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## 666

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## Topics.

- 666 the beast and the worldwide political system.
- The symbolism of the prostitute woman and the ten-horned beast
- Gematria and isopsephism, the Greek and Latin practice of adding up letters.
- Nero, the vicar (Latin vicarius) of Christ, Lateinos, Romiith, the Pope and 666.
- Hitler, Barak Obama, Prince Charles, Netanyahu, Kissenger, Putin and 666.
- The mark on the forehead or hand and 666 and the number 144,000.
- Moses and a sign on the forehead and the uniqueness of six in Scripture.
- 666 is the number of the global ten-horned beast empire.
- The man of sin and lawlessness, King Solomon and 666.

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## A PERSONAL NOTE

Though I have always loved reading and studying the Scriptures and have now walked with Christ and in God's grace for around fifty years the following studies should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter since I am fully aware that my mind is limited by mortality and that greater understanding of God's revelation is continually becoming clearer before our eyes as we move closer to the time of Christ's glorious return in glory.

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## 666 THE BEAST AND THE WORLDWIDE POLITICAL SYSTEM

- So that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. (Rev. 13:18).

The number 666 is often applied to one of the following identities, the antichrist, the man of sin and lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:1-4), the Pope, the two-horned beast like a lamb (Rev. 13:11) also called the false prophet, but upon careful reading of the verses, it becomes clear that the number applies not to a man, but to the ten-horned beast. It is true that the number 666 is the number of a man, but it specifically applies to the ten-horned beast spoken of in the following verse:

- I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. (Rev. 13:1).

John saw a blasphemous ten horned beast with crowns on each horn with seven heads, rise-up out of the sea (Rev. 13:1), and is told here in this verse that no one can buy or sell unless they have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name and that the number of the beast is the number of a man, which is 666. (Rev. 13:17-18). This number is linked to the ten-horned beast which represents the final latter days worldwide political government, including its global financial banking

system and its global commerce and trade. In chapter seventeen John is given a vision of a great prostitute woman drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus who is arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and on her forehead the name written mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." (Rev. 17:1-6). He sees this woman sitting on a scarlet coloured beast full of blasphemous names that had seven heads and ten horns. (Rev. (17:1-6).

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## THE SYMBOLISM OF THE WOMAN

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The woman symbolizes the Roman Papal Church the Vatican and its Popes and clergy, aligned with every other denomination and religious organisation that corrupts the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary and the Gospel, and those who confess Christ, but are hypocrites and those who teach salvation by works, and adhering to holy days, ceremonial rites, and keeping religious customs and traditions. With the two-horned beast like a lamb (also called the false prophet being the head of this entire religious power.

**NOTE:** It should be mentioned here, though the final Pope and the Vatican with its Cardinals, Bishops, priests and clergy will be the head of this prostitute woman it does not mean that every believer under its umbrella will be judged and condemned. None of us can judge the eternal salvation of an individual, since none of us can see the true motives of the heart, however we can discern the collective spirit of an organisation (secular or religious). It could be likened to saying, "All the world is full of sin," this is a true statement, but it does not mean that every inhabitant dwelling in the world is an evil person.

Though the true church of believers is hidden and dispersed in and amongst the visible outward church, the division that separates the prostitute woman from the true invisible spiritual church are not denominational nor external but can only be spiritually discerned. At this present time God may have a people even in Babylon, but a warning is given to all that expect mercy from God, that they should separate themselves from this latter-day world system signified by the names, the prostitute woman (Rev. 17:5) and Mystery Babylon. (Rev. 18:4-6).

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## THE SYMBOLISM OF THE TEN HORNED BEAST

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The ten-horned beast symbolizes the final secular power of the antichristian ten-horned global beast nations and all nations in league with them. One mighty beast power existing in two distinct forms (religious and secular) closely united, and mutually sustaining each other. (Rev. 17:1-6). With the man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist and son of destruction) (1 John 2:22), being the head of this entire beast power.

These two individual beast powers are so closely linked that they are sometimes seen as one beast. With these facts in mind the number 666 can be taken to embrace this entire beast empire made up of a powerful religious leader and his global religious empire and a powerful secular ruler and his global worldly empire.

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## THE SYMBOLISM OF LETTERS AND NUMBERS

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In ancient Greek, Hebrew and Latin letters were given numbers according to their order in the alphabet. For example, in Greek, Alpha is one, Beta is two and so on, it is a method of numbering commonly practised among the ancients to denote names by numbers.

