

Revelation 13

The Beast and the Number 666

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The Beast from the Sea

(Rev 13:1-2 NIV) And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. {2} The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

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Distinguishing Dragon from Beast

DRAGON - seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

BEAST - ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns,



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Symbols Everywhere

- Sea
- Horns
- Heads
- "Blasphemous name"
- Order of the beasts



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The Fatal Wound

(Rev 13:3-10 NIV) One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. (4) Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" (5) The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. (6) He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. (7) He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. (8) All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. (9) He who has an ear, let him hear. (10) If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

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Recognizing the Beast

- Fatal Wound
- Beast worship
- Blasphemy & slander
- 42 months
- Lessons for the saints



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The Beast from the earth

(Rev 13:11-15 NIV) Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. {12} He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. {13} And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. {14} Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. {15} He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

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Recognizing the two horned beast

- "from the earth"
- Two horns
- Like a lamb
- Worship
- Miracles
- Image of the Beast

Historicist View >



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Mark of the Beast

(Rev 13:16-17 NIV) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, {17} so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

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What is the "mark?"

- Futurist:
 - tattoo
 - biochips
 - McGee's idea
- Historicist
- Is the mark also 666?
- What kind of pressure?



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This calls for wisdom...

(Rev 13:18 NIV) This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

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Candidates for Antichrist

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| Hitler | Antiochus | Reagan |
| Kissinger | Charlemagne | Saddam H. |
| Gorbachev | Napoleon | Maitreya |
| Nero | F D Roosevelt | Rev. Moon |
| John Paul II | Mussolini | Arafat |
| Bill Clinton | Franco | Farrakhan |
| Bill Gates | J F Kennedy | Karl Hapsburg |
| Solomon | King Juan Carlos | Mickey Mouse |
| | | <u>but it's</u> |
| | | <u>really.....</u> |

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Barney!



- Barney = CUTE PURPLE DINOSAUR
- Replace "U" with Latin "V"
- Add up the Roman numerals

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Do the Math!

CUTE PURPLE DINOSAUR ==>>>>>

CVTE PVRPLE DINOSA VR

C = 100

V = 5

V = 5

L = 50

D = 500

I = 1

V = 5

666

And besides, what animal looks more like a dragon than a dinosaur??

The Big Guy is a Bad Dude!

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Who is it, really?

- Symbolic of man
 - 6th day
 - 1 short of perfection
- Man - or man's religious system?
- Historicist counting
- What's important here?



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