dan 7:17*.

Four BEASTS CAME UP FROM THE SEA - *Dan 7:3*.

1: HEAD OF GOLD; Nebuchadnezzar - Babylonian Empire - *Dan 2:32,38*.

- LIKE A LION, AND HAD EAGLE'S WINGS - *Dan 7:4*.

2: HIS BREAST AND HIS ARMS OF SILVER.

Note the two arms, signifying the Medes and the Persians - *Dan 2:33*.

- ANOTHER KINGDOM INFERIOR TO THEE - *Dan 2:39*.
- LIKE...A BEAR - *Dan 7:5*.

3: HIS THIGHS OF BRASS - *Dan 2:32*.

- OF BRASS, WHICH SHALL BEAR RULE OVER ALL THE EARTH; the Greek Empire - Alexander the Great - *Dan 2:39*.
- LIKE A LEOPARD...FOUR WINGS...FOUR HEADS.

After Alexander's death, the empire was divided into four parts - *Dan 7:6*.

The 4th Kingdom

4: HIS LEGS OF IRON, HIS FEET PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY and TOES OF THE FEET – *Dan 2:33 and Dan 2:40 - 43*

- *Dan 2:42*. The Roman Empire was divided into two parts, about 300 A.D.
The city of Rome fell, approximately 476 A.D.
The Roman Empire collapsed, but was not conquered or replaced
Its pieces formed nations, they remain(ed) divided into what we call Europe. (Europa: Greek mythology – a woman riding a bull (beast)
Ultimately, European nations that were once part of the Roman Empire will become the 10 toed empire (referred to in Daniel) under the Antichrist during the Tribulation.
The 10 toes and the 10 horns represent the same thing.
It is believed that the European Union will eventually be dominated by 10 governmental entities and will be the federation from which the final empire of the Antichrist will arise – most probably out of a worldwide crisis.
- SAW IN THE NIGHT VISIONS - *Dan 7:7*

About The Fourth Kingdom

- THE FOURTH KINGDOM - Dan 2:40
- FOURTH BEAST...THE FOURTH KINGDOM - Dan 7:23
- DIVERSE FROM ALL THE BEASTS - Dan 7:7; ref 7:19
- DIVERSE FROM ALL KINGDOMS - Dan 7:23
- A BEAST RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA - Rev 13:1; ref Dan 7:3
- A BEAST...HAVING SEVEN HEADS - Rev 13:1; ref 17:7
- UPON HIS HEADS THE NAME OF BLASPHEMY - Rev 13:1
- FEET PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY - Dan 2:33
 - ** TOES...PART OF IRON, AND PART OF CLAY - Dan 2:42
 - ** FEET AND TOES, PART OF POTTERS' CLAY, AND PART OF IRON - Dan 2:41
- KINGDOM...DIVIDED - Dan 2:41
- PARTLY STRONG, AND PARTLY BROKEN - Dan 2:42
 - **THEY SHALL MINGLE...WITH THE SEED OF MEN - Dan 2:43
 - **THEY SHALL NOT CLEAVE ONE TO ANOTHER - Dan 2:43
- STRONG AS IRON - Dan 2:40
- STRENGTH OF...IRON - Dan 2:41
- STRONG EXCEEDINGLY - Dan 7:7
- GREAT IRON TEETH - Dan 7:7; ref 7:19
- NAILS OF BRASS - Dan 7:19
- DREADFUL AND TERRIBLE - Dan 7:7
- EXCEEDINGLY DREADFUL - Dan 7:19
- A BEAST...HAVING...TEN HORNS - Rev 13:1; ref 17:7; Dan 7:7

Daniel 7:15-22 > What's It All About ???

- [15] I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
- [16] I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.
- [17] These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.
- [18] But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.
- [19] Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast,
 which was diverse from all the others,
 exceeding dreadful,
 whose teeth were of iron, and
 his nails of brass;
 which devoured,
 brake in pieces, and
 stamped the residue with his feet;
- [20] And of the ten horns that were in his head, and
 of the other which came up, and before whom three fell;
- [21] I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and
prevailed against them;
- [22] Until the Ancient of days came, and
 judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and
 the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

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 10 + 1 = 11^{\text{th}} \text{ Horn} \\
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 7 + 1 = 8
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Daniel 7:21-22

*I beheld, and the same horn made war
with the saints,
and prevailed against them;*

Until

- *the Ancient of days came, and*
- *judgment was given to the saints of the most High;*
- *and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom*

Daniel 7:23-24

*Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon
earth,*

*which shall be diverse from all kingdoms,
and shall devour the whole earth,
and shall tread it down,
and break it in pieces.*

*And the **ten horns** out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise:
and **another** shall rise after them;*

*and he shall be diverse from the first,
and he shall **subdue three kings.***

$$\textcircled{10} + \textcircled{1} \rightarrow 11^{\text{th}} \text{ horn}$$

$\textcircled{-3}$

7 horns + antichrist

Daniel 7:25-26

And he

*shall speak great words against the most High, and
shall wear out the saints of the most High, and
think to change times and laws: and
they shall be given into his hand
until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

The 11th horn

1 + 2 + 1/2 = 3 1/2 years; 42 months; 1260 days.

*But the judgment shall sit, and
they shall take away his dominion,
to consume and to destroy it unto the end.*

Daniel 7:27-28

*And the kingdom and dominion,
and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,
shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High,
whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

Hitherto is the end of the matter.

*As for me Daniel,
my cogitations much troubled me,
and my countenance changed in me:
but I kept the matter in my heart.*

Seed vs seed Iron mixed wit Clay ???

Anti-christ: THY SEED - (*literal or figurative*???)

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Daniel 2:33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel 2:40-43 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. [41] And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. [42] And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. [43] And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Also check out Jude 1:6, 2 Peter 2:4 and Genesis 6 again

The 11th Little Horn, the leader of the Revived 'Roman Empire' is indwelt and empowered supernaturally by Satan resulting in Iron mixed with Clay

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'The Wild Beast' : '**therion**' [Gr]

- 7 heads, 10 diadems (cf. *Dan 2, 7*)

Points to more than just Rome of John's day (*Luke 4:6-7*);

7 Heads = 7 Kingdoms (*Rev 17:9-10*)

10 horns = 10 kings (*Rev 17:12*)

the seven successive kings / kingdoms leading up to the climax of Satanic arrogance against the Most High

- On the heads were written blasphemous names.

An attempt to claim and usurp the honor, glory and power reserved for God alone.

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Clearly points to antichrist's rule – uses Rome of John's day to describe it.

Daniel points to it as the origin of this future final kingdom *Daniel 9:26*

Initially, Rome provided Paul a great benefit and help in his ministry (40-60 A.D.)

<i>Acts 16</i>	Philippi
<i>Acts 18</i>	Corinth
<i>Acts 19</i>	Ephesus
<i>Acts 21-22</i>	Jerusalem

New Testament writers wrote often that the Christian's duty was to obey the governmental authorities, to pray for them and their success.

Romans 13:1-6 *1 Timothy 2:1* *1 Peter 2:13-17*

By John's time of writing Revelation (~95 A.D.), Rome had degenerated into an evil force of selfish waste and wanton living; an agent of the devil (the dragon).

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Some claim the 7 heads and 10 horns represent the rulers/emperors of historical Rome but this is not what scripture reveals to us in Rev 17...

Since Augustus the first **emperor** of Rome, Caesar worship had become the common thought and practice. During the reigns of the 7 Caesars following Augustus that Caesar worship took form and controlled the religious thinking.

<u>Heads</u>			<u>Horns</u>
1	Tiberius	14-37 A.D.	1
2	Caligula	37-41 A.D.	2
3	Claudius	41-54 A.D.	3
4	Nero	55-68 A.D.	4

After Nero's death there was a period of 18 months of chaos in Rome.

