



REVELATION 13:11-18

THE MARK OF FAITH

Billy Graham, in his book, *Storm Warning*, (p.66) makes this warning, "There is something ominous in the air, and I am intrigued by both **THE HORROR AND THE HOPE** of what lies just ahead."

- Chapters 12-13 introduce **7 different personages** in the Tribulation:
 - (1) a woman clothed with the sun, representing Israel (12:1-2);
 - (2) the red dragon with seven heads and 10 horns, representing **Lucifer** (12:3-4);
 - (3) the male Child, representing **Christ** (12:5-6);
 - (4) the archangel **Michael**, casting Satan out of heaven (12:7-12);
 - (5) the offspring of the woman, persecuted by the dragon (12:13-17);
 - (6) the beast out of the sea, the future world dictator (13:2-10);
 - (7) the beast out of the earth, the false prophet (13:11-18). 1

The first 6 Personages (of 7) have been revealed!

Now:

#7: The Beast out of the Earth – The False Prophet (Rev 13:11-18)

The 7th personage:

11 And I saw **another beast** coming up from the earth, and he had two horns **like a lamb**,

1 Walvoord, John F., and Zuck, Roy B., *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, (Wheaton, Illinois: Scripture Press Publications, Inc.) 1983, 1985.

and he was speaking **like a dragon**.

- **“Another”** is ἄλλο [allo]: **“Generally another person or thing of the same kind** (Acts 4:12), as contrasted with ἕτερος[heteros] (another of a different kind or form) (Gal. 1:6-7).”²
 - **Same kind as Rev 13:1**
- **“beast”**
 - 2342. θηρίον **thērion**; gen. thēríou, neut. noun. **A wild beast** (Mark 1:13; Acts 10:12 [TR]; 11:6; Rev. 6:8 [cf. 15:1, 2]; Sept.: Gen. 1:24; Deut. 7:22; 28:26; Jer. 7:33). **Denotes particularly a venomous creature and is applied to a viper** (Acts 28:4, 5).³
 - Paul applies to the Cretans the character of *kaká* (2556), evil, *thēría*, wild beasts (Titus 1:12).⁴
 - The first beast arose out of the sea, indicating his Gentile origin.
 - **This beast arises from the earth**, which may indicate his **Jewish origin**.⁵
 - **The second beast is a specific individual rather than a religious institution.** . . . it is more likely that the singular phrase “beast” (*thērion*) or “false prophet” (*pseudoprophētēs*) refers to an individual rather than a religious institution. Moreover, because he spends eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation [19:20](#); [20:10](#)), the false prophet is characterized as possessing an eternal soul. Such an attribute and eternal fate is descriptive of individuals rather than institutions. [emphasis added].⁶

Of course, some thought the Antichrist or False Prophet would be someone like this fellow:

² Timothy Friberg, Barbara Friberg, and Neva F. Miller, *Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2000), 44.

³ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

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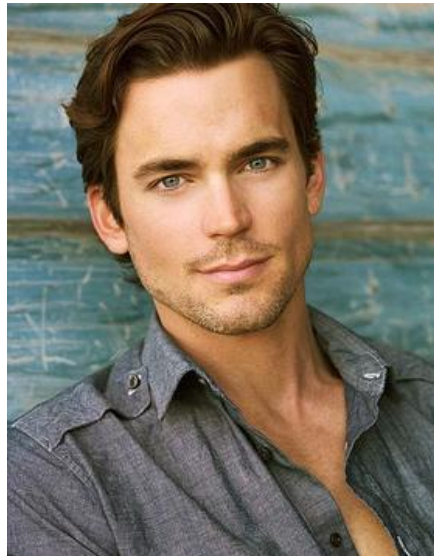
⁵ They note the lack of a mention of the tribe of Dan in the 144,000 sealed of Israel (see commentary on *Revelation 7:4*) and the negative prophecy of Jacob concerning Dan: “Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider shall fall backward” (Gen. 49:17).

⁶ Andy Woods, “Revelation 13 and the First Beast,” in Tim LaHaye and Thomas Ice, eds., *The End Times Controversy* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2003), 248.



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More likely:



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2 Corinthians 11:13–15

13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for Satan himself disguises himself as an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is not a great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

Matthew 7:15–16

15 “Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inside are ravenous wolves.

16 You will recognize them by their fruits: . . .

Matthew 24:11–13

11 and many false prophets will appear and will deceive many,

12 and because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end—this person will be saved.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast on behalf of him, and he **causes** (lit. with irresistible reasoning) the earth and those who live in it **to worship the first beast** whose fatal wound had been healed.

