

Revelation 13

THE UNHOLY TRINITY:

THE “DRAGON”, BEAST FROM SEA & BEAST FROM EARTH

In the last chapter we were introduced to several interesting personages; (1) a woman who was clothed with the sun, had the moon at her feet and twelve stars around her head {Israel}, (2) a special Child {the Messiah} who was caught up into heaven and (3) a fiery red dragon {Satan} who was cast to earth and tried to devour the Child and destroy the woman.

This chapter is similar in that we are introduced to two formidable personages and one who we have already seen in the last chapter. We will come to see that they form an “unholy trinity” and are the counterfeit to the true Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The three personages described in this section of Revelation are summarized by the following names and characteristics: (1) the ‘anti-Christ’; the beast rising from the sea having seven heads, ten horns and ten crowns {i.e., diadems}, (2) the devil/Satan; the dragon who transfers his power, throne and great authority to the 1st beast and (3) the ‘false prophet’; another beast coming from the earth having two horns like a lamb but who speaks like a dragon (i.e., like the devil).

The actual term “anti-Christ” is used in the Bible only by John in **1 John 4:1-3** where the “spirit of anti-Christ” is defined. There it is stated that the spirit of anti-Christ is that spirit which does not confess¹ the deity of Jesus, i.e., that the Christ, the Messiah has come in the flesh as Jesus {see **John 1:1-5, 14**}. This denial specifically takes the form of literally not agreeing with the fact that the Messiah (or ‘Anointed One’) became flesh and dwelt among us {Joshua/Jesus means ‘Jehovah is Salvation’}. The spirit of anti-Christ actively opposes the teaching that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh [i.e., was incarnate in Jesus]. This false teaching devalues the Gospel message and totally and completely nullifies Jesus’ atoning work as the Lamb of God who was slain and whose blood cleanses us of our sins. The spirit of anti-Christ relegates Jesus to being just “a good man”, “a faith-healer”, “a wise teacher” or “just another ascended master” in a long list of those who have no power to forgive sins and so save us from our sins. Note that the term ‘anti-Christ’ can also mean ‘against Christ’ or ‘instead of Christ’.

REV. 13:1-2 ➤ **THE BEAST FROM THE SEA HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS**

[1 Then 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. 2 Now 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.]

John now is transported to a sea shore and sees an awesome and fearsome looking *beast* rise from the sea. This beast has distinctive characteristics: It has seven heads and ten horns each with a crown, that is, a diadem², symbolizing authority on each horn. Later, in **Rev. 17:12**, we are told that the 10 horns are ten kings which will receive authority for one hour with the Beast. This identification of the horns matches exactly that given in **Dan. 7:24**.

¹ The word **confess** here is [3670 **homologeō** (hom-ol-og-eh'-o)] lit. ‘to say the same word’, ‘to acknowledge’, ‘agree with’, ‘confess’ or ‘declare’.

² A diadem was usually a band of ornate metal or garland which is wrapped around the forehead.

On its heads is written a blasphemous name; that is, a name that causes insult, injury and slander against the LORD. We shall come to see that these characteristics are common between the anti-Christ, Satan and the World's economy and political system ["Babylon"]. Note the animalistic description of this beast: (1) body like a *leopard*, (2) feet like a *bear* and (3) a large mouth like a *lion*. Figure 13-1 is a hypothetical picture of what such a beast might look like (for illustrative purpose only).

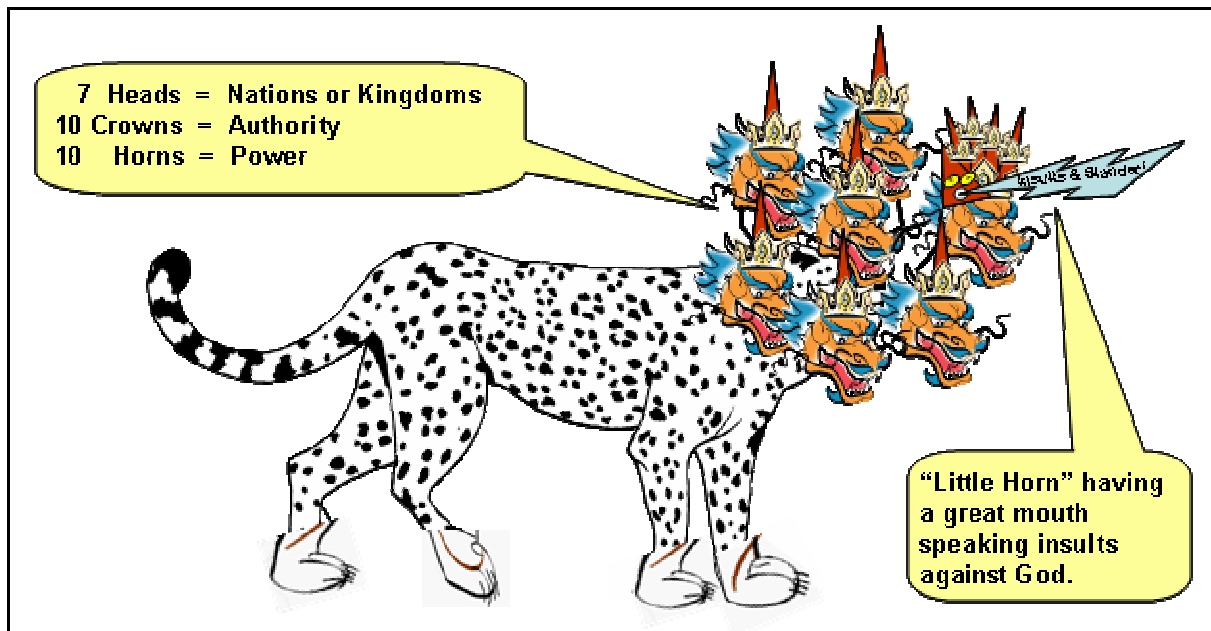


Figure 13-1: Illustrative Drawing of the Beast from the Sea in Revelation 13:1-2.

This description is amazingly similar to that given of the first three major world empires in Daniel's dream {refer to **Daniel 7:1-6**}. There, as here, it speaks of a sea but in Daniel the sea is being *stirred up by the four winds of the atmosphere* and beasts come up *one at a time*; not all at once as here.

Also, Daniel apparently identifies the sea as the "Great Sea" is the *Mediterranean Sea* which by its very name indicates that is in the 'middle' of civilization of Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Here it probably symbolizes the great sea of humanity living on the European, African and Asian continents.

The first beast in Daniel's vision was like a *lion* and this was the BABYLONIAN kingdom. The second beast was like a *bear* and this represented the MEDO-PERSIAN kingdom. The third beast was like a *leopard* which represented the GRECIAN kingdom that Alexander the Great built.

But the forth beast {**Dan. 7:7-25**} was very different from all these in that it appears to be more mechanical than biological. It had huge iron teeth and bronze claws and it apparently represents the kingdom that arose after the Greeks – the ROMAN Empire. In Daniel's vision this kingdom is described as "dreadful and terrible" and "exceedingly

strong”. It also had 10 horns and went out *devouring, breaking into pieces* everything that was before it and *trampled underfoot* what was left! And so did Rome do to all that it conquered.

But there is more to this vision since the Roman Empire has been non-existent for about 1000 years but this kingdom is obviously active during the Last Days. Note we are told that this forth exceedingly dreadful beast also had ten horns!

Evidently the last great world empire will embody the distinctive characteristics of all those other great kingdoms that precede it, Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Grecian including the Roman but have the additional aspect of being an end-time confederacy of 10 horns or nations! The feet and toes of iron mixed with clay in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream {**Dan. 2:33, 41-43**}.

Table 13-1 compares the character and actions of this “Beast” as described in passages found in Daniel, Thessalonians and Revelation.

Table 13-1. Comparison of Scripture Relating to the Man of Sin [anti-Christ].