Three men tried to assume the position of emperor each ruling for a short period.

	Galba		5
	Otho		6
	Vitellius		7
5	Vespasian	69-79 A.D.	8
6	Titus	79-81 A.D.	9
7	Domitian	81-96 A.D.	10 [John on Patmos]

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The 7 heads describe those nations throughout and the leaders pledging allegiance to in power during in the last days and antichrist brief rise to power.

7 Heads = 7 Kingdoms (Rev 17:9-10)

Throughout history, there have been 7 empires who have dominated God's people

Rev 17:10 - 5 Have Fallen →

1. **Assyria** – conquered by Babylon
2. **Babylon** – conquered by Medes and Persians
3. **Medo-Persian** – conquered by Greece
4. **Greece** (*Dan 2:39; 8:21; 11:2-3*)
– broken into 4 kingdoms at Alexander's death
5. **Egypt** – Ptolemy vs Seleucids – conquered by Rome

Rev 17:10 - 1 Is Now (John's day) →

6. **Rome** (in 2 phases: the "gap" of *Dan 9:24-27*)
– conquered by "no one"

Rome was not conquered – it simply disintegrated, splitting into East and West and then into pieces that today we call the nations of Europe. Each 'piece' (Turks, Spanish, French, British, German, etc.) has had a time as the dominant world power since the 1st century. These pieces are and will reform. The foundation of this reforming into the "Revived Roman Empire" is today's "European Union".

Rev 17:10 - 1 Is To Come → **7. Revived Roman Empire** – Future EU

Rev 17:11 - The Beast - The Rule Of Anti-christ - is The 8th

Contrast conquest of Canaan: original 10; 7 left for Joshua

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We believe the 7 Heads of Rev 13:1 refers to 7 world powers who have or have attempted as agents of the Dragon (Satan) to dominate and destroy God's people, plans and purposes.

- The Revived Roman Empire (EU) is the 7th

- When Antichrist takes control, his kingdom becomes the 8th

We believe the 10 horns refers to the rulers who are the world leaders during the time the Little Horn – the 11th horn – rises and takes control...

Daniel 7:24 tells us that there will be some trouble among the rulers and that another ruler – the 11th – the Little Horn – antichrist - will come on the scene and save the kingdom.

Antichrist's span of control will be divided into 10 parts or district, each with a 'king' ruling it. (*Rev. 17:12*).

He will put down 3 (troublemakers ?) and once he gain power will be particularly blasphemous proclaiming himself god and demanding worship as god. He will persecute and attempt to destroy the remnant of Israel before they can acknowledge and call upon the one true God. (*Zech 12:10; Matt 23:29*)

Antichrist will receive power from the devil but will govern for a short time (3 ½ years) before the great rebellion leading to the battle of Armageddon occurs (*Rev 19:19*).

An Empire being Revived?

- Maastricht obsoleted the Treaty of Rome
- Constitution obsoletes Maastricht
- Centralized European SuperState
 - Common Foreign Policy
 - Common Military
 - Common Currency: EURO
 - Common Judicial policy, Laws
 - Common Presidency / Leader
 - Common Language ???
- Economic potential is larger that that of the U.S.



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New World Order

- “A World Without Borders”
- “Global Village”
- End of the independent Nation-State
- Multiculturalism
- Centralized Socialistic Government
 - Prelude to tyranny...
- Forcing Functions:
 - Nuclear Proliferation



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Satan's 7 Super Kingdoms

Rev. 12:3

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece

Rev. 17:10

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Rev. 17:11

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

- Rome
- Rome II

10 horns
11TH horn

*Not yet, but soon
Being formed
In our day and age*

Daniel 2:7, 9-11 → 4 + 1

*Dan 7:8, 20-26
Dan 8:9-14
4th Beast*

~ 7 Years...

Anti-christ's 'kingdom'

*Dan 2:31-35, 40-45; 7:7-8, 19-25; 8:9-14
Rev 12:3; 13:1-2; 17:3, 7, 12-18*

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Rome II - The Empire Re-emerges

1906 Iran

1921 Afghanistan

1922 Egypt

1922 Iraq

1924 Turkey

1930 Lebanon

1938 Syria

1946 Jordan

1947 Pakistan

1948 Israel

Seleucus' kingdom

Ptolemy's kingdom

Seleucus' and
Lysimachus' kingdoms

Assyria

Micah 5:5-6

[5] And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. [6] And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

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The 10 Horns

The 10 horns with 10 crowns are present on the earth at the same time and willingly become part of the kingdom of the Beast.

A beast...having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns - Rev 13:1

Ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings - Dan 7:24 **; ref Rev 17:11,12

The ten horns...Have received no kingdom as yet - Rev 17:12

The ten horns...Receive power as kings one hour with the beast - Rev 17:12

The ten horns...Have one mind - Rev 17:12,13

The ten horns...Shall give their power...Unto the beast - Rev 17:12,13

The ten horns...Shall give their...Strength unto the beast - Rev 17:12,13

The ten horns...Shall...Give their kingdom unto the beast - Rev 17:16,17

The ten horns...Upon the beast...Shall hate the whore [*the new false religious system*] - Rev 17:16

The ten horns...Shall make her desolate - Rev 17:16

The ten horns...Shall make her...naked - Rev 17:16

The ten horns...Shall eat her flesh - Rev 17:16

The ten horns...Shall...burn her with fire - Rev 17:16

The ten horns...God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His will - Rev 17:16,17; ref 17:13

The ten horns...God hath put in their hearts...to agree - Rev 17:16,17

The ten horns...Shall make war with the Lamb - Rev 17:12,14

The Lamb shall overcome them - ref Rev 17:14

** the toes also symbolize the kings, the ten horns.)

Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

In John's day, the Roman empire used names/titles like those below to describe Caesar. The worship of the world ruler as a god had become the practice.

Caesar took on himself titles and worship that is only due to God Almighty, Jehovah:

- Divus or sebastos = divine
- God
- Son of god
- The savior of the world (this was inscribed on coins during Nero's rule)
- Dominus (latin) /kurios (greek) = Lord;

The special title of God and in the New Testament of Jesus.

It is this false worship of himself as god that the 1st Beast of Rev 13 demands and the 2nd Beast imposes and enforces on the world during his day.

Scripture also gives this world ruler some titles:

- "the king of Babylon" (Isa. 14:4),
- "the Assyrian" (Isa. 14:25),
- "the little horn" (Dan. 7:8),
- "the king of fierce countenance" (Dan. 8:23),
- "the prince that shall come" (Dan. 9:26),
- "the vile person" (Dan. 11:21),
- "the willful king" (Dan. 11:36),
- "the idol shepherd" (Zech 11:17)
- "the one that shall come in his own name" (John 5:43),
- "the man of sin" (II Thess. 2:3),
- "the son of perdition" (II Thess. 2:3),
- "the lawless one" (II Thess. 2:8),
- "the beast" (Rev. 13:18).

Tradition gives him another title: the Antichrist.

In scripture, the Holy Spirit distinguishes between an antichrist and the Antichrist.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

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Antichrist: 4 x in Scripture

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Antichrist: G500 ἀντίχριστος antichristos
from anti G473 ἀντι

= 1] over against; opposite to

2] instead of; in the place of

Latin → vicarious → "Vicar of Christ"

Vicar: Middle English, from Latin *vicair, viker*. substitute, deputy,
from *vicarius*, adjective, substituting, delegated, vicarious

Something done by one person who is substituting for another.

Acting or serving in place of someone or something else;

substituted; a human representative or agent of God on earth

Who is the 'Vicar or Christ'? What organization does the 'Vicar of Christ' lead?

