

The Meaning of 666 in Revelation

Chapter 13



This is the continuation of the series, **Antichrist And His Ten Kingdoms** – By Albert Close and the previous post, [The Mass an Abomination to God](#).

In my opinion, this explanation of the meaning of 666 in Revelation chapter 13 is the best, clearest, most understandable, and most reasonable one I have ever heard. It points to the final Beast, the Roman Empire, and the continuation of the Roman Empire, the so called, “Holy See”, the Papacy, the Vatican, the power in Rome which is controlling most of Europe (except Russia), both North and South America, and most nations on every continent on earth. According to Daniel chapter 7, a “beast” is a metaphor for an empire or kingdom, not a person. I believe the Beast is already in control of most of the nations of the world. I think the Covid pandemic medical mandates followed by nearly all countries is a major sign we are under the rule of the final Beast, also known as the New World Order. But thank God, I still have the liberty to voice my views on the Internet, and share what famous men of the past had to say. How long will it last? I’ll keep going as long as I can.

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is **Six hundred threescore and six**.

Rev. Adam Clarke, LL.D., the distinguished commentator of the last century wrote:–

“A system of representing numbers, of great antiquity was used by the Greeks very much resembling that afterwards adopted by the Romans. Representing numbers by letters of the alphabet gave rise to the practice amongst the ancients of representing names also by numbers. Examples of this kind abound in writings of heathens, Jews, and Christians. It was a practice in the Apostolic age to count the number in words and phrases, it is evident that what is intended by 666 is that the Greek name of the Beast (for Jesus Christ communicated His Rev. to St. John in Greek language) contains this number. In St. John’s vision Christ speaks of Himself as ‘I am Alpha and Omega the first and the last.’ These two words are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.”

This word LATINUS, Irenaeus, who lived 115-190 A.D., applied to the then existing Roman Empire. The Latin Kingdom, No other kingdom can be found to contain the number of 666."

Rev. E. P, CACHEMAILLE wrote:

"Each letter of that alphabet, the Greek, was used as a numeral and had a well known definite value. **When the name LATEINOS is written in Greek letters, and their values added up, the total is 666.** "Let him that hath understanding count, for the number may be reckoned up and is intended to be known. The solution given as far back as Irenaeus is "LATINUS," the "i" being spelled in the Greek with diphthong ei, LATEINOS. This solution completely answers to every requirement of the sacred enigma, and is the only one that does so. It is the name of a man LATINUS, the father of the Latin race. It is the name of the then holders of the Fourth Great Empire, out of which the Man of Sin was to arise.

In the time of Irenaeus 115-190 A.D., the Emperor and nation might be called Latins, but more usually the nation was called Roman and the language Latin. But after the break up of the Western Empire in 476 A.D. into the Ten Kingdoms, the Eastern Empire appropriated the title of Romans, and affixed to the Western Kingdoms because of their connection with Rome, the appellative Latins, which was accepted and adopted, and holds good at the present day. Thenceforward it became the peculiar distinctive title of the Roman Empire in its last form, including Body and Head, the Two Beasts and the Image. It was the "Latin" world, Latin Kingdoms, Latin Church, Latin Patriarchs, Latin Clergy and Latin Councils. They Latinize in everything. Mass, prayers, hymns, Litanies, Canons, Decretals, Bulls—all are in Latin. The Papal Councils speak in Latin. The Latin Vulgate Version of the Bible was declared by the Council of Trent to be the only authentic Version. All things with them are Latin." Cachemaille, xxvi,—Papers p. 466.

Dean ALforb writes:

"The Latin Empire, the Latin Church, Latin Christianity, have ever been its commonly current appellations; its language civil and ecclesiastical, has ever been Latin; its public services, in defiance of the most obvious requisite for public worship, have ever been throughout the world conducted in Latin; there is no one word which could so completely describe its character as this."

Rev. JOSEPH TANNER, M.A., adds in addition to much of the above:—

"The Pope still speaks and writes especially in his official capacity in Latin. Latin is stamped on the whole Papal system. Its decrees, canons, hymns, _litanies, prayers and Mass, Ave Maria, Pater-noster are all in Latin. "Surely it must be obvious to all who consider this marked character of the system that the head of such a system might well be prophetic and enigmatically indicated by the number of the name LATEINOS as signifying this Latin character. Taken by itself, of course no inference could be drawn from the coincidence, since many other names can be spelled with letters making up 666, but, taken in connection with all the other detailed characteristics, it may be regarded as at least a remarkable confirmation of the evidence we are

bringing forward that the Beast is the Papacy."

Rev. E. H. Horne, M.A., says:—

"The Number of the Beast is a number corresponding to a name. As the Greeks always used letters of the alphabet in place of numbers, by giving a numerical value to each letter, the association of a name with a number was perfectly natural to the Greek mind. Greek is the language of this book. Countless suggestions have been made of words considered suitable; but one of the two suggestions first put on record remains the best. Irenaeus, in the 2nd century, suggested the Greek equivalent of our word LATIN as the word intended, on the ground that the Latins were then in power. The suggestion satisfies the requirements of the case more completely than Irenaeus imagined, for he lived before the prophecy began to be fulfilled in the Papacy. The Papacy has been at all times, and in all things, LATIN in its character. The Papal Church uses the LATIN language in its services and in its edicts to this day."

(Note: In 1964 the Catholic Church stopped using Latin in the Mass.)

Rev. E. P. Cachemaille, M.A., also says:—

Many other solutions have been offered in Latin, Hebrew and Arabic; or Pagan, Protestant and Mohammedan; whereas the enigma is GREEK. Those putting forward other ideas have as their object to turn away the application from the Popedom to some quite different enemy, or supposed enemy, of Christ's Church. But they all fail for one reason or another, and this makes the "LATINUS" solution the more remarkable and convincing. It must not be forgotten that the Revelation is a book written in cipher, written as a guide to God's people, whilst concealing it from a hostile world."

(End of article.)

Are you convinced that LATEINOS written in Greek letters adds up to 666 and is the name of the Beast of Revelation chapter 13:18 which is the Beast or empire of today controlled by the Roman Catholic Church? If not, please consider the message of the meme below.

Primer on Roman Numerals

I = 1 V = 5 X = 10
L = 50 C = 100 D = 500

The first 6 Roman numerals
in descending order:

DCLXVI = 666

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Revelation 13:18*

The famous number 666 (Revelation 13:18), may be recognized as representing Rome and its Caesar. The number 666, when written the Roman way, DCLXVI, forms a pattern. It is the set of numerals under 1000 in descending order: D=500, C=100, L=50, X=10, V=5, I=1 (they add up to 666). Because 666 converts to a significant Roman numeral, it cleverly identifies the Beast as Roman. (Quoted from: [THE BIBLE & ROME: THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST](#))

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