Daniel	2 Thessalonians	Revelation
<p>Dan. 7:8. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots.</p> <p>Dan. 7:24. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.</p>	<p>2 Thess. 2:7-8. “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked one be revealed.”</p>	<p>Rev. 13:1. Then 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Dan. 2:25. “And he shall speak great words against the Most High; and shall wear out the saints of the Most High.”</p> <p>Dan. 7:21. “And the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them.</p> <p>Dan. 8:25 He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes.</p> <p>Dan. 11:36. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself above every god and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods.</p>	<p>2 Thess - 2:3-4. “And that man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition. Who opposes and exalts, himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he, as God, sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”</p>	<p>Rev. 13:5-6. And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.</p> <p>Rev. 13:7. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.</p> <p>Rev. 19:19. And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.</p>

<p>Dan 7:4-6. "The first was like a lion.....And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear.....and there was another, like a leopard."</p>	<p>2 Thess. 2:9-11. "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish..."</p>	<p>Rev 13:2. Now 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.</p>
<p>Dan. 7:25. And he shall think to the change times and laws, and they shall be given into his hand. See also Dan. 8:24. Dan. 11:38. In his estate he shall honor the god of forces {Mahuzzim, gods who are protectors, that is, tutelary angels and saints.} Dan. 11:37. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women.</p>	<p>2 Thess. 2:3-4. "And that man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition. Who opposes and exalts, himself above all that is worshipped; so that he, as God, sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thess. 2:9-11. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie..."</p>	<p>Rev. 13:4. So 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?" Rev. 13:8. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.</p>
<p>Dan. 2:26. "And they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it unto the end." Dan. 2:44-45. "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold." Dan. 3:25. "He shall be broken without a human hand." Dan. 7:11. "I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I beheld, even until the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame."</p>	<p>2 Thess. 2:8. Whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.</p>	<p>Rev. 19:20-21. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. Rev. 19:17-18. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."</p>

This beast will be controlled and represented by the 'anti-Christ' but who is more accurately called the (a) 'man of sin', (b) 'the son of destruction' { **2 Thess. 2:3**}, (c) 'the lawless one' { **2 Thess. 2:8-9**} or (d) 'the desolate' { **Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15**}. What do we learn from the Bible about this person?

REV. 13:3-6 ➤ THE POWER, AUTHORITY AND ACTIVITY OF THE BEAST

[3 And 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. 4 So 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?" 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.]

John sees one of the heads with a severe head wound that indicates a mortal (deadly) injury that has been healed. Whether or not this refers to an actual restoration to life (i.e., a resurrection) is unclear. However it is safe to say that the anti-Christ will have the appearance of having died by a severe trauma suffered to the head but is now alive. This is just another example of the deception and counterfeit behavior of Satan.

Perhaps Satan uses the demonic king of the 'locust army' that is released from the Abyss as part of the 5th TRUMPET JUDGMENT to possess the anti-Christ for we are told in **Rev. 17:7-8** that the Beast with 10 horns and 7 heads comes out of the Abyss. Appropriately, his name in the Greek is 'Apollyon' meaning 'destroyer'.

The BEAST FROM THE SEA:

- { **vv. 1-2** } Identified with the last world empire with elements of the previous ones. **Daniel 2:41-42; 7:3-8, 24**
- { **v. 2** } Supernaturally energized by Satan's power, throne & great authority. **Rev. 13:2; 2 Thess. 2:9.**
- { **vv. 3-4, 8** } Worshipped by ALL humankind who is not saved. 2 **Thessalonians 2:1-12.**
- { **v. 5** } Receives this authority for only 42 months (last 3 ½ years) of the 7 year Tribulation period and is the "blasphemous" little horn of **Daniel 7:8, 25; 8:9-14; 23-25; 11:36-39,45**
- { **vv. 6-7** } Antagonistic towards God and of God's people, those who have the testimony of Jesus

At any rate, this person is not who he claims to be nor who people believe him to be for in **Revelation 17:8** the Beast is described as the one "who was, and is not, and yet is".

Note that although Satan tried to give the kingdoms of the world to Jesus {who refused; **Matt. 4:8-10**}, this person will gladly accept Satan's power, throne and authority. No one else on earth at this time is his equal – he will be invincible until the Christ Jesus comes at the end of his 42 month reign and destroys him.

The anti-Christ's reign will be ruthless and complete—however his 'day in the sun' is going to be limited to only 42 months or 3 ½ years.

REV. 13:7-8 ➤ THE MAN OF SIN OVERCOMES THE SAINTS & GAINS GLOBAL CONTROL

[7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.]

The “*man of sin*” or *anti-Christ*, the “*instead of Jesus*”, makes war with the saints and overcomes them. Authority is given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation – his power is global! The term “saints” here is referring primarily to Jewish believers [see Inset below].

It has been asked, “How can there still be “saints” on the earth if the church was “caught up” to heaven {i.e., the *Rapture*} prior to the seven year Tribulation period?” Could the term here be *primarily* referring to Jewish believers who were not Christians at the start of the seven year tribulation period? Is the term “saints” ever applied solely to Jewish believers? Yes! For example see **Psalm 34:9; 37:28; Dan. 7:18, 22, 25, 27; 16:3; 149:1, 5** and **2 Chron. 6:41**.

Also, the term “elect” is used in **Matt. 24:22, 24, 31** in the context of those that are the object of God’s affection during the Great Tribulation – again implying that the Church will go through that period known as “Jacob’s Trouble”. At this point it is interesting to note that both Old and New Testaments use the term “elect” for those who are the subject of God’s special attention. See for example: **Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 45:4; 65:9, 22; Eph. 2:11-22; Rom. 11:26-32**. However, it appears that the term “elect” is not necessarily synonymous with a person who is saved. It is especially interesting to note **2 Tim. 2:8-10** in this regard: “Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” Here Paul seems to be referring to unsaved Jews which were the object of his great concern {e.g., **Rom. 9:1-5; 10:1-4**}. Therefore, there is no inconsistency between the existence of “saints” and the “elect” during the seven year Tribulation period and a pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church if those terms when used in the context of the seven year Tribulation period are primarily referring to Jewish believers and Israel (which I believe they do). This also explains why the anti-Christ could prevail against these “saints” even though Jesus told the disciples that the “gates of hell” would never prevail against the Church {**Matt. 16:18**}. They are a different group of believers!

All those who have not been saved, that is, who do not have their names written in the Lamb’s BOOK OF LIFE, will worship the anti-Christ. Note the reference to God’s sovereignty and grace. God’s plan of redemption through His Son was conceived prior to the creation of the earth.

The idea of one united world government is nothing new. Nimrod tried to unite the people in one massive building project – the Tower of Babel, the site of Babylon, more than four thousand years ago. But this was in direct opposition to God’s command to scatter across the earth and tame it (**Genesis 1:28; 9:1, 7**). Nimrod means “rebel” and the rebellion against God was stopped by God sending the “confusion” of languages so their project could not be completed.

It is an irony that God in His sovereignty and timing reversed the effects of languages, that resulted from sin and rebellion, at Pentecost as part of His Salvation plan. There, each man heard the Gospel message in his own “tongue” (**Acts 2:1-12**).

Today, it is interesting to note that with the advent and advance of the Internet, communication barriers are being destroyed. There are translators on the Internet so that a person can write a message in one language then have it automatically translated into another language and sent to a recipient across the world. All this in an instant! Nimrod's intentions to unite the world are being fulfilled in a way that he would never have believed.. It is not hard to imagine a world in which people are literally enslaved by dependence on the Internet for all communication, trade and business.

In 1634 the Duke de Sully of France in his book, *The Grand Design*, proposed a *federation of European states*. In 1930 Aristide Briand advocated a *European federation of states* to deal with tariffs, transport, finance, health, social welfare and technology. The Common Market was established with these hopes and objectives in view.

In 1974 Moody Monthly published a story about the Common Market³. In this article were several interesting quotes made by Common Market officials which characterize some of its goals. The following is a quote by Professor Walter Hallstein, the first president of the Common Market.

"We are not in business to promote tariff preferences. We are not in business at all – we are in politics".

But the Common Market is plagued by lots of in-fighting and self serving interests. It needs something or someone to pull it together. Henri Spaak, an early planner of the Common Market and Secretary-General of NATO during the early 1970's, had this to say regarding how the Common Market will achieve success³.

"We do not want another committee, we have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man and be he god or devil, we will receive him."

The beast with 10 horns and 7 heads, the "lawless one", will be given power and authority to combine and control the governments of the world. Perhaps this will be done through the United Nations, the Common Market, NATO⁴ or through an entirely new organization. But according to God's Word it will happen!

REV. 13:9-10 ➤ CALL TO WISDOM, OFFER OF SALVATION

[9 *If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*]

Here there is an appeal to those who would listen with "spiritual ears" to recognize that what they sow they will reap. Those who "work" for the anti-Christ's kingdom, who lead into captivity and kills with the sword, will in like manner suffer the same fate. Sin is a vicious circle. Jesus said, "...for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." {**Matt. 26:52.**}

³ *Prophecy and the Common Market*, Moody Monthly, March, 1974; pp. 24-46.

