

THE END-TIME ANTICHRIST AND HIS “666” CULTIC MARK/NUMBER.

By Dr. I. U. Ibeme

Website: <http://www.scribd.com/ifeogo>

PRE-EMPTORS OF THE ANTICHRIST

All believers should know that many antichrists and false-Christ's, false prophets and false teachers who deceive many with syncretistic false doctrines and yet demonstrate miraculous powers (Mat 24:24-25), will always be there within and outside the Church, as they have been from the time of the Apostles (Mat 24:5, 11, 24; Mar 13:22; 2Pet 2:1-3; Jude 1:4; 1John 2:18, 22; 4:1-3; 2John 1:3). Christians must beware of such merchants of the Gospel and commercial corrupters of God's Word (2Cor 2:17) who burn strange fires in God's sanctuary (Lev 10:1-3).

2 Peter 2:17-20

(17) These men are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm, for whom the utter depths of darkness have been reserved.

(18) For by speaking high-sounding but empty words they are able to entice, with fleshly desires and with debauchery, people who have just escaped from those who reside in error.

(19) Although these false teachers promise such people freedom, they themselves are enslaved to immorality. For whatever a person succumbs to, to that he is enslaved.

(20) For if after they have escaped the filthy things of the world through the rich knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again get entangled in them and succumb to them, their last state has become worse for them than their first.

Because of their **corrupt minds** and **love of money**, False Prophets, False Teachers and False Brethren degrade **grace and godliness** to mean **licentiousness and money** (1Tim 6:3-12; Jude 1:4); they operate their spiritual power “simonically” for **money** and **fame** mixed with **bitterness** and **bondage** (Act 8:9-24). The Scripture teaches that False Prophets are either **POWERFUL DECEIVERS** or **POWERLESS PRETENDERS**. Through these charlatans will come The Apostasy of GROWING COLD (Mat 24:12), FALLING AWAY (2Thes 2:3), DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH (1Tim 4:1) or TURNING AWAY (2Tim 4:4) to usher in the Perilous Times for the manifestation of the Antichrist evil trinity (Rev 16:13; 20:10), the Great Woes and Plagues detailed in Rev 11-16 and the Great Tribulation (shortened for the saints' sake Mat 24:21-22; Luk 21:25-28).

PROPHECY OF THE TRIBULATION

To prepare believers who will still be alive just before His Second Coming, **CHRIST** (our **Horn** of salvation Luk 1:69, the **Lamb** of atonement John 1:29; Rev 5:7:17 and the **Lion** Rev 5:5) and His Apostles warned the Church about the coming reign of the **ANTICHRIST** (1John 2:18, 22; 4:3). This Antichrist, also called **Man of Sin**, **Son of Perdition** and **Wicked One** (2Thes 2:3, 8) and figuratively described as the **Blasphemous Horn** (Dan 7; Rev 17) or **Miraculous Lamb-Beast** and “**666**” **Marker-Dragon's Agent** (Rev 13:11-18), will be preceded by PSEUDOCHRISTS and Pseudoprophets (Mat 24:23-24; 1John 2:18) and shall rule during the Great Tribulation just before Christ comes to raise and gather (rapture) the Saints to reign with them. According to the Scriptures (disregarding theories and conjectures), at Christ's Second Coming with His glorious Angels (2Thes 1:7), He will end the Great Tribulation, rapture/gather the Saints and overthrow the Antichrist at the same time (2Thes 1:6-10; 2:8).

2Thessalonians 2:1-3, 8

(1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and by OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM,

(2) That you be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, that the day of the Lord is at hand.

