



Who can the number 666 be applied to?

There are many theories and speculations about this issue. Some attribute this number to Hitler. There are films that relate it to spiritualism and exorcism. Others associate this number with an enormous computer. Reality is quite different: the symbolic beast of Revelation 13, whose number is 666, is the same power represented by the little horn of Daniel 7.

THE FIRST BEAST OF REVELATION 13

1. Where did this beast come from, and what details show the geographical location of its headquarters? Revelation 13:1, 2.

- It rose up from the _____. This shows that this power came from a place with a large population.
- It had _____ heads and _____ horns. Revelation 17:9 states that the seven heads represent seven hills.
- The body of this beast was similar to that of a leopard, its feet were like those of a bear, and its mouth like a lion's.

These are the same beasts that represented Greece, Medo-Persia and Babylon in Daniel 7.

Undoubtedly, the beast of Revelation 13 had the same characteristics that predominated in those kingdoms of the past.

2. What did the beast of Revelation 13 receive from the dragon mentioned, as mentioned in Revelation 12 (Satan and Rome of the Caesars)? Revelation 13:2.

... And the dragon gave him _____, and _____, and great authority.

- The only power which received its seat and authority from pagan Rome is the papacy.
- This power would exist until the end of time, since the prophecy mentions the beast during the fifth plague (Revelation 13:9, 10; 16:10, 11).
- It is mentioned several times as Babylon (Revelation 14:8, 17:5, 18:2-4).

3. What correlation is there between the beast of Revelation 13 and the little horn of Daniel 7?

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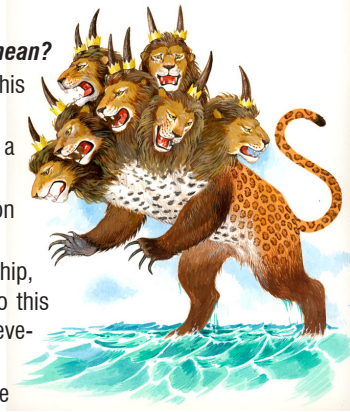
- It had a mouth that spoke great things and blasphemies (Revelation 13:5).
- It blasphemed against _____ (verse 6).
- It was permitted to make war with the saints and to overcome them (verse 7).
- It would play its part for 42 months, which corresponds to the 1,260 days or "for a time, and times, and half a time" (Revelation 12:6, 14).
- It was given power over kindreds, tongues, and nations (Revelation 13:7).
- It would be led into captivity and killed with the sword (verse 10).

THE HORN OF DANIEL 7

- It had a mouth that spoke great things (Daniel 7:8).
- It spoke great words against the Most High (verse 25).
- It made war with the saints and prevailed against them (verse 21).
- They were given into its hands until "a time, and times, and a half time" (Daniel 7:25).
- It was more stout than its fellows (verse 20).
- The judge would take away its dominion and destroy it in the end (verse 26).

NOTE: What does blasphemy and speaking against the Most High mean?

- The papacy claims to forgive sins, while in fact only God can do this (Mark 2:7).
- By being called “Holy Father,” the pope is attributing to himself a name that belongs only to God (Matthew 23:9).
- He pretends to be the head of the church, thus taking the position that belongs to Christ (Ephesians 5:23; 4:15).
- Allowing people to kneel before him is an act of praise and worship, which belongs only to God. Peter did not permit Cornelius to do this (Acts 10:25, 26), and neither did the angel allow John to do so (Revelation 19:10; 22:8, 9).
- For this reason, when Paul referred to the “man of sin,” he said that he sat in the temple of God, “showing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4). The word *antichrist* means one that is against Christ, or takes His place.



4. How else can the beast be identified? Revelation 13:18.

It is the number of a man and his number is _____.

In Latin, the official language of the papacy, many letters have numerical value. If we add up the value of all the letters in the title inscribed on the Pope’s triple crown, VICARIUS FILII DEI, which means Vicar (representative) of the Son of God, we obtain the following result:



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LATIN

V	=	5
I	=	1
C	=	100
A	=	0
R	=	0
I	=	1
U	=	5
S	=	0

5. What would happen to one of its heads? Revelation 13:3.

It received a _____ which was healed; and all the inhabitants of the earth _____ the beast (Revelation 13:5).