⁴ North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The second part of v. 10 echoes **Rev. 14:12** which says:

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

So, in the midst of this chaos and deception, here is an offer of salvation to escape the vicious cycle of sin and its inevitable dead-end – death. The offer is to humbly come and receive salvation through the same *patience* and *faith* the saints have in the Gospel message of the One and only Savior; Jesus Christ.

REV. 13:11-13 ➤ A ‘DRAGON’ IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING: CHEERLEADER & .

[11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And 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. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.]

Now another⁵, or second, beast arises from the *earth* with two horns like a *lamb* – but speaking like a *dragon*; that is, like Satan. Here the Greek word means another of the *same kind* of beast as opposed to ‘another of a different kind’! In **Revelation 16:13** he appears to be referred to as the **False Prophet**. The two horns of a lamb speak of gentleness, but when this one speaks he commands attention as a ferocious dragon would! He is literally a “devil in sheep’s clothing”. This beast is the third and final character of the “*unholy trinity*”.

Note carefully that this second beast, the *false prophet* [as he is referred to in **Rev. 16:13**], is the *chief representative* or *deputy* of the first beast. This beast enforces and reinforces the desires and policies of the beast from the sea with 10 horns and 7 heads. He acts with the same authority as the first beast who received his power, throne and authority from Satan himself. He is a beast of *action* and causes the inhabitants of the earth to worship the first beast – who should have died or be dead but is not.

It is the false prophet who performs many great and miraculous signs before men to solidify a following for the lawless one, the anti-Christ which is why many believe he will be Jewish.

The fact that Satan has been given a certain amount of limited supernatural power to perform miracles should not be surprising. Dr. Henry Morris in his book⁶, The Biblical Basis for Modern Science, points out that there are 232 recorded miracles in the Bible [151 in the O.T. and 81 in the N.T.]. Of those, he labels 89 miracles of *creation* and 127 miracles of *providence*. However, he lists 16 [~7%] that are labeled *Satanic* and *demonic* miracles. Examples include the ‘secret arts’ the Egyptian magicians and sorcerers used to imitate God’s miracles of turning rods into a serpents and striking the water [turning it into blood and bringing up frogs] and land [bringing up lice] with plagues {refer to **Exodus 7:11, 22 and 8:7, 18**}.

⁵ **another** [243 allos (al'-los)]: a primary word; "else," i.e. another but of the *same kind*. (This is contrasted with [2087 **heteros** (het'-er-os)]: another of a *different kind*; refers to quality: that is, one that is not of the same nature, form, class, or kind).

⁶ Dr. Henry M. Morris, The Biblical Basis for Modern Science, Table 1, p. 87; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 1984.

The world has already been primed to accept “.....*great signs*” coming from the sky [*heaven*] on the basis of the Unidentified Flying Object [UFO] phenomenon. These objects are not just of recent origin. Sightings of strange and miraculous objects in the sky go back thousands of years and continue up to modern times.

In the 1800s people would see airships and balloons appear out of nowhere and operated by mysterious looking people. In the early 1940s during World War II, military personnel began seeing flying objects appearing as glowing balls of fire oftentimes described as metallic [like polished silver] and disc-shaped; hence the popular label ‘*flying saucer*’.

American fighter pilots, thinking these objects to be some new type of psychological weapon, nicknamed the objects ‘*foo-fighters*’⁷. Their descriptions of the phenomena varied, but the mysterious glowing objects stuck close to their planes and ‘shadowed’ their actions at high speed for miles. One pilot reported the appearance of glowing red balls off his wing tips which stayed with the plane until he dove at 360 miles per hour; then the balls zoomed up into the sky⁸. Fighter pilots during the Korean War in the 1950s and the Viet Nam War in the 1960s also report having seen them.

Religious sightings too have been accompanied by round glowing objects, at least initially. Perhaps the best known are the sightings that occurred at Fatima, Portugal that began in May of 1917 to three shepherd children {two girls and a boy} and lasted for six consecutive months. Allegedly, this is where the Virgin Mary, commonly referred to as ‘Our Lady of Fatima’, appeared and spoke to the three children and gave them special knowledge to share with the world. Ultimately these appearances culminated on October 13, 1917 in the so-called ‘Miracle of the Sun’⁹ where the sun appears to be “dancing in the sky” though a cloud cover. These manifestations have nothing to do with the sun but with fluttering and flickering discs commonly referred to as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

However, the apparitions witnessed at Fatima did not start in May of 1917—they started two years prior to that with some of the same children involved in addition to other witnesses. What the children originally saw was a globe of light and then they saw the globe of light with some type of being inside. Then the children started calling the being an ‘angel’, and then the angel started communicating with them and gave them a prayer. This phenomenon developed in stages until finally a woman appeared in the vision who was assumed to be the Virgin Mary. But even then, not everyone who was present saw the woman¹⁰.

⁷ The term ‘foo’ is generally thought to have been borrowed from the comic strip *Smokey Stover*. Smokey, a firefighter, was fond of saying, “Where there’s foo there’s fire.” This ‘foo’ may have come from *feu*, the French word for ‘fire’, or *feuer* the German word for ‘fire’, or from Smokey’s mispronunciation of the word ‘fuel’. ‘Foo’ may alternatively have come from either of the French words *faux* meaning ‘fake’, or *fou* meaning ‘mad’.

⁸ Newsweek, Dec. 25, 1944; Newsweek Jan. 15, 1945.

⁹ For a description of this event see for example John De Marchi, *The Immaculate Heart*, New York: Farrar, Straus and Young; 1952; pp. 143-147. Avelino de Almeida, a reporter writing for the Portuguese newspaper *O Século*; and Dr. Joseph Garrett, Professor of Natural Sciences at Coimbra University were two of the estimated 70,000 people who witnessed this amazing aerial event.

¹⁰ Jacques Vallée, *Messengers of Deception*, Ronin Publishers; 1979. See also *Confrontations: A Scientist’s Search for Alien Contact*, Ballantine Books; 1990; Jacques Vallée, B.S. Mathematics, M.S.

There are at least eleven other documented cases of so-called UFO-like ‘Marian’ appearances and over twenty-five other documented cases of ‘Miracles of the Sun’¹¹.

There have been strange UFO sightings over the Vatican as well. Perhaps the most famous of these occurred on November 6, 1954 when thousands of people witnessed two groups of UFOs flying from opposite directions in “V” formation converge to form a Greek cross tilted at a forty-five degree angle [✕] with each leg made up of 10 UFOs. It is ironic to note that in pre-Christian Syria [146 BC] this type of cross signified protection from evil spirits.

In **Eph. 2:1-2** the Apostle Paul refers to Satan as “.....*the prince of the power of the air.*” That is of the sky and atmosphere. I believe there is a tie-in here to UFO phenomenon. What are these manifestations except various forms of Satanic and demonic deception.

In **2 Cor 11:14-15** Paul further warns us that

“.....And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

And in **Eph. 6:11-12** Paul reminds us of the spiritual battle that exists.

“Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

See APPENDIX A: THE UFO–DEMON CONNECTION for a summary explanation of the connection of UFOs to demonic and Satanic activity.

REV. 13:14-15 ➤ **THE DECEPTIVE IMAGE.**

[14 And he deceives 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. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.]

The false prophet deceives the inhabitants of the world – primarily by his *signs* or *actions*. The Jews were always looking for “signs” and Jesus gave them plenty, not the least of which was His resurrection from the dead – the ultimate “sign” of authority and power.

Astrophysics, PhD. Computer Science. Vallée proposes that there is a genuine UFO phenomenon, partly associated with a form of non-human consciousness that manipulates space and time. The phenomenon has been active throughout human history and seems to masquerade in various forms to different cultures. In his opinion, the intelligence behind the phenomenon attempts social manipulation by using deception on the humans with whom they interact. In harmony with this viewpoint is the Biblical explanation of the UFO phenomenon in the context of demonic activity and manifestation.

¹¹ Ron Banuk, *Mary—Past, Present, and Future*, 1995.

But the Jews of old did not believe as many do not believe today. Still looking for signs, with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ ‘right before their eyes’, but still rejecting Him they will believe in the false signs of the *false prophet* [2nd beast] promoting the *false messiah* [1st beast].

Jesus said that he came in the name of the Father but you will not receive me; but if another comes in his own name, who is false, “him” you will receive (**John 5:43**). Paul reminds us that the Jews like to ask for and seek after ‘signs’ in **1 Cor. 1:22** and they will be deceived by the ultimate imposter! But they will not be the only ones deceived.....

