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### Revelation 12:13-13:18

The seventh trumpet has been sounded and it has brought us to the end of the seven years of Tribulation and Great Tribulation. Rev. 11:15-18

As we stated in our previous study, chapters 12-14 provide for us greater detail regarding the persecution of Israel by the Antichrist, the false prophet and those who respond to the gospel.

We didn't quite finish chapter twelve in our last study.

1. The vision of the woman, her child and the Dragon. Rev. 12:1-6
2. The vision of Satan being cast out of heaven. Rev. 12:7-12

#### 12:13-17    The woman persecuted by the dragon.

\* John is still in heaven. vs. 13-17

**12:13**    The identity of the woman is confirmed.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the exact time of Satan's attack on the Remnant of Israel, "Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth." vs. 13a  
\* When Satan was expelled from heaven with his angels, his time is short!
- 2) The vision of John revealed the dragon, Satan's hates Israel, "he persecuted the

woman who gave birth to the male Child." vs. 13b

- a) The woman is Israel. Rev. 12:1-2
- b) John said Satan tried to kill Jesus at His birth through Herod. Rev. 12:4b-c
- c) There will be those who will protect the Jews during Satan's persecution through the Anti-Christ. Matt. 25:3-46

**12:14**    The identity of the place of protection for the woman is also confirmed.

- 1) The vision of John reveals God will protect the Remnant of Israel, "But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place." vs. 14a-b  
a) The word "but" marks the sharp contrast of his pursue of her without any success.  
b) The two wings of a great eagle as to Israel as Pharaoh pursued her. Ex 19:4  
\* The believer is promised to soar on wings of eagles. Deut. 32:10-11; Is. 40:31  
c) The wilderness is qualified by the phrase "to her place", already stated. Rev. 12:6
- 2) The vision of John reveals God will provide for the Remnant, "She is to be nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent." vs. 14c-d

- a) The word nourished “trepho” means to feed, fatten or nurture by God’s hand, the same word as in verse 6.
  - 1)) Many believe this will be in the wilderness, at the city of Petra or Sela, her place prepared by God. Is. 16:1; Ezk. 20:35-37
  - 2)) The region of Edom, Moab and Amon will escape control. Dan. 11:41
  - 3)) Some reject that it will be Petra, the name is not the import thing, but the fact that has prepared a place for her.
- b) The particular length of time is stated, “For time, times and 1/2 time, 3 1/2 years or 42 months. Dan. 7:25; 12:7
  - 1)) John said 1,260 days, which is 3 ½ years. vs. 6c
  - 2)) Jesus said, If you are on the house-top or the field, don’t come down or return, “Flee to mountains, house top and field.” Matt. 24:16-18
  - 3)) The early church at the coming of Titus in 70 A.D, fled to the city of Pella, so this is really a two-fold prophecy, near and far.
  - 4)) Two of three Jews will die under the hand of the Anitchrist. Zech. 13:8-9

**12:15-16** The indicated manner of protection of the woman.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the Satanic attack on the Remnant, “So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.” vs. 15
  - a) At the breaking of the covenant the Antichrist enters the temple and sits, as God and commands to be worshipped as God, this is when Israel knows they have been deceived. 2Thess. 2
  - b) She flees towards Jordan, but Satan through the Anti-Christ and his forces pursues her with overwhelming odds to destroy her.
  - c) John says the source is Satanic by very picturesque figurative language, but it is a literal attempt to destroy the Remnant, “the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman.”
- 2) The vision of John revealed the miraculous deliverance of the Remnant, “But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood, which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.” vs. 16
  - a) The word “but” marks the great contrast between God and Satan, God is all-powerful, Satan is limited in power.
  - b) God opens up the earth super-naturally and swallows up the army pursuing the

nation, much like when he swallowed up Korah and his friends. Num. 16:31-33

- c) God in His love and promised protection intervenes super-naturally.

**12:17** The indicated rage of the dragon after his failed attempt to destroy the woman.

- 1) The vision of John reveals the response of Satan, “And the dragon was enraged with the woman”, seeing she escaped.
  - \* The word enraged “orgizo” means to provoke or arose to anger.
- 2) The vision of John reveals the vindictive evil of Satan, “And he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who **keep** the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ, the **fifth group**.
  - a) The rest of believers who have trusted Christ are persecuted Jews and Gentile.
  - b) The 144,000 Jews with the two witnesses are preaching repentance and Jesus.
  - c) The Anti-Christ as John told us will kill the two witnesses. Rev. 11
    - \* This has to take place before the sixth seal; this is the middle, the abomination of desolation, the end of the first three and a half years!