Delusion of the whole world:

- **Abraham Lincoln said:**

*“You can fool some of the people some of the time,
You can fool some of the people all the time,
You can fool all of the people some of the time,
BUT – you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.”*

The False Prophet

- **He is the third person of the Trinity of Evil.**

- Just as there is to be an Antichrist who will both counterfeit and oppose the Christ of God, so there will be an Anti-spirit who will simulate and oppose the Spirit of God.
- Just as the great work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ, so the one aim of the Anti-spirit will be to magnify the false christ (see Rev. 13:12).
- Just as the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was visibly attended by ‘cloven tongues like as of fire’ (Acts 2:3), so we read of the Anti-spirit that ‘he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men’ (Rev. 13:13).
- And just as it is the Holy Spirit who now quickens dead sinners into newness of life, so of the Anti-spirit we are told, ‘He had power to give life unto the image of the Beast’ (Rev. 13:15). ⁷

False Prophet only mentioned 4X in Scripture:

Revelation 16:13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet three unclean spirits like frogs.

Revelation 19:20 And **the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet** who performed the signs before him, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who had worshiped his image. The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur, **where the beast and the false prophet also are,** and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

⁷ Pink, *The Antichrist*, s.v. “Antichrist in the Apocalypse.”

cause \ 'kòz\ *noun*

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *causa*]

(13th century)

1 a : a reason for an action or condition : MOTIVE

b : something that brings about an effect or a result

c : a person or thing that is the occasion of an action or state; *especially* : an agent that brings something about

d : sufficient reason <discharged for *cause*> 8

13 And he performs great (mega – great in quantity and quality) signs, so that he even makes fire from heaven to come down to the earth before people.

14 And he deceives those who live on the earth because of the signs that it has been granted to him to perform on behalf of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast

who has the wound of the sword and yet lived.

1 Timothy 4:1–3

1 Now the Spirit explicitly says that in the last times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

2 by the hypocrisy of liars, who are seared in their own conscience,

3 who forbid marrying and insist on abstaining from foods that God created for sharing in with thankfulness by those who believe and who know the truth,

Something done miraculously is NO ENDORSEMENT that God is involved.

- Deceitful demons – demons that will lie to you
- Teachings of demons
- Hypocrisy of liars who have a scarred conscience
- Signs and lying wonders

2 Thessalonians 2:9–12

9 whose coming is in accordance with the working of Satan, with **all power and signs and lying wonders,**

10 and with every unrighteous deception against those who are perishing, in place of which they did not accept the love of the truth, so that they would be saved.

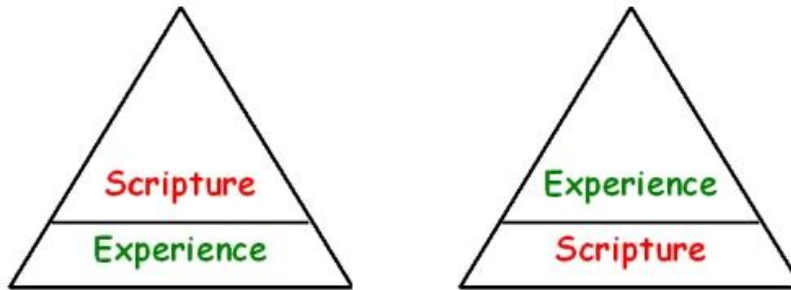
11 And because of this,

God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie,

8 Inc Merriam-Webster, *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1996).

12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth, but delighted in unrighteousness.

Which triangle describes your foundation?



15 And it was given to him to put breath into the image of the beast, in order that the image of the beast both spoke and caused that all those, unless they **worshiped** the image of the beast, should be killed.

The “image” of the Beast:

- This Beast seems to take on a personality and life of his own.

Worshiped the image:

- **4352. προσκυνέω *proskunéō***; contracted *proskunō*, fut. *proskunēsō*, from *prós* (4314), to, and *kunéō* (n.f.), **to kiss, adore. To worship, do obeisance, show respect, fall or prostrate before. Literally, to kiss toward someone**, to throw a kiss in token of respect or homage. The ancient oriental (especially Persian) mode of salutation between persons of equal ranks was to kiss each other on the lips; when the difference of rank was slight, they kissed each other on the cheek; when one was much inferior, he fell upon his knees and touched his forehead to the ground or prostrated himself, throwing kisses at the same time toward the superior. It is this latter mode of salutation that Gr. writers express by *proskunéō*. In the NT, generally, to do reverence or homage to someone, usually by kneeling or prostrating oneself before him. In the Sept. it means to bow down, to prostrate oneself in reverence, homage (Gen. 19:1; 48:12). ⁹

⁹ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).



16 And he **causes** (forces) all people,
the small and the great,
and the rich and the poor,
and the free and the slave,

that they give them a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,

17 and that no one was able to buy or to sell except the one who had the
mark

— the name of the beast or the number of his name.