The statement here is wisdom (Rev. 13:18) implies that the understanding of this name and number is attainable to those with wisdom and understanding. It shows that it is not vain or ridiculous to attempt to search into this mystery, to discover its meaning, but rather that it is by divine authority recommended to do so.

Following are ten clues that help understand the meaning of 666:

1. All of creation was finished prior to the seventh day and on the seventh day God rested (Gen. 2:1-3) so the number seven in Scripture became the number that symbolizes completeness and perfection. In contrast God created man on the sixth day which is the day before the seventh day so in Scripture six became the symbolic number of man and incompleteness, imperfection and of something flawed.
2. Six falls one short of seven the number that is taken to be the perfect number signifying God, perfection and completeness, and is therefore a fitting symbol of something imperfect and defective.
3. Six is a human number that refers to a human entity, not an idol or demon and embraces sin and the embodiment of godlessness and the spirit of self-sufficiency, worldliness human imperfections and failings resulting from sin and imperfection.
4. Being repeated three times emphasizes the imperfection and deficiency, the utter godlessness and tyranny and that it is not limited to a single man, but more likely embraces a human world power or government ruled by many powerful leaders that manifests certain ungodly human traits that powerfully points to one unmistakable conclusion, man's gross shortcoming and failure in the eyes of God. This idea is in harmony with the failure of human rulership throughout history. All world rulers that have attempted to rule the world and establish a New World, have ultimately collapsed, proving that human history is a tale of rulers and governments that failed and a story of aspirations that weren't realized.
5. Three multiplies of six amplifies the ungodliness and the power of man's self-effort to establish a New World Order, which will ultimately be manifested in the combined beast of (Rev. 13:1-2) and (Rev. 17:3-6) that symbolizes the latter days worldwide political system, empowered and controlled by the great dragon that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:2).
6. Goliath the huge Philistine enemy of Israel and a man of great stature who is a symbol of all who are hostile toward God's people had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. (1 Chron. 20:6-7).
7. Immediately after speaking about the number 666, we read in the following chapter of the 144,000 followers of the Lamb who have his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads (Rev. 14:1). The number 144,000 symbolises those who belong to God and His Son and faithfully serve him. In contrast to the number 144,000 the number 666 symbolises those who belong to the beast and who serve him. It is a symbol that identifies its bearer as one who gives worshipful support to the beastlike political systems of the world whether the mark is on the right hand or on the forehead.
8. Those having the mark of the beast give worshipful honour to the final global political beast empire and its wealth and military might, to which they look for hope and a better world rather than look to God and worship Him.

- They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" (Revelation 13:4).
- All who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. (Revelation 13:8).

In contrast to these the Bible urges us not:

- To put trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. (Ps. 146:3).
9. 666 is the neighbour to the sacred number seven but is severed from it by an impassable gulf. It is the number of the world given over to judgment. It is interesting to notice that there is a pause between the sixth and seventh seals, and the sixth and seventh trumpets and that the six judgments on the world are completed by the fulfilment of seventh judgment, when the kingdom of the world becomes the Kingdom of Christ.
  10. The number seven is the perfect number and three 777 correlates to the holy trinity of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, while 666 is an imperfect number that consistently falls short of 777, therefore a triple 666 correlates to the unholy trinity, Satan, the Beast and the False Prophet and being one short of seven is a fitting symbol of something imperfect and defective.
  11. King Solomon after taking the throne of Israel upon his father David's death, became extremely wealthy, partly due to the heavy taxation he unwisely imposed on the Israelites, and because gold came to him through a variety of ways that made him the richest man alive.

Every year he received a total of 666 talents of gold. (1 Kings 10:14-15), showing that he loved worldly riches. An, observant scholar notes: John who also wrote the book of Revelation and warns believers not to love the things of world and separate themselves from man's system mentions the word "world" six times in this warning to those in God's Kingdom:

- Do not love the WORLD or the things in the WORLD. If anyone loves the WORLD, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the WORLD — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the WORLD. <sup>17</sup>And the WORLD is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17). (ESV).
12. Nebuchadnezzar the great King of Babylon set up a golden image in the plain of Dura. He commanded all who he ruled over to worship it or else be thrown into a furnace of fire. The idol was sixty cubits high and six cubits wide (Dan. 3:1) and six distinct musical instruments are mentioned and when played all who heard the music were to fall-down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. (Dan. 3:5).

