

The Number of the Beast

"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 13:18.

The last message going forth before the return of our Saviour states, "prepare the way of the Lord" (the Third Angel's message. --- Rev. 14:9-11---going forth to every nation).

It is a special warning against worshipping the beast, or his image, or receiving his mark (Rev. 14:9) , and most clearly sets forth to everyone just what and who the beast is, where he is to be found, as well as the nature of his mark, that they may keep free there from, thus escaping the seven last plagues which are to quickly follow upon the close of the message.

In Daniel 7:17, four beasts are described, and in verses 17 and 25 we are told that they symbolize world kingdoms. This was literally fulfilled, and four universal empires ruled the world, corresponding to these four beasts. In Revelation 13:1, 2, the same beasts are mentioned, only they are all amalgamated into one beast, and so it was at this time the kingdoms of the world illustrated by the four beasts were all controlled by the one power, and the beasts here also represent four world kingdoms.

In Bible prophecy, a woman symbolizes a church, and in Revelation 12th chapter, the true church is thus represented. The red dragon standing before her to kill the newborn child was a figure of pagan Rome, as mentioned in Matthew 2, where Herod tried to kill Jesus.

In Revelation 13, it is said that the dragon gives up its kingdom to the beast. History affirms that Pagan Rome joined in with the papacy at this time, hence the further amalgamation of beasts changes the leopard color to scarlet, the color of the dragon, and in chapter 17, the harlot woman is riding upon it. History states that the Catholic Church dominated the Roman Empire at this very time and ruled the world.

It is against this combined power and its doctrines that the Third Angel's Message is directed, before this age ends and Jesus comes.

THE NUMBER 666

The number 6 is the world's number. In 666 it occurs in units, tens and hundreds. It is next neighbor to the sacred 7, but is severed from it by an impassable gulf. It is the number of the world given over to judgment. There is a pause between the sixth and seventh seals, and the sixth and seventh plague and the sixth and seventh trumpets. The first six plagues or judgments of God are dreadful while the seventh is the coming of the Lord Jesus. The plagues and trumpets on the world are complete in six and by the fulfillment of "seven", the kingdoms of the world become Christ's.

As "twelve" is the number of the Church; so six, its half, symbolizes the world-kingdoms being wrong and becoming broken. The raising of "6" to tens and hundreds (high powers) indicates that the beast, not withstanding his progression to higher powers, can only rise to greater ripeness for judgment.. Thus 666 the judged power contrasts everything saintly and good. For example: The 144,000 sealed Israelites are 12's squared. The 12 Apostles, the New Jerusalem, the home of the saints, is a continuous cube dealing many 12's.

Before the invention of figures, in the 10th century, the letters of the alphabet had been used as numerals. It was so among Greek, Hebrew and Latin, and we suppose many other nations. Every man's name had a numerical value. Spelled in any manner there would be a certain number attached it. The common name "Smith" would be S-100, M-40, -9; T200; H-8; which figures added together would equal 357 as "the number of his name" in the Aramaic.

It is said, "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 three score and six."-Rev. 13:18.

The number of the beast being the number of a man would naturally cast suspicion upon the man who was the most closely associated with the affairs of the world, during the period covered by this prophecy. Millions of people were killed during these days known as the Dark Ages. This period of history covered 1260 years, 538 A. D. to 1798 A. D., according to the prophecy of forty and two months, 30 days to the month. Rev. 13:5.

There being thirty days to the month, in reckoning Bible prophecy, and each day standing for a year, as the Bible clearly sets forth (Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6), this would embrace a period of twelve hundred and sixty years. Church and state were united 538 A.D., when the beast, symbolizing as it does the federation of the nations of Europe under the one head, known as the Holy Roman Empire, ruled to 1798. During this period the Papacy was united with the beast, or civil power, and church and state entered into this union or

marriage. This in course of time, gave birth to the harlot daughters; false Protestant denominatiions₅ (Rev. 17). Hundreds of churches would quite naturally have names of blasphemy, not being known by the true Bible name, "Church of God."

The number of the beast is the number of a man and his number is six hundred and sixty six. Thus we carefully investigate the man who was closely associated with the beast power during the 1260-year period, i.e., the vicar of Rome. In doing so, our suspicion is' justified, for we find from the following sources the name six hundred and sixty-six applying to him. Thus the identity of the beast is clearly ascertained, and we can easily learn what his mark is. Against this, the Third Angel's Message is' particularly directed.