Remember, it was Satan, who in the form of a serpent, first deceived mankind through Eve and he has been a deceiver ever since. He has the power to cause people to exchange the truth for a lie and has been responsible for the destruction of 100’s of millions of souls. Jesus called him a “*murderer from the beginning*”, the “*father of lies*” and one who comes to rob, kill and destroy. {See **John 8:44; 10:10; Luke 9:56**}.

Now the false prophet has a “great idea” – let’s set up an image¹² to honor the first beast who was killed with a sword but came back to life.

But let’s not stop there, let’s have everyone {who is not written in the true Lamb’s Book of Life, verse 8} worship it. This is very reminiscent of what Nebuchadnezzar did in setting up his statue of gold {**Daniel 3:1-7**}. As Solomon has said, “*There is nothing new under the sun.*”

But now something very interesting happens – the false prophet is given the capacity to make this image appear to come alive—to “*breathe*” life into the image. This is another sign and this time it is a counterfeit act of creative power. For **Genesis 2:7** tells us that; “*Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*”

Note that the word translated *breath* or *life* in this verse is the Greek word ‘pneuma’ {from ‘pneo’= breathe hard; meaning *blast of breath; current of air, breeze or wind*} which is everywhere else almost always translated ‘spirit’. We get our English word ‘pneumatic’ and ‘pneumonia’ from this Greek word. This is important to note.

God could have inspired John to have used another Greek word for ‘to bring to life’ here. He could have used ZOE {i.e., zoo; from a primary word meaning ‘to live’; as in eternal *life*, Book of *Life*, to have vitality}; ‘BIOTIKOS’ {meaning *existence*}; ‘BIOS’ or ‘BIOSIS’ {meaning *present state of existence*}; ‘PSUCHE’ {i.e., psyche; meaning *consciousness, one’s soul*}; or ‘AGOGE’ {meaning *lifestyle or mode of living*}.

But the Spirit of God inspires John to use the word ‘pneuma’. Why? Because this speaks of the invisible part of life which is like the wind {e.g., **John 3:8**}—man cannot stop the wind nor see it or know where it’s coming from or going, but one can definitely hear the wind and feel its effects! So it will be with this image.

¹² **image** [1504 *eikon* (i-kone')] a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance of a thing or person.

Until about the middle of the 20th century Bible critics and skeptics have had a field day with this. “How is it”, they asked, “that an image, [i.e., a statue] can come to life and speak and such a thing be seen worldwide?”

With the advancement of microelectronics, robotics, computer chips and biotechnology this may refer to some sort of humanoid or android that the false prophet is able to create and bring to ‘life’ so that it breathes. The image or representation would not have real biological life, for only God has that ultimate power, but it will be a miraculous imitation nevertheless—perhaps via demonic possession!

On the other hand, with the advent of television and satellite communications, it is not too difficult to imagine another way that the false prophet could bring the image to life. We have made living “icons” out of people and call them “*American idols*” and “*movie stars*”. Remember that angels, or messengers, are called “stars”. What is the *message* of most of the movie stars? Does it run parallel or counter to the Bible?

With TV also comes international glorification of sexual perversion, violence, the occult, drug use and drunkenness, murder and theft {**Rev. 9:21**}. These are all the categories of sins that will characterize society and be promoted during the last days. It has already gotten so bad that even the television commercials need to be rated “R”.

Then there are the ‘game’ shows which subject the “contestants” to various forms of brutality and torture – both psychological and physical. There is a scene in the science fiction and fantasy movie, *Time Bandits*, where the parents of a small boy are watching a game show called *Your Money or Your Life*. In it, contestants are subjected to life-threatening consequences if they do not get the answer to a question correct.

We are closer to that reality than one may suspect! Shows like *Fear Factor*, *The Chair* and *The Chamber* have already explored¹³ various levels of physical and psychological abuse as ‘entertainment’ and use the lure of money and fame to attract the game show ‘victims’; er, contestants!

Anton LeVey, founder of the Church of Satan and author of *The Satanic Bible* writes about the medium of television. In his writings LeVey makes it evident that Satanism, for him, boils down to the worship of man and the uninhibited expression of all his base desires. The apex of this will be the *man of sin*, the *lawless one* who will be worshipped as God because most of the people will love *unrighteous pleasures* rather than Truth. LeVey writes:

“The birth of TV was a magical event foreshadowing its satanic significance. The first commercial broadcast was aired on Walpurgisnacht, April 30th, 1939, at the New York World’s Fair. Since then, TV’s infiltration has been so gradual, so complete, that no one even noticed. People don’t need to go to church anymore; they get their morality plays on television.¹⁴

¹³ These shows aired in 2002 and the producers threw in sudden electrical shocks, fire jets, and alligators lowered from the ceiling to raise the pulse rate of the contestant. Air cannons blow in excess of 120 miles an hour, and the chamber’s temperature drops below zero. Spraying water causes several inches of ice to accumulate on contestants, and their chairs shake violently. And if that weren’t enough, there are electrical shocks that cause their muscles to contract involuntarily.

¹⁴ Anton LeVey, *The Devil’s Notebook*; Portland, Oregon, Feral House, 1992, p.86.

There are television sets in every home, every restaurant, every hotel room, every shopping mall – now they're even small enough to carry in your pocket like electronic rosaries. It is an unquestioned part of everyday life. Kneeling before the cathode-ray god, with our TV Guide concordance in hand, we maintain the illusion of choice by flipping channels; chapters and verses¹⁵.

The world may have yet to see the full potential of television and its “high definition” technology. Now, with the on-going and rapid development of the Internet, with its amazing video graphics and audio capabilities, it is not hard to imagine how this “image” appears to come alive. Not only that, it will be seen around the world almost instantly!

What is interesting to note here is that the beast from the earth {the false prophet} is given the authority and power to perform this amazing feat. Perhaps this is the ‘lie’ and ‘strong delusion’ that the apostle Paul was referring to in **2 Thess. 2:9-12** when he says;

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion; that they should believe the lie so that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

REV. 13:16-17 ➤ INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC EXTORTION.

[16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.]

The 2nd Beast out of the earth, apparently referred to as the *false prophet* {**Rev. 16:13**}, forces everyone to receive a mark¹⁶ without which it will be impossible to publicly buy or sell merchandise. The implications to one’s survival are obvious.

This is the ultimate in socialism—*global economic extortion!*

A word about the “mark”: Today there are several companies¹⁷ that market a rice-grain sized microchip that can be implanted, via injection by a 3cc Monoject syringe, under the skin. This chip can be used to identify a pet (or person) and can be created to contain information about that individual which is retrieved by ‘reading’ the chip with a special electronic scanner. Currently most of these microchips are passive, meaning they are only active when stimulated by a specific radio frequency. However, the technology to make these chips “active”, that is, capable of utilizing global positioning satellites (GPS) and transmitting information from a distance already exists¹⁸. Decades ago this idea would have sounded far-fetched. People would ask; “How can something that contains that much information or is used for tracking be made small enough to put on a person’s forehead or hand?” “Who would ever allow themselves to be implanted by such a chip?”

¹⁵ Ibid; p.84.

¹⁶ **mark** [5480 *charagma* (khar'-ag-mah)] A scratch or etching, i.e. stamp or imprinted mark (as a badge of servitude), a tattoo, the mark branded upon horses ; a sculptured or carved figure used of idolatrous images. Also can refer to the pricking of the tattooing needle – i.e., a syringe that can inject a microchip!

¹⁷ American Veterinary Identification Device (AVID) Microchip.

¹⁸ Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chips like the VeriChip manufactured by Digital Angel Corp.

But today the idea of such a device is being promoted both as a safety and security measure – and many people are open to the idea. By the time the anti-Christ comes upon the scene such a process may already be a common practice but then exploited to his advantage. It is interesting to note that the Greek word used for “mark” here can refer to the prick that a tattoo needle makes when it breaks the skin. This word could also just as likely be applied to a hypodermic needle breaking the skin to inject a microchip!

It appears that part of “.....*believing the lie*” may be accepting the mark that the false prophet requires to buy and sell. The reason will ultimately be that they preferred the ‘pleasures’ of unrighteousness to believing (and practicing) the Truth.

In agreement with Paul’s statement is **Rev. 14:11** which tells us that those who believe the lie [i.e., and receive the ‘mark’] will be *eternally condemned*:

“And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

International corporations are dedicated to centralized planning on a global scale and they measure success and failure based on global profits and market shares. A Union Carbide spokesman put it this way¹⁹:

“It is not proper for an international corporation to put the welfare of any country in which it does business above that of any other.”

