

666 ~ The Mark Of The Beast

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This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

~Revelation 13:18 (ESV)

1) The Anti-Ministry Of The Earthly Beast

- A) The call for trust in the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11) in hope and perseverance (13:10) centers both the chapter and the horrible descriptions of the “two beasts!”
- B) Revelation 13:11-18, describes the final member of the “anti-trinity,” the “beast from the earth” (13:11, cf. 13:1). John’s vision begins typically with, “[and] then I saw...”
- C) Like the first beast (13:1, Daniel 7-8), this beast also mimics Jesus (horns) as an earthly alternative to God (13:11).
- D) While the first beast is characterized by global strength and influence, the second beast is typified by intoxicating political power and verbal eloquence (13:11-12). The second beast is also named “the false prophet” (16:13, 19:20).
- E) The connection between the dragon, first beast, and false prophet are intimate, even interlocking at times (12:15-17, 13:5-6, 13-15), marked by fantastic demonic miracles.
- F) Those committed to the culture of the anti-trinity bear the invisible “mark of the beast” (13:16-18). In contrast to the “777” of Christ (cf. 5:6), the anti-trinity is marked by “666.”