(3) Let no man deceive you by any means: FOR THAT DAY SHALL NOT COME, EXCEPT THERE COME THE FALLING AWAY FIRST, AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED, THE SON OF PERDITION;

*(8) And then shall that **WICKED ONE** be revealed, WHOM THE LORD SHALL CONSUME WITH THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH, AND SHALL DESTROY WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING:*

Matthew 24:29-31

(29) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

(30) And THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN HEAVEN: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

(31) *And he shall send HIS ANGELS WITH A GREAT SOUND OF A TRUMPET, and they shall GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF HEAVEN TO THE OTHER.*

SIMULATIONS OF THE ANTICHRIST

Prophecy meant for times of Greek Empire before Christ (Dan 8:9-14; 21-22) but similar to those of the End Time **Antichrist** had been revealed and explained to Daniel (Dan 8:15-27) and been fulfilled in Judea in the past (171-169 BC) before the End Time (Dan 11:29-32). A Seleucid (Greek) King of Syria (north of Israel) called **Antiochus Epiphanes** – during his struggle for the control of the Holy Land with the Ptolemaic (Greek) Kings of Egypt (south of Israel) Dan 11:1-28 – defiled and looted Jerusalem Temple and killed many Jews till God helped the Maccabaeans (priestly Jewish insurgents) to revolt, regain independence and cleanse the Temple again in 168 BC (Dan 11:29-32). The Antioch metropolis in Syria (now Antakia) known for its Daphnis temple licentiousness but large Gentile Church (Act 11:19-26; 15:23, 35) and the smaller Antioch colony in Pisidia (Act 13:14) were built by the Seleucids. These antecedents help us appreciate prophecies about the future Tribulation and the Antichrist.

The Temple remained under the Maccabean High Priests until Christ came but thereafter the Roman Caesars came to abominate and utterly desolate the Temple again in 70 AD as prophesied by Christ (Mat 24:15-20; Mar 13:14-18; Luk 21:20-24) to end the 70 weeks prophesied earlier in Dan 9:24-27. The big Mediterranean port and capital city of the Roman province of Judaea called Caesarea (Act 9:30; 18:22; 25:1-13) where the first Gentile Christian, Cornelius was converted (Act 10, now Kaisariyeh, south of Haifa in Israel) and the smaller inland Caesarea Philippi near the mouth of River Jordan (Mat 16:13) were built by the Herods to honour the Roman Caesars. Jerusalem Temple has remained desolate and trodden by Gentiles till today (Luk 21:24); meanwhile the gathering of full number of Gentiles into Christ continues (Rom 11:25). For now, because the end is yet to come, God's people shall continue to experience **revivals and declensions** (Dan 11:33-35) while the nations shall continue to experience "iron and clay" **alliances and conflicts** (Dan 2:41-43) until Antichrist's sole dominance comes with the ultimate Tribulation prophesied by Daniel (Dan 11:36-45) and confirmed by Christ in Mat 24:21-27 and Mar 13:19-24, as also reiterated by Paul in 2Thes 2:3-14 and revealed to John in Rev 13 and 17.

The Antichrist Beast has also been foreshadowed in the purple-dressed blood-drunken **Babylonish Prostitute** (explained to mean the city of **Rome** in Rev 17:3-6, 16-18; NOT the Roman Catholic Church) carried by the age-old Scarlet Beast that ever resurges from the abyss to **control the cultures of Gentile world-powers** from ancient times. The Rome-Prostitute rode on the Beast to destroy Jerusalem in 70 AD and sack the Jews from Judea (which they renamed Palestine), and ruthlessly persecuted the Early Church until Constantine's religious toleration Edict of Milan in 313 AD, but She was destroyed by the Beast on which She rode and fell as prophesied in Rev 17:16-18 and Rev 18. The city of Rome fell in the 5th century AD under attacks by Germanic wondering and warring Visigoths and Vandals who, being Arian heretics rejected the divine sonship of Christ (like Jehovah Witnesses of today), also persecuted Christians who believed the Nicene Creed. The Roman Popes struggled to step into the shoes of the Roman Empire in the belief that it was realising the Millennium of Rev 20:1-4 even though there was neither resurrection nor *parousia* as indicated in Rev 20:5-6, but after 1000 years of dominating the world with unbiblical and worldly Christianity; God truncated its dominance through the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