Charles P. Kindleberger, a leading authority on international economics has said:

“The international corporation has no country to which it owes any more loyalty than any other, nor any country where it feels completely at home.”

The president of IBM World Trade Corporation has remarked:

“The boundaries that separate one nation from another are no more real than the equator. They are merely convenient demarcations of ethnic, linguistic and cultural entities.”

And so, the international corporate hierarchy, in declaring their loyalty to a borderless, international politico-economic system, confirms that the global economics has become a sort of pseudo-religion with profits and power as its objects of worship. *International business knows no political or geographic boundaries!*

The House of Rothschild is a powerful, international banking family. Mayer Amschel Rothschild (1743-1812), a German Jew, founded the banking dynasty in the mid-1770’s. For almost two hundred years the Rothschild family has been a powerful influence in international banking and finance. They have promoted and funded wars which furthered their agenda. The Bank of Rothschild has been involved with the rise and fall of world governments by judiciously withholding or supplying money to the principals in a conflict. They expanded their power and influence in America through the Morgan and Rockefeller financial dynasties.

It was a Rothschild, who in 1838 said;

“Let me issue and control a nation’s money and I care not who writes the laws.”

¹⁹ *System One World*, Passport Magazine, Calvary Chapel of West Covina, Feb-March, 1987, pp. 2-15.

Then there is the Trilateral Commission which was founded in 1973 by international banker, David Rockefeller, after he decided there was a need for more private economic consultation between financial leaders in North America, Europe and Japan. (Hence the term, trilateral). Its ultimate aim is to control the ebb and flow of international political power using money as leverage.

The stage is already set for a person (or organization) to come along and force everyone who wants to take part in buying and selling to “play by his rules”.

REV. 13:18 ➤ THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST’S NAME: 6 6 6

[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.]

Here the Word of God calls us to be wise in identifying the 2nd beast from the earth that “.....has two horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon” [i.e., Satan].

Those who have ‘understanding’ or a {*spiritual*} mind for it, that is, the mind of Christ {**1 Cor. 2:16**}, are challenged to ‘count’ the number of this beast. That is, to discover the meaning of the beast’s number. This implies that it is possible to do so. Thus, this exercise is not esoteric or mystical, a lot of mumbo jumbo, but instead is based on what God tells us in His word. Nothing more and nothing less. Refer also to *Appendix B: Numbers in the Bible*.

First, we are told that it is the number of a man—specifically the number 6 6 6.

If we agree that the number ‘6’ by itself represents a man [since he was created on the 6th day] and the number “3” represents the Triune God [Father, Son and Holy Spirit], then in its most sublime sense the number “6 6 6” simply designates a man making himself out to be God. Six is the number of man, created on the sixth day. Three is the number of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But there is a more intriguing reason for this number.

The Greek text of **Rev. 13:18** for the number 666 is [hexakosioi hexekonta hex] or [six-hundred sixty six]. However, in the Greek language lower-case letters of the alphabet (plus two additional ones²⁰) are used for numbers by placing a “bar” over the letter. Refer to *Appendix C: Greek Letters Used as Numbers*.

So if we use Greek letters to denote the number 666 we have [chi xi stigma]:

χ̄ ξ̄ ϛ̄

The last letter in this number, *stigma*, is obsolete and its place in the alphabet has been replaced with sigma [numerical value = 200]. However, it is still used to denote the number ‘6’. In Greek the name Christ is Christos and it is spelled:

Χριστος

²⁰ In John’s day the Greeks used the letter ‘*stigma*’ [ϛ] for the number ‘6’. However, today that letter is obsolete and the Greeks use the ligature of *sigma-tau* [στ] to denote the number ‘6’. Two other obsolete letters are used for numbers; *koppa* [Ϟ = 90] and *sampi* [Ϛ = 900].

In the Greek language the ligature *omicron-sigma* [οσ] and *stigma* [ς] can be used interchangeably. Note that the first and last letters of the name Christos [Christ] in Greek are *chi* [Χ] and *omicron-sigma* [οσ] for which we can substitute stigma [ς] to get

Χριστς

which are the first and last numbers of ‘6 6 6’. The middle letter for the number 666 is *xi* [ξ], a symbol which resembles a serpent. So we have a serpent, Satan, disguised as a Christ-figure—the messianic imposter; the anti-Christ!

This seems to me to be a most reasonable explanation of the *meaning* of the number ‘666’.

The *identity* of the anti-Christ is another matter entirely—that has been the subject of much speculation and debate down through the years. Candidates for the title have included the Roman emperors Nero and Domitian, Adolf Hitler, Henry Kissinger and the king of Spain, Don Juan Carlos I. But the world has yet to see the real anti-Christ, the “lawless one”, the “man of sin”.

By the use of this number the anti-Christ will control the global economy and dominate what an individual can and cannot do.

There are several groups and organizations that have basically the same agenda to dominate mankind, reshape society in their own image andDESTROY CHRISTIANITY: The Illuminati (i.e., secret societies), the Marxist-Communists, and Satanists. Here is some history.

The Illuminati was founded on May 1, 1776 by Johann Adam Weishaupt²¹. Weishaupt, a professor of Canon Law at Ingolstadt University in Germany, was born into Judaism but converted to Roman Catholicism and trained as a Jesuit priest.

Upon orders and with the financial backing of the newly-formed House of Rothschild, Weishaupt recruited for the Illuminati by telling some of the more naive prospects that their ultimate goal was “peace on earth” via a one-world government and a “New World Order”.

Through meticulous selection and careful grooming, usually from the lodges of the Freemasons and Rosicrucians, Weishaupt was able to gather some 2,000 of the most intelligent men in the fields of arts and letters, education, the sciences, finance and industry. He then established *Lodges of the Grand Orient* to be their headquarters.

Weishaupt explained that the name “Illuminati” was derived from the name “Lucifer” which means “Light-Bearer”. Ultimately, the Illuminati are a Luciferian (Satanic) secret society, which by God’s standards, is corrupt and evil. {Refer to **Isaiah 14:12-17**}.

²¹ It is interesting to note that May 1 is an important celebration day on the Satanic calendar. It is called a “Grand Climax” and also known as “Corpus De Baal”.

In 1799, a French priest, Abbe Augustin Barruel, published a four-volume study entitled, *Memoirs Illustrating the History of Jacobism*. In it he asserts and supports the fact that the Illuminati was both instigator and perpetrating force behind the French Revolution, establishing itself as a viable force throughout Europe. He describes the Illuminati as “..... a common sewer of every anti-Christian and anti-social error”. It is interesting to note that a large number of the Illuminati were apostates from Catholic, Protestant and Jewish backgrounds.

In 1848, British statesman Benjamin Disraeli, addressing the House of Commons, said:

“It is useless to deny, because it is impossible to conceal, that a great part of Europe, the whole of Italy and France, and a great portion of Germany, to say nothing of other countries, are covered with a network of these secret societies just as the surface of the earth is covered by railroads”.

The method used by the Illuminati is a seven point plan calling for the elimination of:

1. *All monarchies and organized governments*
2. *Private property*
3. *All inheritances*
4. *Nationalism (i.e., patriotism)*
5. *The traditional family unit*
6. *All religious disciplines based on faith in God*
7. *All social order, sexual restraint laws and moral codes.*

The Marxists-Communists, who are ideological descendants of the Illuminati, also use this same basic formula. This is not coincidental, Karl Marx (a German Jew), the founding father of Communism, gleaned and edited his doctrines from the writings of Adam Weishaupt. *The Communist Manifesto*, published in 1848, embodies both the substance as well as the spirit of the Illuminati. Namely, that anarchy is the only catalyst and method of achieving rapid social revolution and reformation. To Marx, this would necessitate the use of force and violence because the ends justify the means to rapid social revolution.

Finally, we have the Satanists. Perhaps the best known, self-proclaimed Satanist in America is Anton LeVey, a former circus performer and police photographer. On April 30, 1966, he founded the First Church of Satan on California Street in San Francisco. This date is important for historical reasons, it is known as Walpurgisnacht or Walpurgis Night, the ancient feast of Beltane, and also marks the day that Hitler chose to commit suicide.

LeVey compiled his years of occult knowledge into two of Satanism’s most important handbooks, *The Satanic Bible* and *The Satanic Rituals*, a step-by-step guide to performing Satanic rituals. Both books lean heavily on the works of a popular and infamous Satanist who lived during the early 1900’s, Aleister Crowley. Aleister’s own mother referred to him as “the Beast” and the “number 666”; labels which Crowley gladly accepted.