**13:1-10** **The First Beast.**

**13:1** The political platform of the First beast.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the Antichrist, “Then I stood on the sand of the sea.” vs. 1a
  - a) Some place the first portion of verse one with the last chapter and interpret “I” as “he”, to indicate the Dragon stood, Satan.
  - b) Others believe “I” refers to John standing on the sand and the sea.
- 2) The vision of John revealed the origin of the first beast, “And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea.” vs. 1b
  - a) The first beast is the **sixth person**, he is the Anti-Christ.
  - b) The “beast rising up out of the sea” is the revived Roman empire and interpreted by some to indicate the Antichrist will arise from the Gentiles. Rev. 17:15
  - c) Others interpret it to mean the Mediterranean sea, both are correct.
  - d) John says the Antichrist came out of the bottomless pit, the “abussos”. Rev. 11:7
  - e) Zechariah tells us he will not regard God of his fathers, therefore he is believed a Jew by some. Zech. 11:16-17
- 3) The vision of John revealed the global position of the Antichrist under the revived Roman Empire that was never destroyed, but dissembled, “having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.” vs. 1c-e
  - a) The seven head and ten horns, indicate absolute power and authority over the ten

nations confederacy, the Antichrist is "the political leader." Dan. 7:7-8; Rev. 12:3; 17:3,7, 12

- b) This has been introduced, the only thing added is the ten crowns. Rev. 12:3
- c) The evil nature of the Anti-Christ is depicted by the blasphemous name on his seven heads, complete blasphemy and is identified with the Harlot of Babylon that sits on seven mountains. Rev. 17:3, 9  
\* Augustus, Nero and Domitian were addressed as Saviors of the world.
- d) Paul ties the blasphemous names to the time of the Anti-Christ's entry into the temple, "who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2Thess. 2:4  
\* He is called the man of sin, the son of perdition, the beast, the Anti-Christ, the deceiver, other names and titles.

### 13:2 The political power of the First beast.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the confirmation of the revived Roman Empire, "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." vs. 2a-c

- a) John is referring to Daniel who identified these nations by the image in the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. Dan. 2:14-45; 7:3-8
- b) John received them in reverse order of Daniel.
  - 1)) The lion is Babylon.
  - 2)) The bear is Meda-Persia.
  - 3)) The leopard is Greece.
- c) John says his mouth is like the mouth of a lion, powerful, dangerous and destructive.  
\* Daniel says, "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words." Dan. 7:8
- 2) The vision of John reveals the Satanic empowerment of the Antichrist, "The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority." vs. 2d-f
  - a) The Dragon as we have seen is Satan, the first beast is empowered and possessed by Satan, he is the Antichrist, the fiery red dragon. Rev. 12:3  
\* Absolute unhindered power!
  - b) The fourth beast mentioned by Daniel was dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth, Rome, John omits it. Dan. 7:7

- c) Daniel says, “It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.” Dan. 7:7
- d) Instead John focuses on the revived form of the Roman empire of the ten nation confederacy, headed by the Antichrist, the ten toes of Daniel mixed with iron and clay. Dan. 2:33
  - \* He will be an absolute dictator like Nebuchadnezzar, worst than Hitler!
- e) The “little horn”. Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25
  - 1)) Remember “anti” means two things, instead or against, instead or place of Messiah in the first half and against in the last half.
  - 2)) He is called the lawless one. 2Thess. 2:7-11

**13:3** The personal brush with death by the First Beast.

- 1) The vision of John revealed an assassination attempt on his life, “And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.” vs. 3a-b
  - a) The deadly wound though described figuratively “one of his heads” is interpreted to be “his deadly wound was healed”, mentioned two more times. vs. 12c, 14b
  - b) Some interpret it as a man, the Antichrist. Rev. 17: 8

- c) Others interpret it to be the revived Roman Empire.
- c) I think that it is both according to the two-fold form of prophecy, short-term and long-term.
- d) Short-term the ten nation confederacy comes to be, long-term an assassination attempt on the Antichrist, the political leader.
  - 1)) The word wound “plege” is translated plague ten times in Revelation and four times wound, all implying judgment and death.
  - 2)) The word is also translated for the beatings of official flogging. Lk. 10:30; 12:48; Acts 16:23; 2Cor. 6:5; 11:23
  - 3)) Zechariah tells us that his right arm will be withered and right eye darkened, confirming an attempt to assassinate him and the physical impairment to him. Zech. 11:16-17
- 2) The vision of John revealed the response of the world, “And all the world marveled and followed the beast.” vs. 3c
  - a) This is not a local event, but global.
  - b) They all marveled “thaumazo”, which means to be had in admiration and wonder.
  - c) They followed “opiso” to be behind or go after the beast, the Antichrist.