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Revelation 13:3

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

The Roman Empire of John's day is the 6th head.

It received a 'mortal wound' in the 3rd century A.D.

At that time power was transferred to the church leaders.

By then the 'official' church had become a polluted mix of pagan and Christian tradition – most of which was in direct contradiction to the teaching and leadership of Jesus.

It eventually became the "Holy Roman Empire" led by a succession of Popes – some righteous; most corrupt, power hungry and political demagogues.

Many have attempted to revive the "Roman Empire"; some through force, some through political intrigue – all to date have failed.

The EU, the European Union, may be the beginning of the Revived Roman Empire, the 7th Head – the one wearing 10 Crowns on 10 Horns, leading to the kingdom of antichrist – the 11th Horn.

The mortal 'death stroke' of the Old Roman Empire will be healed.

God's Word makes it clear and does not fail...

However, most believe that this wounded head refers personally to the antichrist himself – the one sole dictatorial leader of the last of the world kingdoms

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Revelation 13:3

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

The Head wound is an Identifier:

Rev. 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Rev. 13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Zech. 11:17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened. [KJV]

Zech. 11:17 Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! May his arm be completely withered, his right eye totally blinded! [NIV]

One of the heads is mortally wounded but is healed causing the world to wonder.

The question is which head? What does it represent?

The wounded head is the 6th kingdom – Rome of John's day - which is revived to become the 7th kingdom – the Revived Roman Empire – ultimately led by 'the coming world ruler' who himself apparently suffers an assassination.

He is restored – revived - through the indwelling of Satan who has been finally and permanently cast out of heaven onto the earth ... [Rev 12](#)

In John's day it was believed that Nero would be resurrected from the dead (Nero redivivus).

Revelation 13:4

*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, **Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?***

Satan's Parody of *Exodus 15:11*

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Satan can only imitate God.

Antichrist will appear to be endowed with "*all power and signs and lying wonders*" *2 Thess. 2:9*

Will there be a real assassination and a resurrection?

It may well be one of Satan's tricks. Deception or not, the result is that the world runs after the Antichrist, worshipping and bowing before him. But in worshipping the beast they are really worshipping the dragon.

The world thinks that the Satanic counterfeit is the true God! They ascribe to the beast a claim that can only apply to God Almighty

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? Isa. 40:25

The Lord Jesus warned of this

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive John 5:43

Revelation 13:5

Rev. 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

The antichrist; the world ruler speaks great things exalting himself above God.

*Daniel 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and **a mouth speaking great things.***

*Daniel 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and **a mouth that spake very great things,** whose look was more stout than his fellows.*

Antichrist Moves Into The Temple In Jerusalem He Proclaims That He Is God— He Exalts Himself

The 'rived' Antichrist moves into the temple in Jerusalem. This may occur within hours of his 'rising' – his apparent coming back to life.

2 Thes. 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

*Daniel 11:36-37 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. [37] **Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers,** nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.*

This may indicate he is a Jew from one of the twelve tribes of Israel; possibly Dan...

"God of his fathers" may be talking about the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

As God the Father gave His only begotten Son authority from heaven, so Satan has given the Antichrist HIS POWER, AND HIS SEAT, AND GREAT AUTHORITY

Rev. 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

REVELATION 13:6

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

The blasphemy he speaks is directed against:

- God
- God's name – His reputation and character
- His 'tabernacle' – *the rebuilt place of worship ???*
- Them that dwell in heaven - those believers who have been raptured or martyred and who now are in heaven and the true believers still on the earth at the time
 - we are God's ambassadors
 - this world is not our home
 - those who are in Christ are not 'earth dwellers'

Interesting that antichrist in his ridicule acknowledges the existence of God, heaven, and those who dwell there.

Star Wars – May the force be with you ???

The Antichrist shall honor the god of forces.

He will honor Satan with gold, silver, precious stones, and costly gifts.

He will glorify the devil.

Daniel 11:37-39 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. [38] But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. [39] Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

The Antichrist Shall Prosper And Do These Things

Daniel 11:36 *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: [be successful until...] for that that is determined shall be done. [the tribulation; the indignation, the wrath]*

Daniel 11:37 *Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, [God of his fathers ???...] nor the desire of women, [single or homosexual ???...] nor regard any god: [deference to none other than himself] for he shall magnify himself above all.*

As THE anti-Christ, we can expect him to try to duplicate many of the scriptures pertaining to the Lord Jesus, the true Christ.

Daniel 7:25 *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, [By wars, crusades, massacres, inquisitions, and persecutions of all kinds] and think to change times and laws: [holy days, religious commemorations, religious, spiritual, and civil laws] and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. [3 ½ years: time – single, times – double, dividing of time – ½]*

Antichrist Wars Against The Saints; Destroy The Holy People

Given power and authority to make war against the saints of God, to overcome and prevail against them, the saints will have no power to defeat the Antichrist.

Rev. 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

For 3 ½ years he shall greatly oppress those that have been born - again until Jesus returns.

Dan 7:21-22 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; [22] Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.... 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Dan 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

The saints will have to flee for their lives.

- Many of those that do flee will be betrayed by their closest friends or relatives.
- Many can expect to be caught, greatly persecuted, humiliated, beaten, tortured, and then beheaded.
- Many will turn from their faith under this immense pressure.

The only power the saints will have to overcome the Antichrist will be, ***THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH - Rev 12:11.***

Revelation 13:7-8

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. [8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Though Satan has power to make war on the saints of God, he has no power to force them to accept his claims or acknowledge him. Anti-christ's imposes his rule over those whose names were not written in the book of life, subjugating them.

He is granted power to persecute the saints and defeat them, to overcome them.

He overcomes the saints? (*Dan 7:21; 8:12,24; 11:31; Rev 11:7*).

Compare with Mt 16:18 (all saints not necessarily "Church") and John the Baptist, (*Mt 11:11-13*).

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him...":

"They that dwell upon the earth": the Earth dwellers 13X

Cosmos = world *Mt 4:8-9; Jn 12:31; 14:30; 18:36; Eph 2:2; 6:12; 1 Jn 2:15-17*

"Book of Life":

Those whose names are not in the "Book of Life" worship anti-christ as god.

Who is not in the "Book of Life":

Those who have made their choice by taking the mark...

Daniel 7:21 – Rev 13:7

Daniel 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Rev. 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Matt 16:18

Matt 16:18 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.

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Revelation 13:7-8

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. [8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The "Book of Life" was known to Moses

Ex 32:32; Dan 12:1 (Isa 4:3?); 1 Pet 1:19, 20

THE BOOK OF LIFE:

Rev 3:5 Rev 13:8 Rev 17:8 Rev 20:12 Rev 20:15 Rev 21:27

It was the custom of in John's day for rulers to have the names of all his/her subjects written in a registry.

Only when an individual lost his right of citizenship or died could their name be removed from the role.

The Book of Life is God's register of those belonging to him; those whom He has purchased.

'Before the foundation of the world' could refer to the names written down from that time or it could refer to the fact that Jesus Christ was slain from the foundation of the world as God's plan of redemption for all mankind.

Eph 1:4 1 Pet 1:19-20 Rev 17:8

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Revelation 13:9-10

[9] If any man have an ear, let him hear. [10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

To those who dwell on earth there is a sharp warning given. "**If any one has an ear, let him hear.**" The danger of worshiping Antichrist is a real danger.

VERSE 10 IS MADE UP OF TWO QUOTATIONS FROM SCRIPTURE.