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## OVERVIEW

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Six falls one short of seven the perfect number and is therefore a symbol of something incomplete, defective, godless, worldliness and as such fittingly symbolises human imperfections and failings resulting from sin. It is the neighbour of the sacred number seven but is severed from it by an impassable gulf and a symbol that identifies its bearer as one who looks for hope and trusts the latter days beastlike political systems of the world rather than look to God and worship Him. Seven being repeated three times 777 correlates to the holy trinity of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, while 666 correlates to the unholy trinity, Satan, the

Beast and the False Prophet. The triple six emphasizes the power of man's self-effort to establish a New World Order that will be manifested in the combined global beast empire of (Rev. 13:1-2) and (Rev. 17:3-6) that is influenced by the great dragon that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:2).

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## GEMATRIA AND ISOPSEPHISM

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Gematria is the Greek practice of adding up the letters in someone's name, in Latin this practice is called "isopsephism." Each letter in the Greek language has a numeral equivalent, by adding up the letters you get the total number of the name. Some have identified the final world ruler the man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist and son of destruction) (1 John 2:22) as various people in world history. Some of the most popular names have been:

- Caesar Nero and Ronald Wilson.
- Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.
- Various popes in Roman Catholic history.

The number 666 has been applied to many other names, the reason for this is that if enough mathematical gymnastics are employed virtually any name can be made to add up to 666 and those who have a strong biased will go to great lengths to get a person's name to add up to 666. For this reason, there have been over the years many names amongst commentators of great and ungodly men (secular and religious) that added up to the number 666 that have come and gone. What we can be certain of is that it must be some Greek or Hebrew name, that embraces qualities of the beast and contains the exact number six hundred and sixty-six. Following are the most likely names that have been put forth:

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## NERO

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The letters in Greek for "Nero" (Neron) add up to 1005. However, if the Greek letters for Nero Caesar (Neron Kaisar) are transliterated into Hebrew (nrwn qsr), the letter numbers add up to 666 (50 + 200 + 6 + 50 + 100 + 60 + 200 = 666). He proclaimed his supposed divinity on coins, identifying him as the Saviour of the World; murdered his own mother; blamed Christians for the fire and justified the horror he inflicted upon hundreds of first century Christians who proclaimed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. For these reasons many interpreters considered him to be the antichrist of (Rev. 13), it is certainly true that he can be taken to be a type of antichrist, but not the final man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (an antichrist and son of destruction) (1 John 2:22) who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god. (2 Thess. 2:1-4). Following are other names that have been put forth:

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## THE VICAR OF CHRIST

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The Vicar (Latin Vicarius) of Christ a title used of the Pope of Rome as successor of Peter and of bishops and priests in general. The word, "vicarious," (vicar) from various dictionaries means standing in the place of another and serving as their substitute. It carries the idea of one person having sympathetic participation in another's persons experiences performing the functions normally performed by another. It refers to a person who serves in the place of the another and assumes his power of office while he is unavailable or away. When applied to the Pope it also carries the idea of him setting himself up as the head representative of Christ on earth and the head Vicar, authority and representative of all churches.



The Catholic Church of Rome was commonly known as the Latin Church for the following reasons:

- Latin and Greek were the official languages of the Roman Empire, but other languages were important regionally. Latin was the original language of the Romans and remained the language of imperial administration, legislation, and the military throughout the classical period.
- The ancient Greek word for people speaking Latin was Lateinos, therefore the council of Trent commanded Latin to be the only authentic version of the Bible which their scribes and bishops preferred to the Hebrew and Greek language that the prophets and apostles wrote the Scriptures in.
- The Pope spoke his native language Latin to the people under his dominion and as a result Latin became the mark and character of his empire and the people choose to be called Romans and Roman Catholics
- Latin is the official language of the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church and the official language of Church Documents are usually published first in Latin, and then translated from the Latin into other languages.
- Their services were always in the Latin tongue; their Bible is kept in that language and papal councils spoke in Latin and women prayed in Latin.
- After the division of the Roman empire into West and East, the Greeks and other orientalists called the people of the Western Roman Papal Church, Latins and they Latinized everything (i.e., made people conform to the ideas and customs of the ancient Romans, the Latin people, and the Latin Church), such as Mass, prayers, hymns, litanies, canons, decretals, bulls, which in past times were all written and spoken in Latin.

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The numerical value of each letter of the word Lateinos the ancient Greek word for people speaking Latin adds up to 666.