**13:4** The oneness of the Antichrist with the Dragon.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the complete dedication of the globalist to Satan, “So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast.” vs. 4a
  - a) The Dragon is Satan, this will be full on Satanic worship headed by the Anti-Christ.
    - 1)) The word worship “proskuneo” means to kiss the hand in reverence or prostrate oneself to the ground in obeisance and homage, braking the first two commandments.
    - 2)) The word appears twenty-four times in Revelation, more than any other book of the New Testament.
    - 3)) This type, and level of worship is to be given only to Jesus!
  - b) The Dragon is recognized as the one that gave his authority to the Beast.
    - 1)) The two are seen as one, Satan and the beast.
    - 2)) They are inseparable.
- 2) The vision of John revealed the complete dedication of the globalist to the Anti-Christ also, “and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him.?” vs. 4b-e

- a) The globalist will worship the Antichrist as God, he can not be killed, he seems to be invincible.
  - 1)) True to the worship of Roman emperors, so the Antichrist will be the new Caesar of the revived Roman empire.
  - 2)) He is both emperor and the empire.
- b) The globalist will have their total confidence and allegiance evident by their declaration, “Who is able to make war with him?”
  - 1)) They want to be on the winning side.
  - 2)) They believe the lie, rather than the truth, “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, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” 2Thess. 2:9-12

**13:5-6** The perverse mouth of the Antichrist.

- 1) The vision of John once again revealed the words of the Antichrist, “And he was given

a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies.” vs. 5a

a) He was given, and aorist indicative given at a set time, to indicate that God is in control and setting the limits.

b) A mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. Dan. 7:8, 11, 25

1)) Great things “magas”, numerous things that overstep the providence of a created being proud, presumptuous, arrogant and derogatory to the majesty of God.

2)) Blasphemies “blasfemia”, means slander, impious and reproachful speech injurious to the majesty of God. vs. 1, 2

2) The vision of John once again revealed the duration of the Antichrist, “and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.” vs. 5b

a) This is universal authority for exactly three and a half years from the abomination of desolation. Matt. 24:15

b) This identifies the last half of the seven-year tribulation by 1,260 days, time times and half a time, 42 months.

c) Satan was cast out of heaven to the earth having great wrath, knowing he has a short time, “woe to the earth”. Rev. 12:9, 12

3) The vision of John revealed the specific words of blasphemy, “Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.” vs. 6

a) Against God.

b) Against His name.

c) Against His tabernacle in heaven.

d) Against those who dwell in heaven, the church and angel.

1)) He will enter the temple and declare himself God, demanding all to worship him. 2Thess. 2:4

2)) “He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time”. Dan. 7:8, 25; 11:36

3)) After the manner of Antiochus Epiphanies, a type of Anti-Christ.

**13:7-8** The prophetic success permitted to the Anti-Christ.

1) The Antichrist is God’s instrument. vs. 7

a) The one in control is God, “It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.” vs. 7a

- 1)) The saints in this context are not the church, but Tribulation saints of the last three and a half years. Dan. 7:23
- 2)) These are those referred to under the fifth seal and out of the great tribulation. Rev. 6:9; 7:9-17
- b) The authority is global over the entire world, “And authority is given to him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.” vs. 7b
  - \* “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.” Dan. 11:36
- 2) The Anti-Christ is God’s counterfeit. vs. 8
  - a) The universal worship is again pointed out, “All who dwell on the earth will worship him”. Rev. 3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 13:14; 17:8
    - 1)) There are more references to the Beast. Rev. 11:7; 14:9, 11, 15:2; 16:2, 10, 13; 19:19-20; 20:4, 10
    - 2)) Nine more in chapter 17.
    - 3)) The attempt of Satan at the tower of Babel is realized at this time for a short time.

- 4)) Justin Martyr, 165 A. D., Irenaeus 202 A.D., also believed this interpretation of the man of sin.
- 5)) The Didache, early Second Century church manual taught this also.
- 6)) Modern day commentators like Barnhouse, Bruce, Gaebelien, Ladd, Morris, Scofield and Walvoord take this interpretation.
- 7)) Luther and Calvin and other Reformers identified the Beast with the papacy of the Roman Catholic Church, which is certainly true.
- 8)) The prefix “anti” has two meaning, instead of Christ the first 3 ½ years and against Christ, the last 3 ½ years.
- b) The identity of the worshippers are those to be damned, “whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Ps. 69:28; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; 22:19
  - 1)) Here John is placing the focus, not on the names being written from the foundation, he will do that in chapter seventeen. Rev. 17:8
    - \* Most modern translations indicate the names; I think it is wrong!
  - 2)) His focus is on the Lamb being slain from the foundations of the world, not salvation.



3)) God know who is going to be saved and who is not by their own choosing, God has never predestined one person to hell, they have sent themselves there!