Jeremiah 15:2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the Lord; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

Matthew 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

3 items to note:

- 1) If Christian faith means suffering, then suffering is to be accepted and endured.
- 2) Christianity is never to be defended by resorting to force.
- 3) one of the weapons of our warfare are:

Steadfastness: Hupomone (gk) = courageously accepting the worst life can do turning it into glory. Not passive endurance.

and

Loyalty: Pistis (gk) = fidelity that never wavers in it's devotion for and duty to it's master.

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Rev 13:11-13 > THE FALSE PROPHET: Beast Out of the Earth

[11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth;
and he had two horns like a lamb,
and he spake as a dragon.

[12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him,
and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first
beast,

whose deadly wound was healed.

[13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from
heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Symbolic usage:

- Sea → The non-Hebrew world; the Gentile peoples / nations
- Earth → Used as a type for Israel; the Hebrews / Israelites
- Dragon → Satan; the Devil; the Serpent
- Beast → World systems; Political and Religious; successive World empires
- Heads → World empires / leaders;
particularly those that dominated God's people and land
- Horns → Authority; power; leaders; administrative districts / areas / countries
- Crowns → Rulers; leaders of the administrative districts, areas

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The Two Beasts

Revelation 13

Beast out of the Sea

Rev 13:1-10

(“The Man of Sin”)

- 7 Heads, 10 Horns
- Heads with the name of blasphemy
- One of heads: deadly wound healed
- Powered by the Dragon for 42 months
- Overcomes the Saints
- Earth-Dwellers worship
 - All those not written in the Book of Life

Beast out of the Earth

Rev 13;11-15

(“False Prophet”)

- Two horns like Lamb
- Speaks as the Dragon
- Causes Earth to worship the 1st Beast
- Deceives the Earth with miracles
- Forces worship of an image of 1st Beast
 - All receive mark in right hands or foreheads
 - No man may buy or sell without the name or number of the 1st Beast: 666

Revelation 13:11

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

“Beast”= *therion* [Gr] → **beast of prey, (not zoa: ‘living creature’);**

mentioned 36x (6²) in Revelation.

The second beast (*Rev 13:11*) is from the earth:

He arises out of the earth, as the first beast arose out of the sea.

- The sea symbolizes the great restless gentile nations of the world *‘like waves, tossed by the winds...’ James 1:3-8*
- Here the earth is also a symbol. It is used symbolically many times in many places:

The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from Heaven 1 Cor 15:47

The earth is used symbolically to represent Israel in many other places.

Earth → 80x in Revelation: most times it means the ‘literal planet earth’

If the earth here represents Israel,

then this 2nd Beast coming up out of the earth would be a Jew.

Satan may do this to assist in deceiving Israel - if it were possible.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Luk 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Rev. 13:11

*And I beheld **another** beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

This leader may be a Jew:

Also see: *Daniel 11:3-37*

John 5:43 (uses 'allos', not 'heteros')

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another^{G243} [allos] shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

G2087: **heteros** = ἕτερος another one but not of the same kind, different

I have a black felt tip pen. It's out of ink.

Give me another pen but a ball point with red ink. ← Heteros

G243: **allos** = ἄλλος another one of exactly the same kind

I have a black felt tip pen. It's out of ink.

Give me another black felt tip pen. ← Allos

John 14:16 "I will send you another – allos: absolutely alike - Comforter"

Rev 13:11 "And I saw another - absolutely alike - wild beast coming up out of the earth."

There can be no doubt that this beast is a Satanic representation.

Rev. 13:11

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

This leader may be a Jew:

Ezekiel 21:25-27 And thou, **profane wicked prince of Israel**, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, [26] Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. [27] I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

Of the circumcision:

Ezekiel 28:2-10 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: [3] Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: [4] With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: [5] By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: [6] Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; [7] Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. [8] They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. [9] Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. [10] **Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers**: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

Revelation 13:11-12

11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

“Horns” = authority, dominion, power.

2 horns - a parody of the Lamb; one of the symbols of Christ, the Saviour

“Spake”: Gen 3:1; 49:17; 2 Cor 11:3.

Like the Serpent in the Garden to Eve

Spirit possessed – he spake as a dragon: one of the names for the devil

Acts 16:16-18; 19:15-16.

How does a dragon sound? How does he speak?

What dragon has been the subject of chapter 12 and 13?

The 2nd Beast, the false prophet has an authority like Christ, he is a spiritual authority but speaks with the voice of Satan; not God...

Satan plus the first and second beasts = Satanic false trinity

- Dragon → Supernatural power and authority Acting as God; the anti-god
- 1st Beast → Political power and authority Acting as the false Messiah; the anti-christ
- 2nd Beast → Religious power and authority Pointing men to the anti-christ and anti-god; the unholy spirit

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Revelation 13:11-12

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Much of what we call Christianity today is really nothing more than religion.

It has ‘Fallen from Grace’

Falling from grace is not a fall into sin but is a fall into Legalism.

Certainly there are people being “born again” in most churches, but more and more people are being saved in spite of the organizations we call the Church, not because of the organization.

In Rev 2-3, we have seen how the organized church degrades through the years culminating in Jesus returning for the true church to take them home.

What is going to happen to all of the organizations we call the church when the true believers – the true Church - is taken from the world?

All around us we see the beginnings of church leaders who are downplaying, reinterpreting, compromising and in many cases openly denying the essential truths the Necessities of Scripture.

KEEP IN MIND – ANTICHRIST IS A FALSE JESUS; NOT A FALSE SATAN

Watch for wolves in sheep’s clothing – even today *Matt 7:15 ; 10:16*

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Revelation 13:11-12

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

When the restrainer, the true church is removed, the organization left behind will eventually form one great church union, with one head over of all.

This religious leader, Beast #2, will work together with the political dictator, Beast #1, both in service of the Dragon, Satan

This religious leader may take over governmental power for a time.

- the political power having been wounded to death *Rev 13:3*
- the religious power exercising all the power of the first wild beast before him *Rev 13:12*

The two Beasts will work together until the political Beast – the antichrist - finally destroys the religious Beast – the false prophet.

The false prophet exercises all the power of the Antichrist "before" him,
meaning "in the presence of" the Antichrist

His particular function is to lead the earth dwellers to worship the Antichrist, whose deadly wound is now healed. This is something the false prophet forces on the people of the earth.

The worst form of Legalism...

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Revelation 13:13-14

13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14] And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Signs, miracles,

Jannes and Jambres, Pharaohs magicians had the power to do miracles and perform illusions

Ex 7:11; 2 Tim 3:8; 2 Thes 2:9-11 (cf. 2 witnesses).

The 'Good News' is about God's Word fulfilled, not miracles → *Mt 11:1-6; Luk 10:17-20*

"Image": 7 passages — *Rev 13:15; 14:9,11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4; cf. Dan 2, Ps 73:20.*

These 2 beasts are the cooperating heads of the world's political and religious system, both empowered and directed by Satan himself.

The individual represented by the 2nd Beast may be providing the 1st Beast with a master plan and strategy for taking control and exercising power - in essence speaking for him - putting words into his mouth.

- Or -

More likely, the 2nd Beast may simply be acting as the 1st Beast's spokesman, riding his coattails, carrying out his wishes and parroting the claims and words of the 1st Beast (as corrupt religion has done on behalf of corrupt political systems throughout history).

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Revelation 13:13-14

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2 Thes 2:8-12 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not **the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

It is a 'Love of the truth' that brings freedom from deceit

It is the search for, the love of the truth that keeps men from being deceived by Satan and his lies and deception.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Take 'pleasure in unrighteousness' and you will not receive 'the love of the truth'.

Receive 'the love of the truth' and you will find it and be saved from the lies of unrighteousness.

Israel: Ripe for the picking

Israel has been awaiting the coming of Messiah for thousands of years.
So long that they grew careless and missed Him when He came to them.

Satan will set up the Antichrist to play that role.