**Lateinos:** refers to a person speaking Latin, and in the Latin language contains the exact number 666.

L ----- 30  
A ----- 1  
T ----- 300  
E ----- 5  
I ----- 10  
N ----- 50  
O ----- 70  
S ----- 200  
666

**Romiith:** in Hebrew means, "the Roman Kingdom," and in the Hebrew language contains the exact number 666.

R ----- 200  
O ----- 6  
M ----- 40  
I ----- 10  
I ----- 10  
TH --- 400  
666

**Romiti:** in Hebrew means a Roman man and, also contains the exact number 666.

R ----- 200  
O ----- 6  
M ----- 40  
I ----- 10  
T ----- 400  
I ----- 10  
666

Though the relationship of 666 in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew indicates that the title: "the two-horned beast like a lamb that rose out of the earth and spoke like a dragon," (Rev. 13:11), may refer to the Papacy is it does not by itself proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that it is, since 666 can fit many other people using the same methods. It is claimed by many (especially those that have a strong distain for the Papal Church that the following titles of the Papal Church all add up to 666.

- Italika Ekklesia (Latin: Italian church).
- Vicarius Filii Dei: (Latin: vicar of God's Son).
- Dux Cleri (Latin: head of clergy).
- Helatine Basileia (Greek: Latin Kingdom)
- Lateinos (Greek: Latin-speaking man).

The problem with the mathematics used in making these titles add up to 666 is that the letters are not always given the same numerical value. To get all these titles to add up to 666, letters are given different numerical value, as the following shows.

I = 10 and at other times =1, while A = 1 and at other times at other times = 0

L = 30 and at other times = 50, while E = 5 and at other times 8 or 0

S = 0 and at other times = 200, while L = 50 and at other times 30

It is easy to see that by using mathematical gymnastics many names can be made to add up to 666. Evidencing this statement, is the fact that various scholars have shown that the names in the following list all add up to the number 666.

- **Caesar:** and various Roman emperors.
- **The Pope:** of the Roman Catholic Church.
- **Hitler:** Führer of Nazi Germany.
- **Barak Obama:** President of the United States from 2009 - 2017.
- **Prince Charles:** the oldest and longest-serving heir apparent in British history.
- **Netanyahu:** Prime minister of Israel.
- **Kissenger:** Henry Alfred Kissinger appointed Secretary of State by President Richard Nixon and served in the position from 1973 - 1977.
- **Putin:** Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin former intelligence officer now serving as President of Russia since 2012.
- **Gerald Celente:** founded the Trends forecast group in 1980, mostly predicting the coming economic doom and the crash of the economy and the US dollar.



- **Recep Erdogan:** the mayor of Istanbul from 2003 to 2014 who became the 12th president of Turkey in 2014 claiming to be a moderate Muslim.
- **Rahm Emanuel:** Bill Clintons finance committee director in 1991. He had strong ties to the state of Israel and Jewish' donors, and became senior advisor at the White House, while Wal-Street elites Robert Rubin and Henry Paulson were promoted to the Treasury.

Clearly by using a person's title, changing their name into Latin, Greek or Hebrew or using their first, second or third name or common nickname numerous names can be made to fit the number 666.

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## THE MARK ON THE FOREHEAD OR HAND AND 666

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In the book of Revelation John tells us that the two-horned beast like lamb that spoke as a dragon (Rev. 13:11):

- Causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast (the ten-horned beast) (v1) or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast (the ten-horned beast), for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. (Revelation 13:16-18).

These verses clearly show that the number 666 is linked to the financial system of the world, since without it no one will be able to buy or sell. This means that though the number is the number of a man, it does not refer to a single man, but to the financial global money system of the world. The number 666 highlight the truth that this is man's system not God's, this, is why it is given the number of a man. the number refers to the ten-horned beast empire and its global financial system of trade. Supporting this idea is Revelation chapter eighteen in which the entire focus is the fall of the world's financial money system as the following verses show.

- Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! (Rev. 18:2) that glorified herself and lived in luxury. (Rev. 18:7).
- The merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore. (Rev. 18:11) and those who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning (Rev. 18:15).
- All whose trade is on the sea, stood far off and cried "Alas, alas," for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in a single hour she has been laid waste. (Rev. 18:17-19).

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## NUMBER 666 AND THE NUMBER 144,000

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One hundred and forty-four thousand, is the unique number used to symbolise this vast host of the true church, it signifies the great growth of faithful followers (Jews and Gentiles) from the twelve tribes and the twelve apostles that will continue to multiply and will continue to do so until Christ returns in glory. Those in Christ are said to have the name of God on their foreheads, signifying that they are saved into God's Kingdom and redeemed by the Lamb, and as such are his faithful witnesses who are sealed for eternal life by Christ's love and God's grace.

