

Today, we'd like to study the title of “Two Beasts” in *Revelation 13:1-18*.

To Online Word's people, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions:

- Q1. In verses 1 & 11, where do the two beasts come from and what are they?
- Q2. In verse 5, “And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months,” what does it mean?
- Q3. In verse 18, “Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666,” what does it mean and how should we do for our Christian life?

(Background)

Two Beasts (from the sea, 1; from the earth, 11) – controlled by Satan; agents of Satan; Anti-Christ (one against Christ or His works)

Trinity of Evil (Revelation 16:13) “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.” (Trinity of Evil - dragon, beast, and false prophet – a counterfeit of Trinity of God)

¹Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

1=Q1 a beast rising up out of the sea; seven heads(7 mountains ¹Rev 17:8-9)... ten horns (lion-Babylon; Bear – Mede Persia; Leopard- Greece; 10 horns-Rome ²Dan 7:4-7)... on his horns ten crowns (10 kings ³Rev 17:12) (i.e., controls all kinds of world powers); on his heads a blasphemous name (defamatory statement against God; antichrist – one against Christ or Christ's works)

¹ Rev 17:8-9 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.⁹ “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

² Dan 7:4-7 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵“And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’ ⁶“After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

³ Rev 17:12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

²Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

⁴So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

⁵And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every

2= a leopard; a bear; a lion (describing his power); the dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority (the dragon gave the beast his power; the beast is the agent of the dragon) – over the world system; Satan's pompous word ⁴Mat 4:8-9)

3= one of his heads... mortally wounded... was healed (Miraculous healing from assassination attempt ⁵Zechariah 11:17; Mat 24:24; 2 Thes 2:10)

4= make war with him? (military power)

5= Q2 ... continue for 42 months (3 and ½ years, abomination of desolation stands in the most holy place⁶ Dan 9:27; Mat 24:15; 2 Thes 2:3 "the son of perdition(desolate)")

6= he...blasphemy against God (antichrist)

7= make war with the saints and to overcome them (saints? Israel in the Great Tribulation, not church, ⁷Mat 16:16-18; Rom 11:25-26)

⁴ Mat 4:8-9 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

⁵ Zechariah 11:17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm And against his right eye: His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded."; Mat 24:24 For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 2 Thes 2:10, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

⁶ Dan 9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate. Even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."; Mat 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand); 2 Thes 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

⁷ Mat 16:16-18 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Rom 11:25-26 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

<p>tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have <u>not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb</u> slain from the foundation of the world.</p> <p>⁹<u>If anyone has an ear, let him hear.</u> ¹⁰He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he <u>who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword.</u> Here is <u>the patience and the faith of the saints.</u></p> <p>¹¹Then I saw <u>another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.</u> ¹²And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³He performs <u>great signs,</u> so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴And <u>he deceives</u> those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵He was granted <i>power</i> to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would <u>not worship</u> the image of the beast <u>to be killed.</u></p>	<p>8= not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain (Moses' intercessional prayer to forgive people ⁸Ex 32:32; to Sardis church Rev 3:5; Rev 17:8; Great White Throne Judgment Rev 20:15)</p> <p>9= if anyone has an ear, let him hear (no church here because church is caught up with the Lord in heaven ⁹Rev 2:29)</p> <p>10= the patience and the faith of the saints (Israelites during the great tribulation)</p> <p>11=Q1 another beast coming up out of the earth; tow horns like a lamb (a counterfeit of the Lamb Jesus Christ)</p> <p>15= (martyred)</p>
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⁸ Ex 32:32 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”; Rev 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.; Rev 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.; Rev 20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

⁹ Rev 2:29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

<p>¹⁶He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive <u>a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,</u> ¹⁷ and that <u>no one may buy or sell</u> except one who has <u>the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.</u></p> <p>¹⁸Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number <i>is</i> <u>666.</u></p>	<p>16= a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads (a computer chip or tattoo – not sure but it is needed to buy or sell, 17)</p> <p>17= no one may buy or sell except... the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name)</p> <p>18=Q3 666 (Greek Alphabet used as numbers; his Greek name letters is equal to the number of 666; or 777 most perfect numbers unlike the most imperfect numbers 666; this number is symbol of Satan's full control of the world system through his agents against Christ & Christ's works (antichrist) – so, when hard times come, don't fall into Satan or antichrist's trap but flee to Christ (let Christ handle it) and use them as opportunities for spiritual growth ¹⁰Luke 21:26-28, 36 – no play games with God or our relationship with God, but get very serious about the things of God, the things of the Spirit)</p>
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¹⁰ Luke 21:26-28. ³⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear, and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."