Israel is also looking for a prophet, announced by Moses to precede Messiah.
Deut. 18: 15, 18

John the Baptist and Jesus were both asked if they were "that prophet"
John 1:21; Luke 7:19

Following the Restrainer being removed, when the anti-christ comes on the scene, Israel will be looking for someone to deliver them from their circumstances and put them into the place of prominence that they have been taught to expect by the very promises of God.

They sign a covenant with anti-christ.

In return, he permits them to rebuild the Temple (or Tabernacle).

Following his deadly wounding, Satan indwells him and once he is seemingly resurrected, the false prophet plays the part of the long expected prophet who announces to a struggling, troubled Israel that their Messiah has come.

He makes anti-christ an object of worship

Revelation 13:15

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast; that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed

Antichrist sits in the rebuilt Holy Place and proclaims himself to be God [the abomination that causes desolation that Jesus spoke of], the False Prophet begins a series of miracles ascribing the power for them as coming from the 1st Beast – the antichrist.

The world at large begins to worship the antichrist. The vigilant of Israel who 'love the truth' begin to doubt and oppose antichrist and his claim to be Messiah.

The False Prophet 'suggests' that the world create and worship an image of the 1st Beast – the antichrist. He then, using Satanic power, appears to give this idol a life of its own. The idol appears to speak on its own initiative.

Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach Hab. 2:19

In John's day, people were required to appear before the officials annually, burn some incense and declare that "Caesar is Lord"

It was the Christians refusal to do this that was the prime reason for their persecution and execution by Roman authorities.

In John's day, the 'worshipper' received a certificate to prove he had proclaimed Caesar as his Lord.

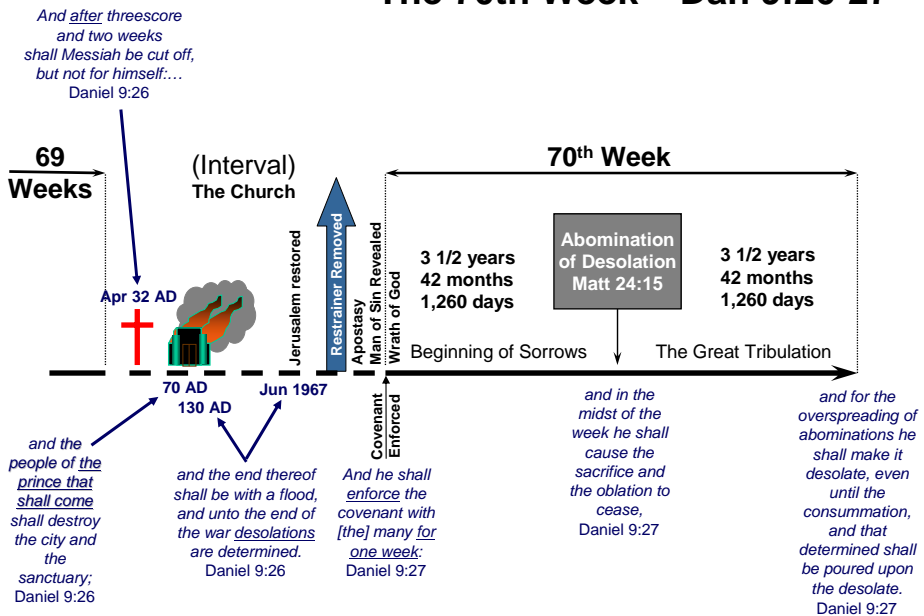
The 'worshipper' before antichrist's image receives a 'mark' to indicate he had proclaimed that antichrist is his God.

All who refused to do so were killed.

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The 70th Week – Dan 9:26-27



The Book of Daniel

Often with the major prophetic events, God will provide a miniature or a sneak preview of the event in history.

Jesus in *Matt 24:15* does that...he refers to the prophecy in *Daniel 9:27* that in His day is yet to take place and references it to an actual event in Israel's history – which was also still future event when Daniel was written. Jesus looks back to that historical event calling it by name to describe and use it as a recognition point for the future event that is still yet to come...

Still Future >>> *When ye therefore shall see*

* Historic event >>> *the Abomination of Desolation,*

** Dan 9:27 >>> *spoken of by Daniel the prophet,*

* Historic Event >>> *stand in the holy place,*

* Past Event is >>> *(whoso readeth, let him understand:). . . to happen again.*

Use it as a recognition sign.

167 BC, Antiochus IV ("Epiphanes")

Matthew 24:15

** Dan 9:27 was written about 500 BC

Matt 24:15-21 Great Tribulation

The abomination of desolation occurs.

The temple is defiled; made unholy.

An image – idol - of Antichrist is set up in the temple.

Those that will not worship it will be beheaded.

Mat 24:15-20 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

The "great tribulation" begins.

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



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Evangelism Explosion II: The new church outreach....

Rev 13:16-17 And he [the second beast from the earth] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the [first] beast [from the sea], or the number of his name.

Those whom the false prophet does not excommunicate [by executing] or those who are not put out of the 'Church of the Anti-christ', will have to receive the 'mark' of the first beast – his name or number

They will by their own choice worship the first beast and willingly accept his mark identifying and aligning themselves with the number of his name.

A person having the name of the beast evidently means they are a subject of or in subjection to the Anti-christ's Revived Roman empire – the Latin kingdom. They will carry his 'Passport' – his mark; name; and/or the number of his name.

Those that have the mark, name of the beast, or the number of his name, are those who have placed themselves in subjection to the Anti-christ's Roman empire, secular or spiritual.

Rev. 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

It is possible that all those that are in subjection to the secular - political power are not all 'believers' in the Anti-christ' at heart. This would distinguish those which have 'received the mark' believing from those which have 'the name of the beast or the number of his name' but simply accepted it in order to buy and sell. It ultimately results in the same thing **"...Convert or die..."**

Rev 13:15b And he had power to ... cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Revelation 13:16-17

16 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:

17 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.

The “mark of the beast” (charagma) had links to other ancient customs:

- 1) Slaves were branded with their master's mark - but usually only if they had run away or misbehaved in some unusual way. This mark was called a ‘stigma’ – a mark of rebellion.
- 2) Soldiers sometimes branded the name of their General on themselves if they were especially loyal to them.
- 3) On every contract of buying and selling there was a ‘charagma’ – a seal bearing the name of the Emperor and the date signifying his authority and rule.
- 4) All coins had the head and inscription of the Emperor who was in power when it was minted. This was to show that it was his property and all who used it were within his power.
- 5) When a man had worshiped Caesar by burning incense to him, he would receive a certificate recognizing his worship. Christians could only receive this certificate by denying Christ and declaring Caesar was lord.

The mark stood for ownership, loyalty, security, identification, dependence upon, and safety.

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The “mark of the beast” is a parody of Jewish thought, a sacred Jewish custom.

When an Israelite prayed he wore ‘phylacteries’ on his left arm and on his forehead.

Phylacteries were little leather boxes with scrolls of parchment in them on which were written the following scriptures:

Exod 13:1-16 Deut 6:4-9 Deut 11:13-21

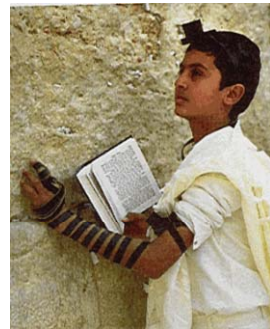
Deut. 6:6-8 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: [7] And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. [8] And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deut. 6:14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

The right hand → the symbol of strength.

The forehead → the most conspicuous part of the body; the mind.

To bear the ‘Mark’ on the right hand or on the forehead signifies that the strength and allegiance of body and mind have been given over to the beast.



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The MARK

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17 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.