During the period of the 1,260 prophetic days or 1,260 years (Ezekiel 4:6) following the decree of Justinian (A.D. 538), great persecution was carried out against the dissident Christians by the so-called “Holy Inquisition.” Not only in France, Spain and all of Europe, but also in the American colonies, Mexico and Peru; more than 50 million people were tortured and killed. In 1798, on the very date the 1,260 years ended, that power received a mortal wound. General Berthier, following the orders of Napoleon, took Pope Pius VI captive (Revelation 13:10), abolished Justinian’s decree, confiscated the five states the papacy had in the center of Italy, and seized the temporal (political) power that the pope possessed. It looked as if the papacy would never recover from that mortal wound.

**“VICARIUS FILII DEI”
OR
“VICAR OF THE SON
OF GOD”**

F	=	0
I	=	1
L	=	50
I	=	1
I	=	1
D	=	500
E	=	0
I	=	1

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6. What happened to the deadly wound? Revelation 13:3, 4, 8.

It was _____, and all the world _____.

The wound was healed. Gradually, the papacy regained its influence. In 1929, Benito Mussolini signed an agreement with the pope, giving him the 44 acres that compose the Vatican state. The popularity of the pope increases daily as he visits protestants, orientals, communists and even the United Nations. Practically the whole world worships him, praises him, and thus worships the dragon for which the pope is an instrument and from whom he received his power (Revelation 13:2-4).

THE OTHER BEAST

7. Where did the other beast come from and what was it like?

Revelation 13:11.

- a) It came up out of the _____. It did not arise out of the sea (multitudes of people) but from a place with a relatively small population.
- b) It had horns. First, it was like a _____, and then it spoke as a dragon. The buffalo is an animal that has these characteristics, and it is the symbol of the United States of America (the buffalo appears on certain American coins).



8. How did the prophecy describe the uniting of the United States (Protestantism) with the papacy (Catholicism)? Revelation 13:12.

It would cause the earth and all who dwell therein to _____ the first beast whose deadly wound was healed.

9. What kind of miracles would Protestantism and spiritualism perform in the United States? Revelation 13:13, 14.

Many will be deceived by these signs and will believe that this religious system, the image of the beast, is really of God.

10. In what way does Protestantism in the United States worship the papacy, and why is it called the image of the beast? Verse 14.

- According to the prophecy in Daniel 7:25 and the historical documentation available, we know that it was the papacy that imposed the observance of Sunday as the day of rest, instead of the Sabbath given in the Bible. Protestantism accepted this human commandment and thus honors the papacy and becomes its IMAGE, that is, something similar. Not only does Protestantism have the observance of Sunday as a common point with Catholicism but it also shares the doctrine of the immortality of the soul and participation in politics and war.

11. What will Protestantism, via its alliance with the United States government, try to do with the faithful remnant? Revelation 13:15-17.

They will not be able _____ or _____. “

Just as Rome used political power to persecute the dissident minority, the moment will come when the U.S. government will issue laws which will impose the observance of Sunday, and heavy penalties will be placed on those who keep the Sabbath.

12. What is the mark of the beast mentioned in Revelation 13:16?

- The seal of God is the holy Sabbath (Ezekiel 20:12, 20).
- The Catholic Church says that Sunday is a sign of its power.

THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES OF REVELATION

13. What did the first angel, having the eternal gospel, call all nations, tribes and people to do? Revelation 14: 6, 7. _____

- To give Him glory by acknowledging His redeeming grace and respecting His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

- This message shows us that we are living in the time of the investigative judgment (since 1844) and that we must worship the Creator. How? Keeping the Sabbath holy, which is the day of creation and the seal of God.

14. What did the second angel announce? Revelation 14:8.

Babylon is fallen, is _____.

The true people of God, symbolized by this angel, preach the fall of the false churches (Babylon).

15. What urgent and dreadful warning did the third angel give? Revelation 14:9-11.

GOD WILL SAVE HIS CHILDREN

16. With what words did the apostle present the characteristics of God's remnant church, who carries the solemn message for our time? Revelation 14:12.

From the very beginning there has been a struggle between light and darkness, truth and error. As the coming of Jesus approaches, Satan will increase his wrath against the remnant of God who keep His commandments. But He who defeated Satan at the cross will be the support of the believers during the difficult times of the final calamity. Jesus calls us today to take a decided stand to be on His side to receive the seal of God.

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My decision: *I accept that the three angels' messages is the final call of love that the church of God will give to a world perishing in wickedness.* Yes No
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