

Rev 13 *Two Beasts:*

One from Land, One from Sea.



NUMBER OF THE BEAST

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Rev 13:1-10 The SEA Beast

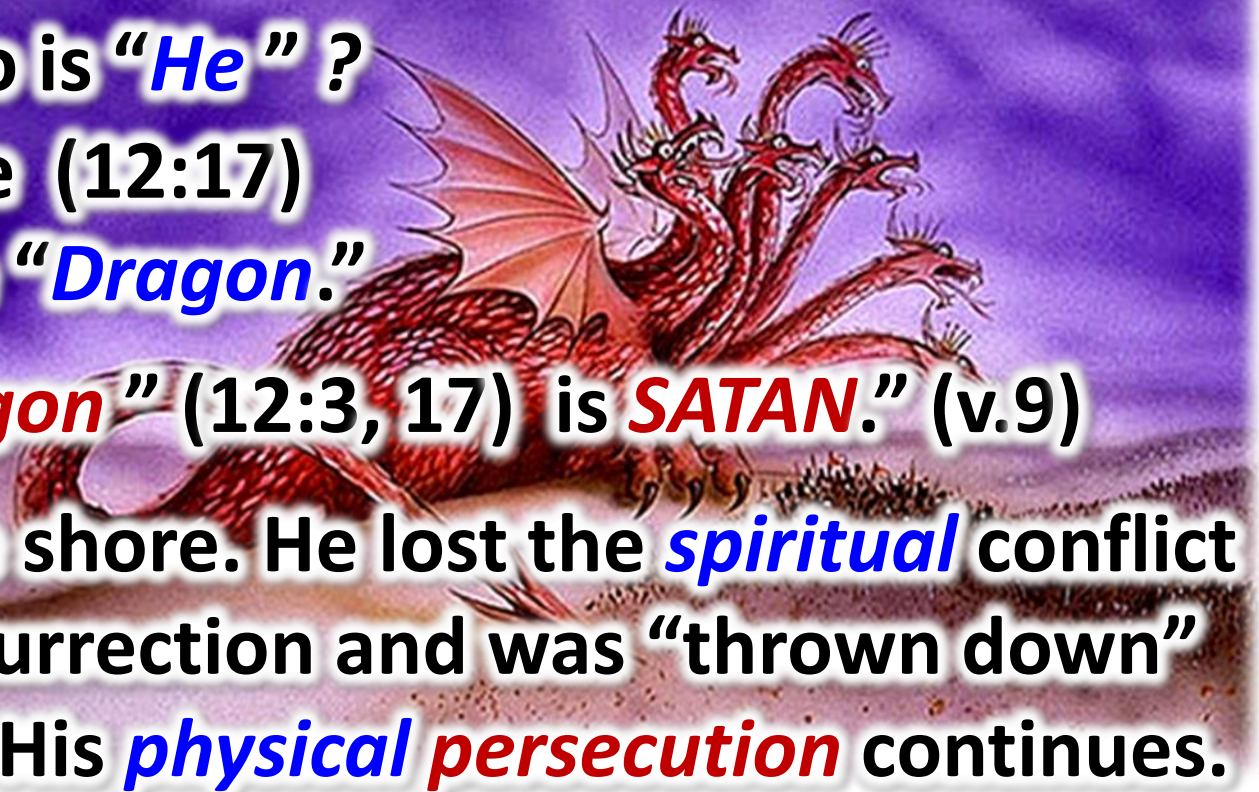
Rev 13:1 *And He* stood on the sand of the seashore

He stood : who is “*He*” ?

The prior verse (12:17)
says this is the “*Dragon*.”

This “*Red Dragon*” (12:3, 17) is *SATAN*.” (v.9)

Satan is on the shore. He lost the *spiritual* conflict
at Christ’s resurrection and was “thrown down”
to earth. Now His *physical persecution* continues.