Notice: To all inspectors...The mark:

- is enforced on all,
Small and great,
Rich and poor,
Free and bond.
- is a MARK - aka: a tattoo, a burn, a scar
- is PLACED AND DISPLAYED in the right hand or in the forehead.
- must be present in order to buy or sell.
- is A NAME – or – THE NUMBER OF A NAME.
- is the ANTICHRIST'S NAME OR NUMBER; not an ID # of the bearer

Marks not meeting the above requirements do not qualify...

It is not a US Currency Security Thread

A security thread is a thin thread or ribbon running through a bank note substrate. All 1990 series and later notes, except the \$1 and \$2 notes, include this feature. The note's denomination is printed on the thread.

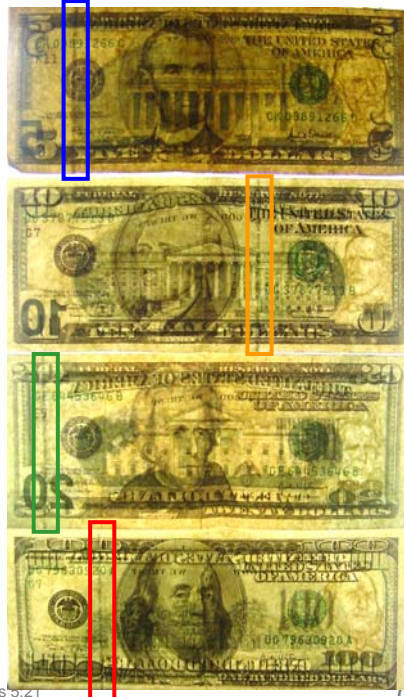
In addition, the threads of the new \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 notes have graphics in addition to the printed denomination. The denomination number appears in the star field of the flag printed on the thread.

The thread in the new notes glows when held under a long-wave ultraviolet light.

- In the new \$5 it glows blue,
- In the new \$10 it glows orange,
- In the new \$20 note it glows green,
- In the new \$50 note it glows yellow, and
- In the new \$100 note it glows red.

Since it is visible in transmitted light, but not in reflected light, the thread is difficult to copy with a color copier which uses reflected light to generate an image.

Using a unique thread position for each denomination guards against certain counterfeit techniques, such as bleaching ink off a lower denomination and using the paper to "reprint" the bill as a higher value note.



It is NOT...

- Insertable chips
- RFID – Radio frequency ID
- Bar codes
- Credit, Debit, or ATM cards



These are NOT marks; they are technologies

*The mark is his **name** or the “**number of his name**” !!*

The man of sin; the antichrist; the beast out of the sea

It's his name or number that are the critical identifiers.

Remember: This coming world ruler cannot even be revealed until the 'restrainer' is 'taken out' of the way ... 2 Thes 2

The mark, the “number of his name”, is received by worshipping antichrist, the ‘beast out of the sea’, not by using credit cards, bar codes, or RFID.

In order to buy or sell you will be forced to worship this man by the ‘beast out of the earth’, the ‘new’ world religion’s ‘high priest’

Injectable chip opens door to 'human bar code' 1 of 5

By Charles J. Murray, Jan 4, 2002 (9:27 AM) URL: /story/OEG20020104S0044

Radio-frequency identification chips, which have found a home in applications ranging from toll road passes to smart retail shelves, may be close to taking up residence in the human body.

A Florida-based company has introduced a passive RFID chip that is compatible with human tissue, and the developer is proposing the chip for use on implantable pacemakers, defibrillators and artificial joints. The company, Applied Digital Solutions (Palm Beach, Fla.), also said that the chip could be injected through a syringe and used as a sort of "human bar code" in security applications.

Called the VeriChip, the device could open up a broad new segment for the \$900 million-a-year RFID business, especially if society embraces the idea of using microchips for human identification. Applied Digital executives ultimately believe that the worldwide market for such implantable chips could reach \$70 billion per year.

"The human market for this technology could be huge," said Keith Bolton, senior vice president of technology development at the company.

Futurists agree that the idea of using microchips inside the body could ultimately represent a large market opportunity, but they doubt whether this initial effort will have a significant effect on the RFID market.

"Are we going to see chips embedded in the human body? You bet we are," said Paul Saffo, a director of The Institute for the Future (Menlo Park, Calif.). "But it isn't going to happen overnight."

Pacemaker helper

Still, Applied Digital Solutions' executives are preparing to sell between \$2.5 million and \$5 million worth of VeriChips in 2002. The company initially plans to sell the chips in South America and Europe for use with pacemakers and defibrillators. In that application, it could be attached to the outside of the heart device or implanted nearby in the body.

Technology - AP Co. Aims to Sell VeriChip As Credit Card

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By BRUCE MEYERSON, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK - For the forgetful bionic man or woman in your life, here's a credit card they can't possibly leave home without: a microchip the size of a grain of rice implanted in the arm.

The VeriChip, which transmits a unique I.D. number by radio frequency to a scanner, actually has been implanted in more than 30 people for a variety of potential applications, including as a building I.D. "badge," medical "bracelet" and anti-kidnapping device. Now the chip's creator, Applied Digital Solutions Inc. of Palm Beach, Fla., is pitching it as a digital wallet that could automatically make purchases in stores.

The device employs radio frequency identification technology, or RFID, which companies such as Wal-Mart Stores are testing for more mundane purposes such as tracking inventory and ringing up products at the register.

For example, a chip embedded in a product or its packaging can transmit signals informing the retailer that it has been removed from a shelf or purchased and needs replacing.

But how does one install such a chip in a human? Easy, says Applied Digital:

"The standard location of the microchip is in the triceps area between the elbow and the shoulder of the right arm. The brief outpatient 'chipping' procedure lasts just a few minutes and involves only local anesthetic followed by quick, painless insertion of the VeriChip. Once inserted just under the skin, the VeriChip is inconspicuous to the naked eye. A small amount of radio frequency energy passes from the scanner energizing the dormant VeriChip, which then emits a radio frequency signal transmitting the verification number."

Announcement at global security confab unveils syringe-injectable ID microchip

Bio-chip implant arrives for cashless transactions

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Verichip portable reader



Verichip pocket reader

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ID chip to speed border crossings U.S. VISIT program will begin test project July 31

Wed Jan 26, 2005 3:40 AM ET by Michael Marizco, Arizona Daily Star

NOGALES, Ariz. - The U.S.-Mexican border here is going wireless.

The Nogales ports of entry will take part in an experiment to record people entering and leaving the country using radio frequencies, Homeland Security Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson announced at a Tuesday news conference.

The pilot program will begin July 31 at five border points across the country, including both Nogales ports of entry, and is intended to record the foreign visitors who enter and leave the country using the U.S.-VISIT program, Hutchinson said.

The U.S.-VISIT system scans photos and fingerprints of foreign nationals when they come into the United States to visit beyond the border zone - in Nogales that means traveling farther than Tucson - for more than 30 days.

But to avoid a traffic jam of people referred to federal officers for an inspection of their documents one by one, U.S. officials want to test embedding a small identifier tag in the visa that would emit radio frequencies to stations 18 to 30 feet away. The cost of such an effort has not been established but is expected to cost 25 cents and up per tag, Hutchinson said. The U.S.-VISIT program has a \$340 million budget and has signed up 16 million people since it started last year, Hutchinson said.

The experimental program will apply to about 125,000 people who are expected to apply for U.S.-VISIT through Nogales the last half of this year, said Nogales Port of Entry Director James Tong. That's a small percentage of the more than 10 million people who cross through Nogales every year.

The idea is to accurately but quickly record foreign visitors so the dual goals of national security and commerce don't conflict, officials said.