Iraanaeus who used three words made the earliest attempted explanation. Each word could be worked out to equal 666. They are: "Euanthas'," "Lateinos" and "Teitan." The last one was the favored one used at that time. (the end of the second and beginning of the third centuries.) It meant, "Ruler of Apostasy."

The Latin language is peculiarly the language of the Church of Rome in all her official acts; the forced unity of language in ritual being the counterfeit of the unity of language which Jesus will establish in His Kingdom. "The earth shall speak one language." (Zeph. 3:9) And so the name "Lateinos" (666) applies very well.

THE PAPAL TIARA

Made of Cloth of Gold and comprises:

3 Crowns with 252 pearls, 229 diamonds, 32 rubies, 19 emeralds and 11 sapphires.

Right after the Council of Nicea the Christian Bible scholars brought out the 666 number in the following manner: (We will give the Roman instead of the Greek letters, and use the letters according to the system which then prevailed)

In an old book named "Gospel Treasury" page 125, we have a very enlightening display of wisdom concerning the beast name and number:

"Some time ago, an English officer happening to be at Rome observed on the front of the mitre which the Pope wore at one of the solemnities, this inscription: 'Vicarius Filii Dei.' It instantly struck him - perhaps this is 'the number of the beast?' He set to work: and when he had set down the numerical values of the letters the whole amounted to precisely 666."

Note that the mitre is not the Triple Crown that is also worn by the Pope. This inscription "Vicarius Filii Dei" is found on letterheads, in literary writings and an inscription over a portal. Thus it will be seen that the Papacy does call itself the "Vicar of the Son of God."

F (the Greek article)	8
L	30
A	1
T	300
I	10
N	5
E (long)	8
B	2
A	1
S	200
I	10
L	30
E (short)	5
I	10
A	1
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	666

VICARIUS in numerical value equals V-5; I-1; C-100; 0-0; I-1; V-5; and S-0. Total is 112.

FILII - F has no value, I is 1' L is 50, II is 2, or a value of 53 in this word.

DEI-D is 500, E has no value, I is 1, or a of 501 in this word, making a total in the three words of exactly 666.

The ancient Chaldean name of Italy was SATURNIA, for Rome was called "The City of Saturn." The Chaldean numerals in the word Saturn give us the required number. See Chambers' Ency., p.171) S-60; A-0; T-400; U-6; R-200; N-O; a total of 666. King Romulus built Rome 2,600 years ago, his name in Hebrew being ROMIITH. R-200; O-6; M-40; 1-10; I-10; T-400; H-0: a total of 666 (Latin man or church). Greek LATEINOS. L-30; A-1; T-300; E-5; I-10; N-50; 0-70; 5-200; equals 666.

It has only been during comparatively recent years that certain figures have been used and universally adopted among the various nations, and before this was brought about, certain letters in each language had special values placed upon them and were used for numbers but differed in their value in different languages. For instance, in the Latin' V equaled 5, X equaled 10, L, 50, and so on. These values are still retained, and we see them on the faces of many watches and clocks. Letters like N, O' P, A, B, and many others have no value. This is also true in the Hebrew and Greek languages.

Briefly stated, it has been previously set forth, as follows: The Beast, which is a type of the Roman Empire, is identified by it's number 666, both by the Hebrew word "ROMIITII" and the word "SATURNIUS" directly applying to it.

The woman, or church, which was in unison with the beast at this time, is also identified by 666, viz., "LATEINOS.," the Greek word for Latin man, or church, and also in the Latin by the numerical values of the words of the pope "VICARIVS FILII DEI." Thus both parties, united as they were, have been branded so visibly that those with understanding can count the number, as stated in Rev.13:18.

It will also be observed with startling significance, that as these numbers are found in the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew languages, giving the identity of the beast power, that the accusation was written against Jesus at the time of His crucifixion in the same language (Luke 23:38), for it was then that the real warfare commenced, which has since been carried on against the seed of the woman, "that keep the commandments of God, and the testimonies of Jesus." Rev. 12:17.

The Third Angel's, Message is expressly a warning against receiving the Mark of the Beast, and it being clearly evident what the beast power is, we can also determine his mark and how it is received in the forehead (in thought), and in the hand (deed).

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