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Rev 13:1 Then I saw a **beast** coming up
out of **the sea**

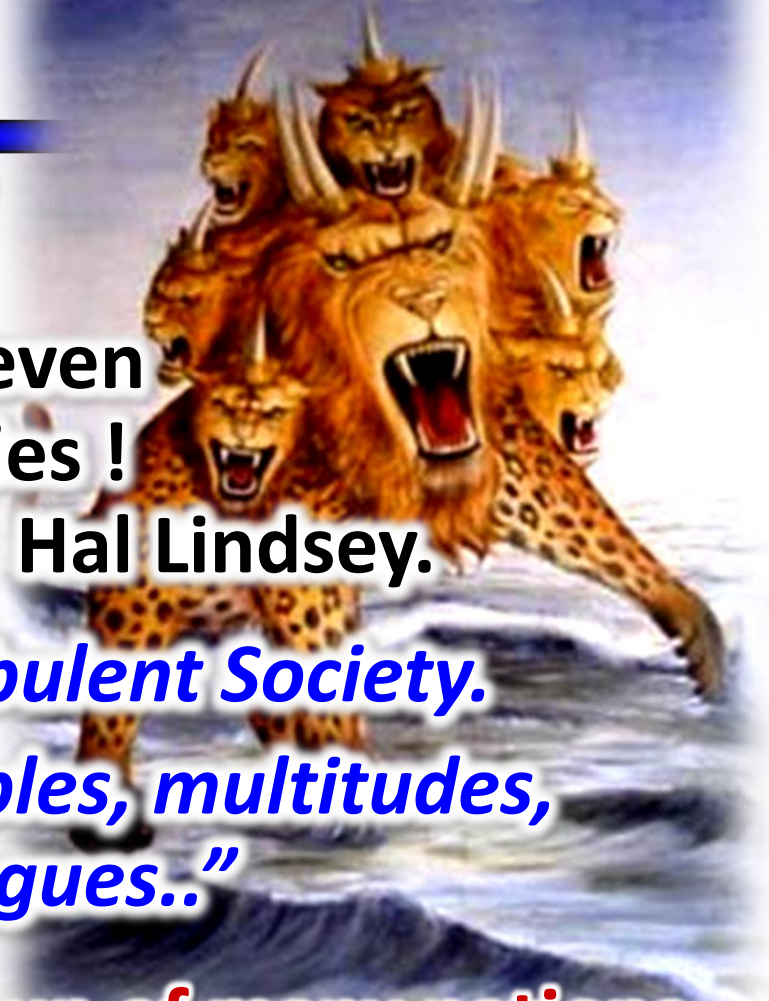
Sea Beast: *Roman Empire !*

Widely agreed to be ROME, even
in view of different theologies !
Hailey; McGuiggan, Ogden; Hal Lindsey.

Out of the sea: *Restless, Turbulent Society.*

(Rev 17:15) *“Waters are peoples, multitudes,
nations and tongues..”*

Barnes: *Roman army made up of many nations.*



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Rev 13:1 Beast having 10 horns and 7 heads...

Seven heads : Sea beast is Rome.

And “The seven heads are symbolic of his complete power & authority in the realm of his rule.” *Art Ogden,*

See also McGuiggan.

Dual fulfillment seen in chapter 17

Seven Mountains: These are the hills of Rome

(Rev 17:9) McGuiggan, Ogden, Hailey,
IVP commentary all agree.

(Rev 17:10) And are seven kings...



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Rev 13:1 Beast coming up *out of the sea* having 10 horns and 7 heads and on its horns were 10 diadems

Ten horns : (Cf Rev 17:12) “And the *ten horns* that you saw are ten kings...they give their power to the beast.” **That’s the Bible!**

- **Tributary kings** who served the Roman Empire, as in Asia Minor. *Ogden & McGuiggan agree.*
- **Ten diadems**: The Ruler’s crown. “The symbol of kingly or imperial rule.” Vines. p134