Mexican nationals spent nearly \$1.6 billion in Arizona in 2003, a revenue generator that would hurt the state if movement of people crossing the border were disrupted, according to a study by the Garvin School of International Management.

The compromise between commerce and security has border town businesses relieved in both countries, but disturbs privacy advocates and some Mexicans who wonder how long before the ways used to record foreign visitors will also be used to track them - or to track us.

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Barcelona Clubbers Take Chip Implants to Avoid Lines

by Adam at 7:22 AM on June 2, 2004

According to *New Scientist*, VIP members of Barcelona's Baja Beach Club can now opt to get an RFID transmitter implanted in their arms for €125 (plus the €25 VIP membership fee). The transmitters — about the size of a grain of rice — emit a faint radio signal that can be detected by scanners at the door, allowing chipped members to skip the wait in line. They can also be associated with the member's bank account to act as a debit card at the bar, eliminating the need to carry your wallet with you to the club.

This is a colossally bad idea. It poses a grave privacy concern, exposing your unique identifier to anyone who can pick up a radio signal. I imagine high-tech identity thieves prowling the club with RFID receivers disguised as cell phones or pagers, culling ID info from hapless VIPs. There's also the issue of implanting a piece of foreign matter into your upper arm, possibly resulting in scar tissue formation and a permanent scar. Given the issues involved, I can't imagine much of an adoption rate among clubbers for this high-tech gimmick. The article says that traditional membership cards are still an option, so why bother. Then again, Europeans are not as fanatical about privacy as Americans....



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Implantable Chips For Medical Records Cal Thomas: Oct 15, 2004

I'm not one who likes to play the end times game.

Jesus said not to be concerned with dates and times.

But this story is too good to pass up.

The food and drug administration has cleared the way for a Florida company to market implantable chips that would provide easy access to individual medical records. This is supposed to make patient care more effective.

The chip would not contain any records, but with a number, the care provider would be able to retrieve medical information about blood type, drug histories and other critical data stored in computers.

It was interesting that the *New York Times* brought up the "mark of the beast" reference from Revelation. Of course it mentioned that this belief comes from "fundamentalist religious groups," implying that smart people don't think this way.

All prophecy has a physical component. Fulfillment is in real time and in the real world.

Are computer chips implanted in the human body the "mark of the beast"?

I don't know, but I do know it's coming.

Don't take the number!

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Revelation 13:16

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:

"Mark" not one of the common classical Greek words for a "brand" (Gk: puros, stigma)

These are often used to describe the branding of cattle and slaves,

The word for "Mark" used in Rev 13:18 is "charagma" *χάραγμα* G5480

- 1) a stamp, an imprinted mark
- 2) a thing carved, sculpture, graven work

mark, 8 *Rev 13:16-17; 14:9, 11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4* **graven, 1** *Act 17:29*

Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

The word translated "graven" is the same Greek word as "mark" in Rev 13:16.

Today, a tattoo would be a close equivalent; something engraved upon the body

Our English translations might lead us to think that the mark was forced upon unwilling men. The original is:

that the false prophet "causeth all ... that they should give themselves a mark ..."

Masses of people cut or burn the mark upon themselves, or eagerly press forward to receive it at the place of worship.

Revelation 13:16-17

16 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:

17 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.

Marking or branding the body is illegal per OT law: *Lev 19:28; 21:5; Deut 14:1*

The reason for the mark is to identify antichrist's followers.

Without displaying the mark individual's will not be able to buy or sell.

This is intended to force people to come forward and take the mark. Antichrist's forces don't need to hunt them down and draw them out. Unable to engage in any kind of financial transactions, people will present themselves to receive the mark or starve. Note the long term effect of the mark in *Rev 14:9-11*

Men and Women will have to choose between material things and Christ.

(As we are called upon to do today – today, we do not suffer death for or choice.)

Diabolical: There is no 'crossing your fingers' in this.

Either you acknowledge and live with Jesus as your Lord or you deny Christ by acknowledging antichrist / Satan as your Lord.

It really is this simple: either Jesus is your Lord or something else is

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Rev. 13:16-17

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Zech. 11:17

*Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock!
the sword shall be **upon his arm**, and **upon his right eye**:
his arm shall be clean dried up,
and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.*

Rev. 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

...had gotten the victory
• over the beast, and
• over his image, and
• over his mark, and
• over the number of his name,....

The beast, his image, and the number of his name, appear to be distinct - referring to different things.

What is meant by the "name of the beast" is different from "the number of his name".

The beast from the sea and the beast from the earth, have the same task.

Both function to serve the dragon:

- one beast exercises political / secular rule;
- the other religious rule

Both working in concert to serve the purposes of the 'dragon'; Satan himself.

The name of each is equally "Ἡ Λατινὴ βασιλεία, the Latin kingdom.

Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom.

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666: $6 \times 6 = 36$ Sum of the numerals: $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + \dots + 36 = 666$

6 Is the number of man in scripture

- **Gen 1:27** Man created on the 6th day
- **Sabbath for man**, (6 days +1)
- **2 Peter 3:8** 6 – 1,000 year days of human dominion on earth adam = 4000 BC ??
- **Goliath:** 6 cubits; 6 shekel spear; 6 pieces of armor; etc.
- **Nebuchadnezzar's image:** Dan 3:1 60 cubits high, 6 cubits wide; 6 instruments of music.
- **Solomon as a Type?**
666: 1 Kgs 10:14; 2 Chr 9:13; [Ezra 2:13 vs. Neh 7:18];
Queen of Sheba? Goddess of Fortresses?
Six steps to throne;
Founded commerce, banking, trading in horses (vs. Deut 17:16);
"Magen David" = occultic "Seal of Solomon";
Masonry symbols: pattern of stars on the Great Seal of the U.S.(?)
- **Judas Iscariot "Reincarnated"?** Ps 55:11-14;
Death & Hell (Isa 28:18, Rev 6:8; Mt 12:41-43; Jn 17:12; Jn 6:7; 2 Thess 2:3; Acts 1:25,
with Rev 11:7).

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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=500 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

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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.”)

ANCIENT NUMBER SYSTEMS								
AMERICAN	SUMERIAN	EARLY EGYPTIAN (HIEROGLYPHIC)	LATER EGYPTIAN (HIERATIC)	CANAANITE (and PHOENICIAN)	POST-EXILIC HEBREW	EARLY GREEK	LATER GREEK (IONIC)	ANCIENT ROMAN (LATIN)
1	𐎀 (or 𐎁)	𐀀	𐀀	𐤀	א	Α	Α	I
2	𐎁 (or 𐎂)	𐀁	𐀁	𐤁	ב	Β	Β	II
3	𐎂 (or 𐎃)	𐀂	𐀂	𐤂	ג	Γ	Γ	III
4	𐎃 (or 𐎄)	𐀃	𐀃	𐤃	ד	Δ	Δ	III (or IV)
5	𐎄 (or 𐎅)	𐀄	𐀄	𐤄	ה	Ε	Ε	V
6	𐎅 (or 𐎆)	𐀅	𐀅	𐤅	ו	Ϝ	Ϝ	VI
7	𐎆 (or 𐎇)	𐀆	𐀆	𐤆	ז	Ζ	Ζ	VII
8	𐎇 (or 𐎈)	𐀇	𐀇	𐤇	ח	Η	Η	VIII
9	𐎈 (or 𐎉)	𐀈	𐀈	𐤈	ט	Θ	Θ	VIII (or IX)
10	𐎉 (or 𐎁)	𐀉	𐀉	𐤉	י	Ι	Ι	X
20	𐎁𐎁 (or 𐎁𐎂)	𐀉𐀉	𐀉𐀉	𐤉𐤉	כ	Κ	Κ	XX
50			𐀉𐀉𐀉		נ	Ν	Ν	L
100		𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉	𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉		ס	Π	Π	C
200		𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉	𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉		ק	Σ	Σ	CC
1,000		𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉	𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉𐀉		א	Χ	Χ	M

Rev 13:18 → Six hundred threescore and six: 666

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The Arabs invented figures - unique characters/shapes representing numbers - in the 10th century

Before then only the letters of the alphabet were used for numbers.