In contrast to this mankind without God has the number six, since he was created on the sixth day, while the number of the final ungodly beast empire, symbolised by the ten horns and Mystery Babylon is six hundred and sixty-six and the followers of this beast empire have the name of the beast which is also 666 (Rev. 13:7), symbolising that they belong to it.

Immediately after speaking about the number 666, we read of the 144,000 followers of the Lamb who have his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads (Rev. 14:1). This means that the name identifies who a person chooses to belong to and willingly exalt as their king.

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## MOSES AND A SIGN ON THE FOREHEAD

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Moses told the people of Israel:

- To lay up his words in their heart and in their soul, and to bind them as a sign on their hand, to be as frontlets between their eyes. (Deut. 11:18).

Frontlets comes from the Hebrew word (*towphaphah*) meaning to go around or bind; a fillet for the forehead, it carries the idea of tying something around the head. In the context of Moses words, it means commit God's word to the mind and heart so that there is always an awareness of what is right before God and what is not. It means have God's law so firmly implanted in the mind by memory and the heart by love that all outward behaviour is filtered and governed by them, so that one's outward life is seen by all to be so godly that it could be rightly said that they have God's name written within their forehead (i.e., in the mind), and figuratively said that they God's name is outwardly written upon their forehead. Legalistic Jews totally missed the spiritual meaning of Moses words, and instead wrote Scripture on pieces of paper and placed them in small boxes they had fixed to a leather strap and bound it around their head or on their arm. In this way they could live as they pleased and still be obeying the words of Moses (or at least they thought they could). Bind them on your forehead and right hand, did not mean that the Israelites were to literally mark their hands and foreheads, but that God's words would guide all their actions and thoughts. Likewise, rather than 666 being a literal number or name tattooed, on those who follow beast empire, it symbolically refers to and identifies those who willing embrace the latter days ungodly political system of the beast empire which is in opposition to God and agreeably and enthusiastically allow it to rule their lives.

- Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup>he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. (Rev. 14:9).
- I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup>And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup>And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. (Rev. 19:19-21).

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## THE UNIQUENESS OF SIX IN SCRIPTURE

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- Man was created on the sixth day and under the sixth seal there is a great earthquake (Rev. 6:12) just prior to Jesus return in glory.
- Jesus was crucified on the sixth day and the last suffering of the church began under the sixth seal and the sixth trumpet.
- Six multiplied three times is the number of the greatest triumph of the powers of the world, but at the same time verges on seven when its utter destruction takes place.
- 666 is neighbour to the sacred number seven but is severed from it by an impassable gulf.

- The sixth seal and sixth trumpet are presented as being on the verge of the seventh seal and as such symbolises the world power's being on the verge of achieving a New World Order, and at the same time also being on the verge of its utter destruction.
- There is a pause between the sixth and seventh seals, and the sixth and seventh trumpets and the six judgments on the world are completed by the fulfilment of the seventh judgment, when the kingdom of the world becomes the Kingdom of Christ.

These facts show that it is not by chance that the number of the beast empire is the number of a man which is 666. (Rev. 13:18), symbolizing that it is a godless empire.

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## 666 IS THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST

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Though the number is the number of a man, it does not apply to a man, but to the beast empire that was wounded (which was Rome) and yet lived. In chapter thirteen we read that the beast with two horns like a lamb that spoke like a dragon will deceive the inhabitants of the earth into making an image for the beast that was wounded (Rome) and yet lived and to be to be marked on the right hand or the forehead so that no one can buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast that was wounded (Rome) and the name and number of this beast that was wounded (Rome) which is 666 the number of a man. (Rev. 13:11-18).

The first beast, whose mortal wound was healed refers to pagan Rome the forth beast of Daniel's interpretation of the great metal image king Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream (Dan. 2:36-45) which was bought to ruin, but from its ruins rose Papal Rome and in the latter days the ten-horned beast empire (symbolized by the ten toes of Daniels vision) (Dan. 2:41-45). These two in the latter days will be manifested as one combined religious and secular global beast empire. In Revelation chapter seventeen John was given a vision in which he saw the following two great entities:

1. firstly, a great prostitute woman drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and on her forehead the name written mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." (Rev. 17:1-6).
2. secondly, a scarlet beast full of blasphemous names that had seven heads and ten horns (Rev. 17:3) (this is the beast, that was and is not and is to come) and the beast that the great prostitute woman was sitting on. These two entities are so closely linked that they are sometimes seen as one beast.