Members of LeVey's Church of Satan and others like it openly perform weddings, funerals and baptisms in the name of Satan. They have a code of precepts called the Nine Satanic Statements. They are:

1. *Satan represents indulgence, instead of abstinence*
2. *Satan represents vital existence, instead of spiritual dreams*
3. *Satan represents undefiled wisdom, instead of hypocritical self-deceit*
4. *Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it, instead of love wasted on ingrates*
5. *Satan represents vengeance, instead of turning the other cheek*
6. *Satan represents responsibility to the responsible, instead of concern for psychic vampires.*
7. *Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all fours, who, because of his "divine spiritual and intellectual development", has become the most vicious animal of all.*
8. *Satan represents all of the so-called sins as they all lead to physical, mental or emotional gratification.*
9. *Satan has been the best friend the Church has ever had, as he has kept it in business all these years.*

In addition to this, the Witches International Coven Council (WICCA) had a list of their goals intercepted and confiscated by law enforcement officials after a 1981 WICCA convention in Mexico. These goals clearly and boldly demonstrate Satanist parallels to the goals and purposes of the Illuminati and Communism. The last item on this list predicts the physical reign of Satan on earth on June 21, 1999 {which obviously did not happen and will not happen until it falls into God's timeline of events}.

A year later, on Sunday, April 25, 1982, the full-page ad²², The Christ is Now Here, shown in Figure 13-2 was printed simultaneously in the newspapers of the major cities of the world (as stated in the fine print at the bottom of the ad). It is a modern example and a very real reminder that Satan is still actively desirous of ruling this planet as a substitute for Christ Jesus.

Truly we are in the spiritual battle that is described in **Ephesians 6:10-13**;

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Praise God for He has given us power to cast down these spiritual strongholds as it is written in **2 Cor. 10:3-6**; "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God....."

²² The photographic copy shown in Figure 13-1 was printed in the Los Angeles Times; Part I, p. 31.

THE WORLD HAS HAD *enough*... OF HUNGER, INJUSTICE, WAR.
IN ANSWER TO OUR CALL FOR HELP, AS WORLD TEACHER FOR ALL HUMANITY,

THE CHRIST IS NOW HERE.

HOW WILL WE RECOGNIZE HIM?

Look for a modern man concerned with modern problems—political, economic, and social. Since July, 1977, the Christ has been emerging as a spokesman for a group or community in a well-known modern country. He is not a religious leader, but an educator in the broadest sense of the word—pointing the way out of our present crisis.

We will recognize Him by His extraordinary spiritual potency, the universality of His viewpoint, and His love for all humanity. He comes not to judge, but to aid and inspire.

WHO IS THE CHRIST?

Throughout history, humanity's evolution has been guided by a group of enlightened men, the Masters of Wisdom. They have remained largely in the remote desert and mountain places of earth, working mainly through their disciples who live openly in the world. This message of the Christ's reappearance has been given primarily by such a disciple trained for his task for over 20 years.

At the center of this "Spiritual Hierarchy" stands the World Teacher, *Lord Maitreya*, known by Christians as the *Christ*. And as Christians await the Second Coming, so the Jews await the *Messiah*, the Buddhists the fifth *Buddha*, the Muslims the *Imam Mahdi*, and the Hindus await *Krishna*. These are all names for one individual.

His presence in the world guarantees there will be no third World War.

WHAT IS HE SAYING?

"My task will be to show you how to live together peacefully as brothers. This is simpler than you imagine, My friends, for it requires only the acceptance of sharing."

"How can you be content with the modes within which you now live: when millions starve and die in squalor; when the rich parade their wealth before the poor; when each man is his neighbor's enemy; when no man trusts his brother?"

"Allow me to show you the way forward into a simpler life where no man lacks; where no two days are alike; where the Joy of Brotherhood manifests through all men."

"Take your brother's need as the measure for your action and solve the problems of the world."

WHEN WILL WE SEE HIM?

He has not as yet declared His true status, and His location is known to only a very few disciples. One of these has announced that soon the Christ will acknowledge His identity and **within the next two months** will speak to humanity through a worldwide television and radio broadcast. His message will be heard inwardly, telepathically, by all people in their own language.

From that time, with His help, we will build a new world.

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Figure 13-2. Full Page Ad Appearing in the Los Angeles Times in Section I on Sunday, April 25, 1982 Sponsored by the Tara Press.

We have covered quite a bit of ground in this chapter but the three personages described in this section are summarized as follows:

I. Satan - Demonic Being {He will be cast out of Heaven—will be bound in the abyss—and ultimately thrown in the Lake of Fire}. His characteristics:

- Great Red Dragon {**Rev. 12:3, 7**}
- A Beast having 7 heads & 10 horns with 7 crowns {**Rev. 12:3**}
- Old Serpent, the Devil {**Rev. 12:9**}
- Bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years {**Rev. 20:2, 3**}
- Loosed out of abyss, stirs up one final rebellion against God but will be defeated and cast into the Lake of Fire after the 1000 years (millennium) is over {**Rev. 20:7,10**}

II. 1st Beast from the Sea – Demonic Possessed {*Apollyon* embodied in human form—will be thrown into the Lake of Fire}.

- Comes from the bottomless pit (abyss) as a demonic being called 'Apollyon' and possesses the Anti-Christ {**Rev. 11:7; 17:7-8**}
- Comes from the "sea" (of human history, humanity) {**Rev. 13:1**}
- Also has 7 heads & 10 horns with 7 crowns with the names of blasphemy {**Rev. 13:1, 2; 17:3, 7**}
- One head wounded as though to death ... this head may refer to an actual historical person, but is being impersonated by this demon from the bottomless pit ... perhaps a demon which counterfeits the resurrection of Jesus Christ ! {**Rev. 13:1, 3, 14**}
- The Dragon (Satan) gives him his power, throne & authority {**Rev. 13:2**} In contrast with what Christ would not and did not do when Satan offered them {see **Matt. 4:1-11**}. Truly, the Anti-Christ.
- A 'lost' & rebellious world worships this beast, they are awed by him {**Rev. 13:4, 8**}
- Given power for 42 months (3 ½ years) {**Rev. 13:5**}
- Speaks blasphemies against God, His name and this beast makes 'war against the saints' and overcomes them {**Rev. 13:5-7**}
- Scarlet colored beast {**Rev. 17:3**}
- The beast which: {**Rev. 17:8**}
 - "was" a human person of history
 - "is not" ... is not really the actual person, but an imitator ... not the "real thing"
 - "yet is" ... still is a reality, demonically controlled by the one who ascends out of the abyss.
- Thrown into the Lake of Fire right after the Great Tribulation just prior to the millennium {**Rev. 19:20**}

III. 2nd Beast from the Earth – Demonically Possessed {Will be thrown into the Lake of Fire}.

- Comes from the 'earth' (perhaps an obscure person) {**Rev. 13:11**}
- Has 2 horns like a lamb {**Rev. 13:11**}
- Speaks like a Dragon (Satan) { **Rev.13:11**}
- Exercises ALL the power of the 1st Beast {**Rev. 13:12**}
- Performs great signs & wonders {**Rev. 13:13-14**}
- Deceives the nations (liar) {**Rev. 13:14**}
- Administers the 'mark' of the 1st Beast {**Rev. 13:16**}
- Causes a "lost" world to worship the 1st beast {**Rev. 13:12, 15**}
- Called the "false prophet" (false messiah) {**Rev. 16:13**}
- Thrown into the Lake of Fire along with the 1st Beast {**Rev. 19:20**}

SUMMARY

- Satan is the central power of evil, rebellion, pride, deception, and destruction in the universe.
- Beast #1 is the visible representation of Satan's kingdom and power and is a demonic instrument of rebellion and pride, he is *Satan's man*.
- Beast #2 is Satan's instrument of deception and the Beast #1's cheerleader; he is the *counterpart* to Beast #1 as John the Baptist was to Jesus Christ.

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APPENDIX A: THE UFO/ALIEN – DEMON CONNECTION

"He performs great signs...."

There are some who would deny this connection is even possible and dismiss the subject without giving it any serious consideration. The reason? They would claim that since demons are fallen angels they are intangible beings (spirits) and so would have no physical or material nature. They would point out that UFO encounters oftentimes include the actual physical contact with people by supposed alien beings commonly referred to as UFO-nauts. But a careful investigation of the scriptures will reveal this is not only possible, but quite likely.