The ancient Greeks near to Homer's time are believed to have assigned to their letters a numerical value corresponding to their order in the alphabet:

α was 1, because the first letter; and ω 24, being the last.

The Iliad and Odyssey are numbered this way. Either Homer or someone who lived near to the time of his writing the books used this system.

The Romans adopted a similar system of representing numbers which was based on the ancient Greek system.

The Roman numeral system as we know it cannot be traced to any very ancient source.]

However, in the Greek writings done in Roman times it was in use which dates it to before before Christ.

There are coins extant marked of the 2d, 3d, 14th, 30th, 35th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, and 42d years of Augustus Caesar, with the numerical letters preceded by L or Λ for λυκαβας, year, thus: LB, ΛΓ, ΛΔ, ΛΑ, LAE, LAH, ΛΑΘ, LM, LMA, and LMB

From: John Edward Clark.

Using an old Greek Gematria System: The Number of a Name

Ever wonder about those people who say they are willing to give more than 100%?
We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give 110%.

If:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Represents:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
And:	I treat the numbers as percentages - %																									
Then:	H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K													K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E												
	8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%													11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%												
	A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E																									
	1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%																									

But, look how far the love of God will take you:

	L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D												
	12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101%												

Now check:

	H-o-l-y S-p-i-r-i-t												
	8+15+12+25+19+16+9+18+9+20 = 151%												

While Hard work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there,
It's the Love of God that will put you over the top and the Holy Spirit Will Keep You There

Greek alphabet, with the numerical value of each letter

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Representing numbers by letters of the alphabet, resulted in the practice among the ancients of representing names and titles by their calculated numbers.

There are many examples of this in the writings of heathens, Jews, and Christians

Historians do not know where or when the practice of assigning a number to a name first began. But, it was being used in John's day and there are many historical proofs and examples from his time to confirm this.

Knowing this, it becomes clearer what John intended by,

“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” (666)

It is very likely the Greek name of the beast (John is believed to have written Revelation in the Greek language).

However, it may also be Hebrew or Aramaic. Remember, John was a fisherman / business man from Galilee. The Greek of Revelation is choppy and the grammar is not the finest. The Greek texts may be the result of translating it from another language.

Later Greek [Upper / Lower case] (Sound) Gematria values

Alpha	[Αα]	(a)	1	Iota	[Ιι]	(i)	10	Rho	[Ρρ]	(r)	100
Beta	[Ββ]	(b)	2	Kappa	[Κκ]	(k)	20	Sigma	[Σσς*]	(s)	200
Gamma	[Γγ]	(g)	3	Lambda	[Λλ]	(l)	30	Tau	[Ττ]	(t)	300
Delta	[Δδ]	(d)	4	Mu	[Μμ]	(m)	40	Upsilon	[Υυ]	(oo)	400
Epsilon	[Εε]	(eh)	5	Nu	[Νν]	(n)	50	Phi	[Φφ]	(f)	500
***	[ς']	(-)	6	Xe	[Ξξ]	(ks)	60	Chi	[Χχ]	(ch)	600
Zeta	[Ζζ]	(z)	7	Omocron	[Οο]	(o)	70	Psi	[Ψψ]	(ps)	700
Eta	[Ηη]	(ay)	8	Pi	[Ππ]	(p)	80	Omega	[Ωω]	(O)	800
Theta	[Θθ]	(th)	9	***	[ο]	(-)	90				

* 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. "ς"

Numbers are used as symbols in Scripture

This is not a gematria !!

Nor is it Numerology !!

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Unity, Oneness, sovereignty, light. | 9. Finality, judgment. |
| 2. Witness, division / duality, difference. | 10. Perfection of order. |
| 3. Divine perfection, Godhead. | 11. Subversion, disorder. |
| 4. The world, creativity,
material completeness. | 12. Perfect government. |
| 5. Grace, heavenly favor, love. | 13. Rebellion, corruption, Satan. |
| 6. Man, under the curse of sin, in time. | 37. The Word of God. |
| 7. Perfection, complete(-ion),
God's seal, rest. | 40. Probation, trials, testing. |
| 8. Resurrection, a new beginning. | 153. Sons of God. |
| | 666. Man's godless systems,
anti-Christ – that which takes the
place of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the mark of the beast |

EG: The ordinary Greek form of the name of Jesus = 888.

(3) 8's = the number of a perfect new beginning.

3 = Divine perfection 8 = new beginnings

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Χριστός Christ G5547 Christos

Χ Ξ Σ Six hundred threescore *and* six
G5516 chi xi sigma χξς

Χ 600 ἑξακόσιοι Six hundred G1812 hexakosioi

Ξ 60 ἑξήκοντα Sixty G1835 hexēkonta

Σ 6 ἕξ Six G1803 hex

χξς 666

Six the number of man in sin is considered a 'bad' number.
"...when multiplied by tens and hundreds, it denotes evil in its
greatest intensity and most disastrous manifestation." - Seiss

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The Latin Kingdom: “Ἡ Λατινη βασιλεια”

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Ἡ Λατινη βασιλεια

H =	8	The	Many names have been proposed from time to time as applicable to the beast, and at the same time containing 666.
Λ =	30	L	
α =	1	A	The most famous one is from Irenaeus and has been approved of by almost all commentators who have given any sort of tolerable exposition of the Revelation.
τ =	300	T	
ι =	10	I	
ν =	50	N	

'THE LATIN KINGDOM'

B =	2	K	No other kingdom on earth can be found to contain 666.
α =	1	I	
σ =	200	N	That the beast is the Roman Empire – or – the Latin Kingdom (as it was called in the period around 100 A.D.) which is reformed and revived in some fashion is proved by several Scriptural descriptions. Now note that the common name by which it was called and which was in use at the time this was written is counted to be the number 666.
ι =	10	G	
λ =	30	D	
ε =	5	O	
ι =	10	M	
α =	<u>1</u>		

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THE ANCIENT BABYLONIAN NUMBERING SYSTEM

A	6
B	12
C	18
D	24
E	30
F	36
G	42
H	48
I	54
J	60
K	66
L	72
M	78
N	84
O	90
P	96
Q	102
R	108
S	114
T	120
U	126
V	132
W	138
X	144
Y	150
Z	156

The word "count" comes from the Greek word "psephizo" (G5585) "to compute, calculate, reckon..."

To "count" means to "compute" as with a "computer."

The Babylonian System supposedly assigned the number 6 to the first letter and added 6 more to each subsequent letter in sequence.

(I have not been able to independently verify this.)

The sum of the word COMPUTER ? 666.

DRAGON POPE = 666 SATAN HINDU = 666 MARK OF BEAST = 666

NEW YORK = 666 DEVIL GENE MAN = 666

One name is most interesting: Judas Iscariot.

Jesus called him "the son of perdition" (John 17:12)

JUDAS ISCARIOT = 894 DEATH = 228

894 - 228 = 666

Judas - Death = 666

Some believe antichrist will be a 'resurrected' Judas Iscariot

Okay - not very probable but very remotely possible I guess...

From John Henry -- <http://www.geocities.com/LandmarkBibleBaptist/Prophecy/666System.html>

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!! 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..."

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...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.

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!! Pay Attention !!

There is much yet to learn from Scripture concerning this passage:

- Study and Know God's Word
- Watch world events
- Look for the Lord's return...

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