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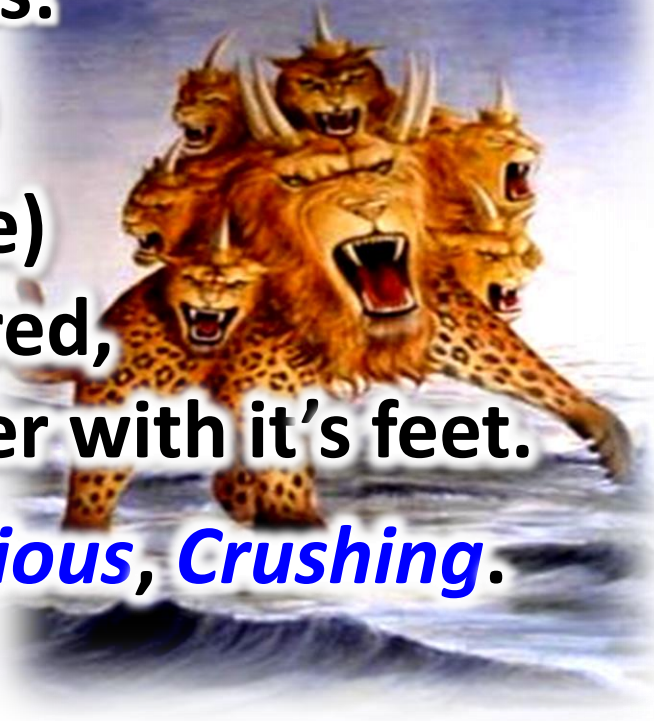
Rev 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, & his feet were like those of a bear, & his mouth like the mouth of a lion.

Was like a leopard— *Speed*. (Hab 1:8) “Their horses are swifter than leopards:”

Feet like a bear: Strong. The 4th Beast in Dan 7:7 (Roman Empire) was extremely strong, it devoured, crushed and trampled remainder with it's feet.

Mouth like a lion: Deadly, ferocious, Crushing.

Joel 1:6; 2 Tim 4:17)



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And the dragon [Satan] gave him his power and his throne & great authority.

The dragon:
Satan (Rev 12:9)



Roman
Persecution



Dragon gave him his throne — *Seat of authority*

Vines p.134 a. Civil government was not evil in its origin (Rom 13:4) b. But became evil & used persecution—directed by Satan.

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Rev 13:3 I saw *one of his heads* as if it had been slain & his *fatal wound was healed*

“As if it had been slain:

- a. *Lamb* looked slain & was, but didn't stay that way. (5:6)
- b. *Sea Beast* looked as if slain (13:3) didn't stay that way.



The death of Nero dealt a severe blow to the empire, which was immediately thrown state of anarchy and confusion. Order was restored by Vespasian. Hailey

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Rev 13:3 *His fatal wound was healed.* And the whole earth was amazed & followed the beast..

In the turmoil following Nero, 3 men were put forward as emperors then suicided or were murdered.



Galba rules 8 months— murdered

Otho rules 3 months— suicided

Vitellius rules 11 months— murdered

Vespasian brought order & “healed” the Empire



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Rev 13:4 the [whole world] worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the [Sea] Beast ...

They worshiped the beast—

The Imperial Cult: To The emperor's [spirit of] genius.

A priesthood was adopted.

Bulls were sacrificed to the emperor, Temples were built,

and oaths taken in his name—and

failure to do so under Domitian was treason.



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Rev 13:5 There was given to him [Sea Beast] a mouth speaking *arrogant words & blasphemies*, & authority to act *for 42 months* was given to him.

42 months temple courts trodden (Rev 11:2)

1260 days two witnesses prophesy. (Rev 11:3)

1260 days woman was protected by God (Rev 12:6)

Time, Times & ½ time Woman nourished (Rev 12:14)

All = 3 ½ years!

Persecution will last a while, but not forever

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Rev 13:6 And he [*Sea Beast*] opened his mouth *in blasphemies against God*, to blaspheme *His name* and His *tabernacle*, *that is*, those *who dwell in heaven*.

“The Christian idea of a special providence is nonsense, an insult to the deity.”

“Christians are like a council of frogs in a marsh or a synod of worms on a dunghill.. croaking & squeaking, ‘For our sakes was the world created.’ ” Roman philosopher, Celsus



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Rev 13:6 And he [Sea Beast] opened his mouth *in blasphemies against God,*

“The qualifications for conversion are ignorance & childish timidity. Like all quacks they gather a crowd of slaves, children, women and idlers.” Celsus



“It is much more reasonable to believe that each part of the world has its own special deity; and prophets had appeared in more places than one.” Celsus

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Rev 13:7 It was also given to him *to make war with the saints and to overcome them*, and authority over every tribe & people & tongue & nation was given to him.