The Bible encourages Christians to search and study the scriptures to see if "*.....those things are so*" (**Acts 17:11**). In **1 John 4:1** the Bible teaches us "*...not to believe every spirit..*", but to actively "*test the spirits to see whether they are from God....*" (i.e., test the message, ideas and philosophy).

Paul writes to Timothy and tells him to "*...study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" (**2 Tim. 2:15**).

We as Christians are to be ready to give an answer of truth for the hope that is within us (**1 Peter 3:15**). We are to 'test the spirits', in this case beings who come in the guise of extraterrestrial visitors, to see if they are from God.

Therefore, I want to first draw attention to a subtle fallacy in the argument concerning "spirits" and "demons" not having a material substance. I will demonstrate, from both the O.T. and N.T. language, that "demons" or "angels" (i.e., "spiritual beings") did and still do manifest themselves "physically". Indeed, to interact with man, they more often than not choose to do so. Also, humans themselves are spiritual beings housed in temporary bodies of inorganic and organic elements and compounds.

Let me begin with the passages **Luke 4:33** and **24:36-39** which are most often cited as proof texts that supposed alien creatures could not be demonic manifestations.

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

The words demon (Gk. 'daimon'), devils (Gk. 'daimonia'), ghost (Gk. 'phantasma') and spirit (Gk. 'pneuma') all convey the idea of a spiritual being or entity (intelligent, interactive being). However, and this is the important fact, demons (angels) appear to take on physical form whenever they desire to interact and communicate with humankind.

If demons are only purely spiritual, intangible entities, how is it that when Jesus addressed demons he always spoke to a person with a physical body. Why? Because demons desire to be housed and work thru physical instrumentalities (e.g., **Matthew 12:43-45**); even if it is the body of a pig (e.g., **Mark 5:9-12**). Some I believe also have the power to make objects, like flying discs, materialize.

Spirits (or demons) can and usually are housed in physical type bodies when they interact with man. The people during Jesus' time knew and understood this. Thus, at various points in Jesus' ministry they accused him of "having" a demon because of the awesome things he was saying and doing (e.g., **John 8:48, 52; Matthew 12:24-28; Mark 3:22-30**). We will see later that Jesus' resurrected body had some very extraordinary properties, even though it was a body of flesh and bones that could be touched and handled!

Now I have used the word "housed" in the sense of a tent or tabernacle. For such is the meaning found in **2 Corinthians 5:1-4**. Here Paul tells us that if *".....our earthly house of THIS tent"* (Gk. "skenos" or tabernacle) were dissolved (i.e., *demolished, equivalent to physical death*) *we, that is our spirits, have ".....ANOTHER building of God, eternal in the heavens"*. See also **2 Peter 1:13-14** where Peter uses the same idea about his own body.

So a "body" is simply a "tent", an outer covering, a shell which houses a real spiritual being inside. (Gk. "skenoma"; tent, or encampment, residence).

In **John 1:14** we are told that *".....the Word became flesh"* (i.e., God became a man) and *".....dwelt among us"* (Gk. "skeno"; literally tabernacled or "pitched a tent"). **Hebrews 2:16** further informs us that, *".....he (God) took not on him the nature of angels, but took on him the seed of Abraham"*. In other words, God did not come to save man in spiritual form only, but also in the form of the "flesh" he wanted to save.

So for Jesus to say (**Luke 24:39**) I am no spirit, touch me and believe, for a spirit doesn't have flesh and bones is not anything unusual because a spirit by itself isn't physical. But the Spirit of God was still HOUSED IN a new, resurrected body with a different kind of "flesh" all it's own. (See **1 Cor. 15:37-44** where Paul refers to a spirit as a "seed" for different kinds of bodies. He goes on to tell us that there are physical bodies and spiritual bodies, v. 44). The Bible teaches us that we have "seen" God as declared through Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh (**John 1:14**) and it became possible for man to "see" God (e.g., **John 1:18; 14:8-9**). Therefore, it is still consistent when the Bible teaches that God is spirit and those that worship him must worship him in SPIRIT and TRUTH! (**John 4:24**) and yet Jesus Christ is to be worshipped.

One final comment on **Luke 24:39**. The apostle John partially enlightens us as to the nature of Jesus' resurrected body of "flesh and bones", it had the capability to go through solid matter, the walls of the room where the disciples were hiding! We find this truth in **John 20:19-20, 26**.

We can deduce this from inference: Twice John is very careful to mention in his narrative that when Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, the doors were "shut" (Gk. "kleio", to be shut or closed) but Jesus came and ..."stood in the midst" (**vv. 19, 26**). This word, "kleio" is also used in **Acts 5:23** in reference to being "shut" up in prison. Note that this happened during the event described in **Luke 24:39**. Even though Jesus' body could be touched and handled, i.e., was physical body, it never-the-less had the ability to go through solid matter as a spirit! I am therefore saying that one ought to be careful in stating what a spirit (demon) is capable or incapable of doing.

Evidently, to be effectual in interacting with humankind, an angelic being takes on physical form to fully express itself. When one talks about an angel or demon it must be realized that when they operate and communicate within the realm of human experience they do it primarily housed in a physical body ("tent")!

I site the following examples as a partial list:

- Abraham had three "visitors" prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. These visitors appeared to Abraham in the form of men (**Genesis 18:1-3, 22**). One was LORD, the other two were angels (Heb. "malak"; "messenger", equivalent to the Gk. "angelos") sent with a message for Abraham. How do we know that the two men were angels, having supernatural powers? Because the same two appear to Lot in Sodom to warn him and his family to get out (See **Genesis 19:1, 10-12**). Notice from this passage that two angels come to Lot, but it is men who *"...put forth their hand"* and men who *".....said"* to Lot. Not only that, but these angels must have appeared to the rest of the citizens of Sodom as men, because some of them wanted "to know" (i.e., sexually) them. Here we have a case where angels (spiritual beings) appear in bodily form as human men.
- We have the case of the angel Gabriel appearing to Daniel in some physical form. (**Daniel 9:21-22**).

- Gabriel also appeared to Zacharias and Mary announcing the conception and birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, respectively. (**Luke 1:11-13, 19, 26-28**). They both "saw" and "heard", again in physical form. In **Luke 1:11** the word "appeared" is used of this angel, in the Greek this word is "optomai" meaning "to see" with the eye ("ops").
- Demons inhabiting human bodies as well as animals. (Numerous O.T. and N.T. passages including **Genesis 3:1** when Satan appears to Eve in the form of a "serpent")
- Angels are shown appearing to disciples in jail on at least two occasions and help them get out. (**Acts 5:18-20; 12:5-16**). This last passage contains an interesting reference relating to how people of that day perceived angels. After Peter was super-naturally released from prison by an angel, he went to Mary's house. There, while knocking at the door someone came and heard him. Out of gladness she forgot to open the door, but hastily went back to the other believers and told them. Some thought she was mad, others thought she had heard "Peter's angel". Again, spiritual beings have physical characteristics which interact in the affairs of men and which can help identify them.
- Finally, in **Hebrews 13:2** we are told that we should ..."not be forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares". In other words, they were so human-like they were inconspicuous.

The above discussion has clearly shown that there is nothing contradictory between believing the UFO-nauts are demons housed in "physical" bodies and what the Bible teaches about the nature and business of demons. Satan and his angels, the demons, want nothing more than to realize the utter destruction of God's capstone creation, man, who is created in "God's own image". Therefore, it is perfectly reasonable that the "UFO phenomena" bridges the gap of religion and attacks the very foundation of salvation to man, Jesus Christ.

For example: The Urantia Book, published by the Urantia Foundation, is claimed to have been written by UFO-nauts communicating to man via automatic writing. (Urantia Foundation, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614. This book is preoccupied with disclaiming the tenets and doctrines of the Bible.

I list some here for you: The denial of the existence of God or Satan, the denial of absolute good and evil, the denial of heaven and hell. In addition to these two-thirds of the book attempts to discredit and downplay the claims of Jesus Christ, including His deity. (I believe this should sound familiar). Why would a truly advanced alien race be preoccupied with destroying mankind's religion, especially that of Christianity? It makes sense only if it is from Satan. Jesus says he was a liar from the beginning and a deceiver and he has no positive role in the person and work of Jesus Christ (**John 8:44; Matt. 16:21-23; Rev. 12:9**).

