

*“The Mark of the Beast - 666”
Revelation 13:11-18*

Revelation 13:11–18 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.

I doubt any part of the Book of Revelation is questioned, talked about, made into movies both “Christian” movies and horror movies ----

MORE than this passage ...

666 is one of the most famous, or infamous numbers in the Bible ---- it has a phobia named for the fear of it – a 29 letter fear -

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Yet, there is much more to this passage than that number, and the Number must be understood in context, of this passage and all Scripture -

I. *The Second Beast described –*

1. *Another beast –*

¹¹ Then I saw another beast... Revelation 13:11 A

An animal in God's eyes, rather than a full human being, and not the best of animals, but rather something ferocious, something that does not THINK with truly human humble-before-God thoughts ...

A. *Nebuchadnezzar is described in Daniel 7, first as a lion, but one given the heart of a man -*

³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. Daniel 7:3–4 (NKJV)

B. *This was because he (Nebuchadnezzar) was humbled and recognized the sovereignty of God –*

³⁴ And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *is* from generation to generation. ³⁵ All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and *among* the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?" Daniel 4:34–35 (NKJV)

Unlike Nebuchadnezzar the Revelation 13 beasts are not humbled, they do NOT recognize, but rather blaspheme the true God –

and on his heads a blasphemous name. Revelation 13:1

⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. Revelation 13:5-6

2. *Beasts vs the people of God, are also described in Zechariah, as horns –*
18 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. 19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these?” So he answered me, “These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.” 20 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. 21 And I said, “What are these coming to do?” So he said, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up *their* horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.” Zechariah 1:18–21 (NKJV)

3. *Earth could imply false Israel instead of sea - the gentile community or from the church (false church) rather than the secular community –*
... coming up out of the earth...Revelation 13:11 B

This goes along with the second beast being described –

4. *Like a lamb in appearance, a religious leader –*
... and he had two horns like a lamb ...Revelation 13:11 C

Throughout the Book of Revelation Jesus is described as the Lamb, Satan will pretend to be Christ or a Messiah figure –

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. Matthew 7:15 (NKJV)

Not a prince, or political leader, but a prophet (a false prophet) using persuasion more than power!

5. *Dragon speech, lies – John 8:44*
... and spoke like a dragon. Revelation 13:11 D

John 8:44 (NKJV)

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

6. *A propagandist or worship leader for the First Beast, whose deadly wound was healed, he / it performs great deceptive signs, involving an image of the first beast –*

¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. Revelation 13:12-14

A. *This could be one man, some have thought the Pope, or I believe it could be the entire TV / internet media promoting a religion like evolution or human caused catastrophic global warming, ... Televisions / computers, smart phones could be the image of the beast that talks – Revelation 13:15*

... that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Revelation 13:15 B

B. *Lies about faith / religion are a wide-ranging thing, many believe the saying “God helps those who help themselves” is in the Bible, it is NOT!*

The truth is God helps those who cannot help themselves, and they know they cannot – Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:13, Romans 3:10-11!

Matthew 5:3–4 (NKJV)

**³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.**

Luke 18:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’

Romans 3:10–11 (NKJV) ¹⁰ As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

c. Here with the lies, are also seeming miracles –

¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast ... Revelation 13:13-14 A

Revelation 13:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

II. Law, if you do not worship the beast (the 1st) –

1. You be killed –

... that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Revelation 13:15 B

2. The mark of the beast is needed to buy or sell (law) –

¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:16-17

III. Figuring 666 -

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. **Revelation 13:18**

1. *Some believe the Greek / Hebrew use of letters for numbers result in "Caesar Nero" yet this method can make many different people fit ... Hitler fit, Titus fit, others fit... 1 John 2:18*

1 John 2:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2. *I prefer seeing 6 symbolically, biblically – Man was created on the six day - 666 is an emphasis Man, Man, Man, without God! 777 in the Book of Revelation represents the perfection of God's Kingdom. 666 man's kingdom and how it FALLS SHORT of God's glory –*

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

3. *This "man, man, man" idea fits with man and governments being called beasts, a man who denies God, has to also deny the image of God, this is a philosophy that distinguishes God's people from the ungodly on many levels*

A. *Taking the Bible & prayer out of schools - **Romans 1:28**, is a secular, non-Christian things to do.*

*It divides Christians from non-believers as believers definitely want their children to learn God's Word and laws – **Leviticus 10:11; Deuteronomy 6:6-7***

Removing God from our thoughts, thinking, philosophy, leads lawlessness, and the promotion of IMMORALITY -

Romans 1:28–32 (NKJV)

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Of course, Bible-believing Christians are against this –

Leviticus 10:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.”

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (NKJV) ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

*B. The sanctity of human life means man is different, more valuable than an animal! Making of laws like those protecting eagle’s feathers, or eggs, or other wildlife yet denying any protection of unborn babies, or talking about tree justice... is part of an evolutionary, anti-God, philosophy, 666 - man, man, man without God, a mere beast! Not more important, or as important as animals. **Genesis 1:26-28***

Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV) ²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

C. *Man made global warming, man controls the weather, just send politicians enough money, make laws that allow them private jets but restrict ordinary folks to bicycles, or walking, we are animals, we can live in the jungle, without clothing ... the filling & subduing of the earth and dominion mentioned in **Genesis 1:28** is the main thing this Satanic fiction opposes!*

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

D. *God did not create us male and female, there is no design in gender, no, we human beings are OUR OWN designers we can choose our gender, out of an almost unlimited number of possibilities – this is 666 - man, man, man – without God! God made us male and female, with a design and purpose for each gender – **Genesis 1:27***

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

*Right hand or forehead – deeds, thoughts – Maybe a literal mark, maybe not? – A certain mindset or world view will make you more likely to take the Mark of the Beast. Laws can be written a godly person cannot abide, see **Daniel 3 & 6**, the godly person refuses the mark!*

Daniel 3 Nebuchadnezzar makes a great image of gold, a distortion of his earlier dream –

When music is played persuasion, you must bow to it!

If you do not bow when the music played, you will be thrown into the fiery furnace POWER!

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

If we don't take the mark of the beast, we won't be able to buy and sell....

Money / wealth is the soft music...

If we don't take the mark we will be KILLED!

Yet, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, if we obey and trust God, not men, in the end we will live ...

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