To make war with the saints: Roman Persecution

Dan 7:21 "I kept looking, and that horn *was waging war with the saints and overpowering* them.

And to overcome them—

Saints are *persecuted but continue* (Dan 2⁴⁴)

Judgment is *passed in favor of saints* (Dan 7²²)

Roman empire would *eventually fall* (Rev 18²¹)



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Rev 13:8 *“All who dwell on the earth will worship Him...”*

v.8 All who *dwell on the earth*

“All the ‘civilized’ earth, all that was under a mighty empire.” (IVP)

Col 1:6 The gospel *“Which has come to you, just as in all the world”*

[The] reference is to be understood in terms of the Graeco-Roman world, for this was the civilized world in New Testament times. UBS



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Rev 13:8 “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world...*”

God has foreknowledge: (Ps 139:16) “My days were written n Your book *before there was one.*
(Acts 2:23) Christ was nailed to the cross by the plan & *foreknowledge* of God.

Foreknowledge does not MAKE us saved or lost.

(Rev 22:17) “Let him who is *thirsty* come & take freely...” (Phil 2:12) “*Work out* your own salvation with fear & trembling.”

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Rev 13:8 All who dwell on earth shall worship him, everyone whose name has NOT been written from the foundation of the world *in the book of life of the Lamb* who has been slain.

In the book of life: God's list of the saved. (Rev 3:5; 20:15)

There is Security in Christ: (John 10:28)

None shall snatch them out of my hand.

NOT *impossibility of Apostasy*: 1 Cor 8:11 *ruined* 9:27 *disqualified*; Gal 5:4 *fallen from grace*; Heb 6:6 *fallen away*; 2 Pet 2:20 *entangled & overcome*.

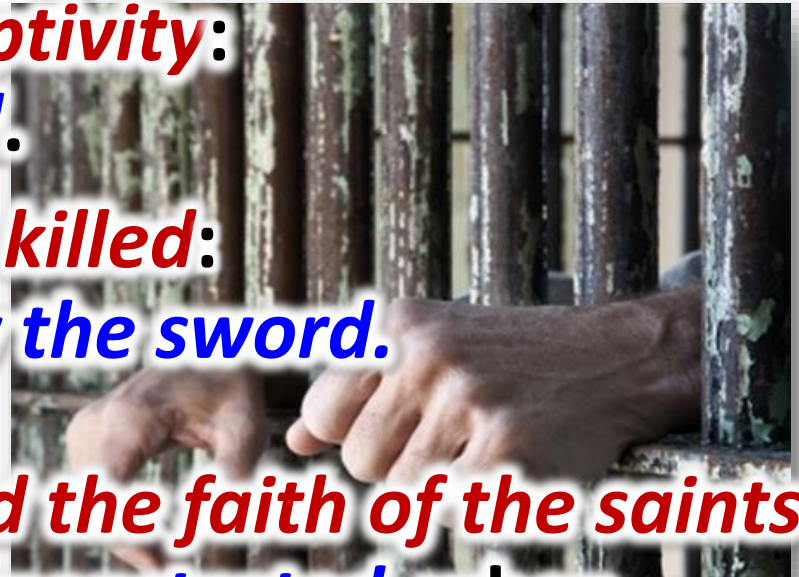
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Rev 13:10 *If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.*

If anyone is destined for captivity:
Saints may be imprisoned.

If anyone kills.. He must be killed:
(Mat 26:52) *Shall perish by the sword.*

Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints
Here is faithfulness *demonstrated* when
under trial (Rom 5:3; Rev 2:10)



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Rev 13:11-18 The *EARTH* Beast

Rev 13:11 Then I saw *another beast coming up out of the earth* & he had *two horns like a lamb* and he spoke as a dragon.

Beast coming up out of the earth

Beside the Sea Beast & its *origin wasn't heavenly!*

He had two horns like a lamb: But spoke *like a dragon. Deceptive* — looks one way but acts another! (Mat 7:15) Sheep's clothing.



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Rev 13:12 “He [*Earth Beast*] exercises *all the authority of the first [Sea] beast* in his presence..”

