

Number of the Beast

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on the number of the beast. We are given a warning in Revelation about what will happen if we worship the beast or his image.

Revelation 14:9 - 11

Verse 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Verse 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Verse 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here we are told what will happen; but we are not told what it is. We are given more insight to this in chapter thirteen of Revelation.

Revelation 13: 16 - 18

Verse 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:

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Firstly, we are told here that everyone will be forced to receive this mark in their hands or foreheads, and if you do not you will not have the right to buy or sell. Secondly, we are given a number to identify who this beast is, so let us start with what the number six means.

The number six hundred and sixty-six is a repeated instance of the same digit, in this case the number six. Through the Bible the number six appears to represent unrighteousness. Where the numbers seven and twelve appear to represent righteousness. Some examples of this are the seven seals, trumpets and vials. The first six of all of these are punishments but the seventh ends on a glorious act. There were twelve apostles and one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed Israelites, which is twelve squared. Furthermore, King Solomon received six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold just before building altars for other gods.

Revelation 7:4

Verse 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

I Kings 10:14

Verse 14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

I Kings 11:6 - 9

Verse 6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

Verse 7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

Verse 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

Verse 9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

So, if the number six means unrighteousness, it is fair to assume that the raising of the numerical value of six to tens or hundreds indicates an increase of unrighteousness. In Solomon's case of having other gods before the one true God, his number was six hundred and sixty-six. If this being true, then the number in Revelation should symbolize a similar blasphemy. First, we need to find who fits the profile of the beast and then confirm it by counting his number. To do this we must start in Daniel.

Daniel 7:17 - 25

Verse 17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

Verse 18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Verse 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;

Verse 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.

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

Verse 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.

Verse 23 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.

Verse 24 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.

Verse 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.

In these scriptures four beasts are described and we are told that they symbolize world kingdoms. This was literally fulfilled and four empires ruled the world corresponding to these four beasts. Starting with the Babylonian empire, Medo-Persian empire, Greek empire, and the Roman empire. In Revelation the same beasts are mentioned, only this time they are all amalgamated into one beast.

Revelation 13: 1, 2

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

We believe that this amalgamation is when church and state united in 380 AD. Rome was known for taking on all your different pagan gods and this continued through the Catholic church. These four beasts are symbolic of the paganism adopted by one beast. This beast also is given power to make war for forty and two months.

Revelation 13:5

Verse 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.

We believe that the Bible prophecy states that each day is a year, making this timeline twelve hundred and sixty years.

Numbers 14:34

Verse 34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Ezekiel 4:6

Verse 6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

We believe this furthermore proves who this beast is speaking of in Revelation, because if you count 1260 years from 380 AD it takes you to 1640 AD. This is around the time of the first settlers in America, where Christians fled to escape the persecution from the Catholic church. Thus, we must carefully investigate the man who was closely associated with the beast during this period of time. In doing so we find from the following source the name of the number of the beast.

The Pope or vicar of the son of God, the throne of the Roman Catholic church. The Pope wears a mitre with the inscription 'Vicarius Filii Dei'; which letters amount precisely to six hundred and sixty-six. We are told to count this number to identify the beast; before the invention of figures in the tenth century, the letters of the alphabet had been used as numerals. It was so among Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and we suppose many other nations that every man's name had a numerical value. Spelt in any manner there would be a certain number attached to it. Using this logic we can calculate the inscription 'Vicarius Filii Dei' using the languages in the beast's time frame. In this case we will be using latin or roman numerals, these are the values:

I - 1

V - 5

X - 10
L - 50
C - 100
D - 500
M - 1000

Vicarius was originally spelt 'Vicarivs' so it had two V's, as Latin had no U's.

In that case the numerical values are as shown:

V - 5, I - 1, C - 100, A - 0, R - 0, I - 1, V - 5, S - 0, Total is 112.

F - 0, I - 1, L - 50, I - 1, I - 1, Total is 53.

D - 500, E - 0, I - 1, Total is 501.

Equaling the total of six hundred and sixty-six. We believe that this proves who the beast is and what the third angel is warning us against. We need to be weary of false prophets and teachings, to not be drawn in by pagan religions that speak against the true God. Understanding the numbers allow us to stay awake and avoid unrighteousness. We must be vigilant and keep up the fight by studying and learning the truth.

I Peter 5:8, 9

Verse 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Verse 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

One thing for certain is that we have in the scripture of truth a revelation from God absolute without error.

Whatever difficulties we may encounter in seeking to understand it, they are the outcome of our own infirmities.

Grace be with you.

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