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## THE GREAT PROSTITUTE WOMAN

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Primarily symbolizes the Roman Papal Church, the Vatican and its cardinals and clergy, but is not limited to the Papal Church only, but embraces all denominations and religious organizations that twist and distort the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are religious hypocrites and teach salvation by works (i.e., observing to holy days, keeping ceremonial rites and adhering to religious customs and traditions).

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## THE TEN HORNS

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Symbolizes the final latter day global political world government made up of ten nations or an alliance of ten sovereign nations or countries, (perhaps something like NATO today). Combined and consolidated these two powers form one mighty beast power existing in two distinct forms (religious and secular) closely united, and mutually sustaining each other. (Rev. 17:1-6). Throughout history human rulership and mankind's world leaders and unified governments that have attempted to rule the world and establish a New World, has ultimately collapsed. History is a tale of rulers that failed and of aspirations that weren't realized.

The man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist and son of destruction) (1 John 2:22) will strive to achieve a New World of peace and even claim to be a god, but, just as the number six falls short of the number seven, so will the man of sin and lawlessness and his ten-horned beast empire with its trinity of 666 fail in his effort to bring about a utopia world.

The number 666 can be broken up in the following three ways:

1. The first six embraces worldwide false religion under the lead of the two-horned beast like a lamb (also called the false prophet).
2. The second six embraces the antichristian governments of this world
3. The third six embraces man's self-centred, economic, financial, commercial money-making system.

The beast's number-name 666 encodes the amalgamated and combined characteristics of the multifactorial beast that John saw rising out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads that was like a leopard, with feet like a bear's and mouth like a lion's that the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority to. (Rev. 13:1-2).

This beast empire symbolizes the worldwide political system, empowered and controlled by the great dragon that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:2).

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## THE MAN OF SIN AND LAWLESSNESS

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Will be an ungodly prideful global world ruler who has great authority, wealth and military might and vainly promises a world of happiness and peace without faith and without knowledge of God and by these empty promises deceives the inhabitants of the earth into openly and willingly giving their allegiance and favour to his ungodly beast empire. Those whose names are writing in the Lambs Book of Life understand that human nature is infected with an incurable disease called sin, that can only be healed by faith in Christ will not be disillusioned by the man of sin and lawlessness appealing messages, but will remain true to their faith, their Saviour and their King.

Though the beast empire will be headed by a dominant religious leader and a dominant secular ruler, the entire beast empire (including its two heads) will consist of a global religious and economic and political system engineered by the great dragon, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:2) and his servants and not a single individual.

**It is interesting to notice:** in the book of kings, we read:

- The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold. (1 Kings 10:14).

John in the book of Revelation stated that the number of the beast, is the number of a man, and his number is 666. (Rev. 13:18), if we apply this to Solomon the number is linked to money, so the number 666 applies to mammon (i.e., wealth regarded as an evil influence or false object of worship and devotion). Jesus told his disciples:

- No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Matt. 6:24) (Luke 16:13).

Widely applied the triple repetition of the number 666 means this beast represents the world's unified governments based on human authority in opposition to God and amplifies the fact that the underlying spirit of this final beast empire will be the love of money and excess profit and the pursuit of it, and symbolizes widespread lawlessness, worldliness, atheism and sin.

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## EVE AND A BEAUTIFUL TREE

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It should always be kept in mind, that the tree Eve ate of did not appear harmful, corrupted or poisonous in any way, if it had she would never have eaten of it, but rather when she looked at it she saw a tree that was good for food, and that was a delight to the eyes, and a tree that was to be desired to make one wise. (Gen. 3:6), likewise the final beast empire will appear to the eyes of the world as something good and to be desired.

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## A PRINCIPLE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

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Though faithful Christians recognize that human rulership is often beastlike, they subject themselves to the governmental superior authorities, as the Bible directs. (Rom. 13:1), except when such authorities command them to act contrary to God's law, in those ungodly circumstances they obey God as ruler rather than man. (Acts 5:29).

**NOTE:** what I have presented here in this chapter should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter since I am fully aware greater understanding of God's revelation is continually becoming clearer before our eyes as we move closer to the time of Christ's glorious return in glory.

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## FOOTNOTE

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