All the authority of the first beast: The persecuting Roman Gov't. (v.2)

Earth beast makes mankind to worship *Sea beast: Rome.*
Earth beast called a “*False Prophet*” (Rev 19:20; 16;13; 20:10)



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Rev 13:12 And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed...

v.13 He performs *great signs*: *Who's 2nd Beast?*

False miracles (2 Thes 2:9)

v.14 He *deceives men* because of the signs: *Trickery (Eph 4:14)*

v.14 *Make an image of beast*:
Encourages idolatry

v.15 He *gives breath* to the image that the image might **SPEAK**: *Heathen Oracles (Pulpit)*

v.15 **Worship Caesar** or be killed: *Persecution.*



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Rev 13:16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given **a mark on their right hand or on their forehead**



Mark on their right hand or on forehead= Owns / controls their actions & thoughts !

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**God also *marks* His faithful.**

(Ezk 9:4) **Put a *mark* on the foreheads** [of faithful]

(Rev 7:2-3) ***Sealed* servants of *God* on foreheads.**

(Rev 14:1) Name of His ***father* on their foreheads.**

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Rev 13:18 If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's [*Anthropou*] number. His number [*Arithmos*] is 666. NIV

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## *What does it stand for?*

1. A microchip implant ?
2. A tattoo or barcode ?
3. Spiritual devotion to Satan ?
4. Not observe the Sabbath ?
5. The incompleteness of man-made religion ?

6. The name of Nero, Hitler, Napoleon, Regan ?

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## Introduction:

We all used a “code” as kids... A=1, B=2, C=3, etc.  
There is Gematria for English, Greek, Latin, Hebrew.

**Greeks:** Assigned numbers to alphabetical letters.  
But added 3 obsolete letters to get total needed.

1 = α     **600** = Χ (chi)

2 = β     **60** = ξ (ksee)

3 = γ     **6** = ζ' (stigma, obsolete digamma v, w)

4 = δ

5 = ε

χξζ' “**Chxw**” Doesn't say ANYTHING  
in Greek— Hebrew or English !!!



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## *How Could One Get 666 to = Nero?*

1. Change *Greek* spelling of *Nero* to *Neron*.
2. Now add the *title* "*Caesar*". But it's still not 666.
3. Change *Greek* to *Hebrew* & *transliterate* it *without vowels* *NWRN QSR* becomes נרון קסר.
4. Now you only get to the number *666* if you *use the alternate spelling of Nero, but Not of Caesar*.
5. Lastly you have to choose the among **FOUR *Hebrew Gematric Systems***: Absolute, Ordinal, Reduced, or Integral?

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Other interpretations of 666 thru centuries: 666

*“The Lustrous One, The Victor, Ancient Sorcerer, Dammed, Unjust lamb, Mohammed.” Wikipedia*

**English Gematria multiples of Six: A=6; B=12; C=18; D=24; E=30; F=36; G=42; H=48; I=54; etc.**

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**Bio-Implant=666**

**Book of the Dead=666**

**Computer=666**

**Falling Away=666**

**Geneticist=666**

**Mark of Beast=666**

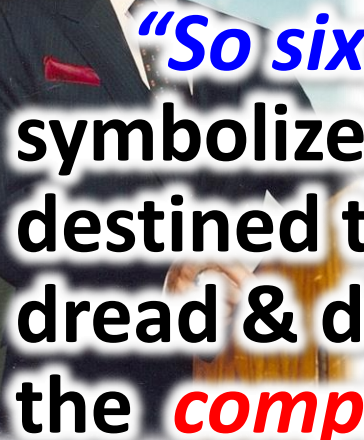
**Insanity=666**

**Vaccination=666**

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## *So What Does 666 Really Mean ?*

*Homer Hailey:* “When John adds ‘It is the number of a man’ he omits the definite article before man, thereby indicating that he has no particular individual in mind. *He is saying that the number represents that which is human.*”



*“So six falls short of the sacred number seven, symbolizes the imperfect, that which is human & destined to fail. To the Jews six was an omen of dread & doom, so when tripled 666, represented the completeness of doom and failure.” Hailey p 299*



# 666

This is "Man's Number"

Man-made religion:  
Is Imperfect  
Imperfect  
Imperfect