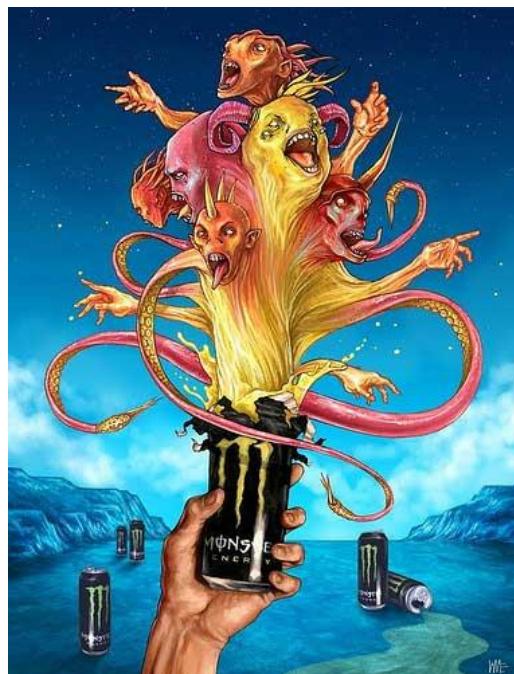
18 Here is wisdom: the one who has understanding,
let him calculate the number of the beast,
for it is man's number, and his number is six hundred sixty-six.

- The sickening wedge driven into every household in the Tribulation – **how will you feed your children if you cannot purchase anything without the "MARK?"**
 - Imagine facing that problem with your children!
- Almost 5 billion people have died in the previous 3 ½ years.
 - Worldwide cataclysms
 - All economic systems of the world have collapsed – depression
 - Stock markets have collapsed worldwide.
 - Little food in stores – going at horrendous prices
 - Fuel (that which remains outside the military) is very scarce and very expensive.
 - Little clean water to spare
 - Infrastructure, worldwide, has fallen to pieces.
 - No water treatment plants
 - Electrical grid has fallen, few businesses and homes with sustainable energy.
 - No flights, trains, buses, and very few autos

- No garbage pick-up – trash being burned in the streets!
- Military left to bulldozing corpses into mass graves worldwide.
- Rampant disease, flies, tainted water, filthy conditions.
- Little if any Police forces, Fire companies, EMT services
- Hospitals overwhelmed, few Doctors remain.

Hysteria over 666:

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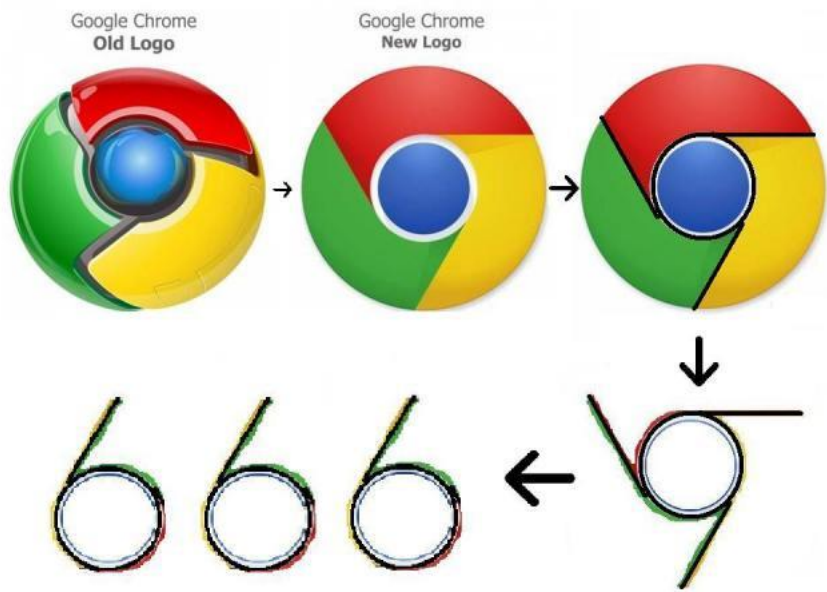


All of the marks, or bars are associated with numbers at the bottom, except the marks at the first, middle, and end. Notice the marks for the number "6" are "||". And these marks are the same marks at the first, in the middle and at the end!



Here's the other numbers removed.
The number "666" is hidden in every UPC bar code!
(If you don't believe it, get a bar code and look at it!.)

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- Six hundred threescore and six (χ. ξ. σ´). Each letter represents a component of the whole number: χ=600; ξ=60; σ´=6. In the earlier MSS. it is written in full, ἑξακόσιοι ἑξήκοντα ἕξ.¹⁰
 - The method of reading generally adopted is that known as the Ghematria of the Rabbin, or in Greek, ἰσοψηφία numerical equality, which assigns each letter of a name its usual numerical value, and gives the sum of such numbers as the equivalent of the name. Thus, in the Epistle of Barnabas, we are told that the name Ἰησοῦς Jesus is expressed by the number 888. Ι=10; η= 8; ζ=200; ο=70; υ=400; ζ=200. The majority of the commentators use the Greek alphabet in

¹⁰ Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 2 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 531.

computation; others, however, employ the Hebrew; while a third class employ the Roman numerals. 11

Benediction

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears,
may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly to our hearts,
that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living,
to the honor and praise of Thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¹¹ Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 2 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 531.