Why would demons want to represent themselves in the form of extraterrestrial visitors from outer space? Simple, in a technically sophisticated society to deceive and lead mankind away from the one true God and to keep men and women from faith in Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, the apostle Paul warns us in his letter to Timothy that in the latter days (the time since Jesus' first coming) some will depart from the faith and give heed to the ..."doctrines of demons". See **1 Timothy 1:3-4; 4:1-3**. Furthermore, Paul warns us in his second letter to Timothy that false teachers will come and will be turned to fables. There are many UFO 'fables' out there. Christians are to watch out for this. See **2 Timothy 4:1-5**.

Paul writes to the churches in Galatia (western Turkey) that anyone who comes teaching another (Gk. "heteros"-different kind) gospel of Jesus Christ which has been taught (by Jesus and the disciples/apostles) let them be accursed (Gk. "anathema")! He actually "marveled" at their acceptance of a false gospel! Refer to **Gal. 1:3-6**.

APPENDIX B: NUMBERS IN THE BIBLE

We know that God is a God of Order. He created all things wonderfully; the creation of God is an awesome statement of His wisdom, power and love. **Psalms 19:1** states that “*The heavens declare the glory of God and the expanse of heaven shows His handiwork*”. There is **design** everywhere we look – from the *smallest* division of inorganic matter (elementary particles, light) and the organic (microscopic living cells) to the *largest* (the galaxies He has placed in order). Using a computer program that maps out galaxies in three dimensions, some astronomers have discovered that even the Universe has a *pattern* or *structure* associated with it!

Some have gone ‘over-board’ with finding some mystical significance “behind every number” and it is not my purpose here to promote or develop a system of Numerology²³. However, I believe that the clock-like precision of our solar system and the remarkable design of the Universe demonstrate that God is the ultimate Mathematician. The language of mathematics is numbers. Therefore, I believe God uses numbers to communicate to us His purpose, nature and plans²⁴ {e.g., see **Exodus 24-27**}.

The Word of God is logical and precise, sharper than any two-edged sword, able to divide asunder the soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (**Heb. 4:12**). By the Word of God is a man measured (**Rev. 11:1**). **God’s ultimate communication with us was Jesus Christ – the living Word.**

This appendix gives a straight-forward description of some numbers used in God’s Word that have specific meanings:

- 1** > the number of **Unity**: represents the oneness & exclusiveness of God. "Hear O Israel, the LORD your God is One. There is one Body, one Baptism, and one Spirit.
- 2** > the number of **Witness**: "by the mouth of two or more shall a thing be established", "*where two or more are gathered...*" and the two witnesses **of Revelation 11**, etc.; Jesus as the second person of the Godhead is the "Faithful & True Witness". The "water & the blood" testify of Jesus death for our sins, the bread & wine are a memorial to His sacrifice and atoning work on the cross.
- 3** > the number of **Divinity** = Father, Son & Holy Spirit; height, depth and breadth of God's Love, Jesus was resurrected on the third day after His death.
- 4** > the number of **earth** = the four corners of the earth (i.e., north, south, east & west), the four living creatures representing the created order (shown worshipping God and the Lamb in Revelation 4,5), possibly also the number of **creation**: length, width, height, and time.
- 5** > number of **fullness**: (See also "10"). Five cubits was a common measurement of items found in the Tabernacle. Jesus fed 5000 men with five loaves of bread (& two fishes = witness). There were five wise & five foolish virgins; five was the maximum number of talents given. The apostle Paul received "40 stripes" five times in his life and says he would rather speak five words that can be understood by everyone rather than 10,000 words in a tongue which no one can understand (*1 Cor. 14:19*). During the fifth trumpet, demonic locusts will have power to torment people fully for five months.
- 6** > the number of **man**: man was created on the sixth day. It is one number short of completion. [Goliath was 6 cubits + span tall, he had a spear with an iron tip that weighed 600 shekels. Goliath had a brother who had 6 fingers and toes on each hand and foot (*2 Sam 21:20*)].

²³ **Numerology** is any of many systems, traditions or beliefs in a mystical or esoteric relationship between numbers and physical objects or living things.

²⁴ St. Augustine of Hippo (A.D. 354–430) wrote, “Numbers are the Universal language offered by God to humans as confirmation of the truth.” He believed that everything had numerical relationships and it was up to the mind to seek and investigate the secrets of these relationships or have them revealed by divine grace.

7 > the number of **Completion/Rest**: God rested the seventh day, also the number of our redemption since we are complete in Christ and find rest for our souls. This number is found everywhere in scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, where it finds its fullest expression! Not the least of which are: the *seven seals*, *seven trumpets* and *seven bowls of wrath*.

8 > the number of **New Beginnings**: Eight people were saved from the Flood on the Ark to start a new civilization; lepers were declared "clean" after the 8th day of ritual cleansing and they could start their life over again; male children were circumcised on the eighth day; Jesus was raised on the eight day (i.e., 7 + 1) to a new, resurrected life! Hallelujah!

10 > number of **fullness**: the Ten Commandments (five on each tablet) represent the full expression of God's holy standards, ten fingers and toes (five on each hand and foot), the beast with ten horns (in Daniel & Revelation) who represents the "fullness of the times of the Gentiles" and will drink the "fullness of the wine of God's wrath"

12 > the number of **Organization/Government**: Israel was divided into twelve tribes; Jesus chose twelve disciples.

24 > the number of the **Redeemed**: Representing 2 * 12, the witness of Israel (12 tribes) & the Church (12 disciples); the 24 elders in the book of Revelation.

40 > the number of **Judgment/Purging**: associated with trials. It rained for 40 days & nights when the earth was covered by a flood (note 40 = 4 * 10), the creation ("**4**") of earth with man was judged in fullness ("**10**"). The LORD said He would never again judge the earth with a flood (the rainbow signifying that covenant) – but obviously this does not rule out other methods as demonstrated by the judgments described in Revelation. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because of God's judgment for their unbelief. Jesus was tested-- tempted by Satan in the wilderness after Jesus had fasted for 40 days & nights. Jesus was judged worthy because He did not sin, but Satan was judged with failure for Jesus said that the "...prince of this world has been judged" (*John 16:11*).

50 > the number of **Promise**: every fiftieth year was a year of "jubilee" for Israel, when all land previously sold was to be returned to its original family (owners) as promised. There were fifty days between the Resurrection & Pentecost, representing the promise of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit in power to indwell & fill believers for the first time. This number could also be associated with **Joy**.

70 > the number of **Complete Fullness**: = 7 * 10. Represents a once and for all completed and finished condition. The Jews were captives in Babylon for 70 years, never again. There were 70 judges in Israel. We are told by Jesus to forgive, "... seventy times seven" and He sent out 70 others to declare the arrival of the Kingdom of God with signs & wonders. The Bible tells us this is the nominal expected lifespan of man (*Psalms 90:10*).

APPENDIX C: GREEK LETTERS USED AS NUMBERS

Greek Alphabet Numeral Equivalents				
Order	Letter	Lower Case	Upper Case	Equivalent Number
1	alpha	α	Α	1
2	beta	β	Β	2
3	gamma	γ	Γ	3
4	delta	δ	Δ	4
5	epsilon	ε	Ε	5
{obsolete}	<i>stigma</i>	ς	Ϛ	6
6	zeta	ζ	Ζ	7
7	eta	η	Η	8
8	theta	θ	Θ	9
9	iota	ι	Ι	10
10	kappa	κ	Κ	20
11	lambda	λ	Λ	30
12	mu	μ	Μ	40
13	nu	ν	Ν	50
14	xi	ξ	Ξ	60
15	omicron	ο	Ο	70
16	pi	π	Π	80
{obsolete}	<i>koppa</i>	Ϟ	Ϡ	90
17	rho	ρ	Ρ	100
18	sigma	σ	Σ	200
19	tau	τ	Τ	300
20	upsilon	υ	Υ	400
21	phi	φ	Φ	500
22	chi	χ	Χ	600
23	psi	ψ	Ψ	700
24	omega	ω	Ω	800
{obsolete}	<i>sampi</i>	Ϸ	ϸ	900

The number 666 in **Revelation 13:18** is made up of the 22nd letter (*chi*), the 14th letter (*xi*) and an obsolete letter (*stigma*), intermediate between the 5th and 6th letters of the Greek alphabet with a line across the top and denoting respectively the numbers 600 + 60 + 6 or 666 as a numeral. [There are two other obsolete Greek letters; *koppa* and *sampi*.]

Stigma (uppercase Ϛ lowercase Ϻ) is a ligature of the Greek letters sigma [σ] and tau [τ] used in modern times to represent the Greek numeral 6. However, today the letters sigma-tau, στ (ΣΤ, if capitalized), are more widely used to represent the number 6 or the 6th ordinal.