PREPARATION FOR THE ANTICHRIST

The postmodern Church with its worldly and unbiblical Christianity of rave culture, commercialism, carnality and syncretism shows that the ancient Beast demon still lives today and works as the "**mystery of iniquity/lawlessness**" (2Th 2:7). ***This Antichrist Beast demon is resurging again in our time not carrying Roman Empire on its back, but as multi-horned and hydra-headed globalist ILLUMINATISM in the forms of Western PAGANISING POSTMODERNISM and GLOBAL NEW AGE OCCULTISM corrupting Biblical truth, values and morals, combined with MILITANCY and GLOBAL TERRORISM attacking the Church's structure and membership. These dominate today's Mass Media, Market and Mores. Will this be the ultimate when the age-old Beast will summate in one blasphemous self-deifying Personage? Time will tell. To escape the Antichrist spirit, true believers should insist on biblical values and biblical faith. Believers must refuse to copy heathen "Christianity" of licentious postmodern trends, resist occultist manipulations by false "prophets" and neither be deterred by terrorist attacks nor give in to scorn and persecution.***

"666" MARK OF THE ANTICHRIST

The Antichrist will emerge with ANTICHRISTIAN NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM OF SOCIAL ORDER which will have varieties of CULTIC MARKS/TATTOOS/SYMBOLS/CODES or Microchips bearing Antichrist's

CULTIC NAMES (similar to the identity chips of today which are precursors to Antichrist's code). The Antichrist cultic mark/tattoo/code could also be in the form of ancient Greek alphabetical numerals whose total numerical value will be equal to modern arithmetic Arabic numerals of 666 (Rev 13:15-18). With Satanist illuminatism, tattooing and chip-tagging becoming the vogue today, people could already be carrying THE MARK OF THE BEAST secretly or unknowingly.

The book of the Revelation was written in Greek. The Greeks had no number figures; they used alphabets to represent numbers. The modern arithmetic number figures and number system were developed from Hindu-Arabic numerals in early 13th century AD. In the old Greek number system, a number like 666 could be written in a thousand different ways! Any or all of these could be used by the Antichrist! Hence **“Let him that has understanding count (calculate/figure out) the number of the beast”** (Rev 13:18). When calculated/counted/figured in the Arabic numerals, the number is “666” but in the Roman numeral system it is “DCLXVI”, which incidentally contains all but one (M) of the numeric letters that make up the Roman numeral system, arranged in order from the maximum to the minimum!

The following is the Greek alphabet, with the numerical value of each letter affixed, according to the generally received system: -

α (alpha)- 1	ι (iota)- 10	ρ (rho)- 100
β (beta)- 2	κ (kappa)- 20	σ,ς (sigma)- 200
γ (gamma)- 3	λ (lambda)- 30	τ (tau)- 300
δ (delta)- 4	μ (mu)- 40	υ (upsilon)- 400
ε (epsilon)- 5	ν (nu)- 50	φ (phi)- 500
ζ (zeta)- 7	ξ (ksi)- 60	χ (chi)- 600
η (eta)- 8	ο (omicron)- 70	ψ (psi)- 700
θ (theta)- 9	π (pi)- 80	ω (omega)- 800

Thus, in the apocryphal *Epistle of Barnabas* written about 140 AD by an unknown allegorist in Alexandria, we are told that the name

JESUS (Ιησους) is expressed by the number 888.

Ι = 10; η = 8; σ = 200; ο = 70; υ = 400; ς = 200.

Updated December 30, 2013

by Ven. Dr. I. U. Ibeme

Copyright © PriscAquila Publishing, Maiduguri, Nigeria.

Click here for

[PriscAquila Christian Resource Centre](http://priscaquila.christianresourcecentre.net)

<http://priscaquila.6te.net>