\* The warning of being blotted out, is very valid, even though it does not make sense to us! Rev. 3:5

**13:9-10** The Antichrist is perilous person and the time.

- 1) The call to hear as in the messages to the seven churches. vs. 9
  - a) "If anyone has an ear, let him hear" zczll go give heed to the demonic ecumenicalism of the.
  - b) This involves the entire world through the rule of the Antichrist.
- 2) The defiant commitment of individual believers against the Antichrist is "anyone" will result in their sufferings. vs. 10
  - a) By imprisonment, "He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity." vs. 10a
  - b) By death, "He who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword." vs. 10b
  - c) By loving God more than their lives, "Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." vs. 10c
    - \* "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their

testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." Rev. 12:11

\* The various forms of suffering and persecution. Jer. 43:11; Matt. 26:52

### **13:11-18** The Second Beast.

**13:11** The political platform of the Second beast.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the origin of the Second Beast, "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth." vs. 11a
  - a) This is in contrast to the Antichrist that comes up out from the sea. Rev. 13:1
    - 1)) Some think he will be a Jew, due to the covenant Israel make with the Anti-Christ, if he is, I believe he will come out of the Catholic Church!
    - 2)) The word another "allo" one like the first beast in kind.
  - b) The Second beast comes out of the land, he is the False Prophet, "the religious leader". Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10
    - \* The False Prophet shares the global position of the Antichrist under the revived Roman Empire.
- 2) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet is a deceiver, "and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon." vs. 11b

- a) The False Prophet is one with the Antichrist, symbolic of the two horns and the word another “allos”, of the same kind.
- b) The False Prophet and the Antichrist are the counterpart and opponents to the two prophets of God. Rev. 11  
\* Just like John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus
- c) The False Prophet deceives with his words presenting himself as a lamb gentle and caring, yet he speaks as a dragon, lies and blasphemes.

**13:12** The political power of the Second beast.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the confirmation of the revived Roman Empire, “ “And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence.” vs. 12a
  - a) The False Prophet shares equal authority as the First beast, the Antichrist.
  - b) The False Prophet exercises his authority before the Antichrist, the First beast.
  - c) The global followers see the two as one, yet they are distinct being two persons.
- 2) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet is the P.R. man for the First beast, the Anti-Christ “and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first

beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” vs. 12b-c

- a) The False prophet will probably be the head of the apostate church the first 3 1/2 years.
- b) Paul says, “And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” 2Thess. 2:11-12
- b) We have the trinity of darkness, the Dragon, who is Satan, the First beast, the Anti-Christ and the second beast, the False Prophet!

**13:13** The miraculous credentials as the Second beast.

- 1) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet has super-natural power, “He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” vs. 13
  - a) The False Prophet makes fire come down from heaven on the earth, the global religious head of the Antichrist.
  - b) The False Prophet performs these demonic miracle in the sight of men.
  - c) This is what the two prophets of God will do, again they stand in opposition and in

contrast to the two witnesses, fire comes out of their mouth. Rev. 11

- 2) Kind of like the great sign of Elijah, calling down fire from heaven, as he opposed the prophets of Baal. 1Kings 18
  - a) Jesus spoke about false prophets in sheep's clothing but they inwardly were ferocious wolves. Matt. 7:16
  - b) Jesus said there would be false christ's and false prophets. Mk. 13:22
  - c) We are to try the spirits. 1Jn. 4:1-3; Deut. 13:1-5

### 13:14-17 The partnership with the Second beast.

- 1) The vision of John reveals the False Prophet deceives by the power of Satan, "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast." vs. 14a
  - a) The False Prophet is one with the First beast to deceive the people. 2Thes 2:9-11; Rev. 16:14; 19:20
  - b) The False Prophet is given this authority by God, like the First beast.
- 2) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet promoting full blown idolatry of the First beast, "telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived." vs. 14b
  - a) The False Prophet tells the globalist serving the Antichrist to diefy him by

creating a likeness of him, "telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast."

- b) The False Prophet uses the evidence of his indestructibility, "Who was wounded by the sword and lived."
  - c) Jesus said, "I have come in My Father's **name**, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his **own name**, him you will receive." Jn. 5:43
- 3) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet was granted Satanic power in two miraculous ways to convince the people, "He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak" vs. 15a-b
    - a) The False Prophet was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, and that the image of the beast should speak.
      - 1)) This could be in conjunction with the abomination that causes desolation, defiling the temple, not only by the man but the image. Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:15
      - 2)) The image of Nebuchadnezzar. Dan. 3
    - b) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet had the power of capital punishment, "and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed." vs. 15b

- 1)) Like emperor worship by having to burn a pinch of incense and declared Caesar is lord, many will be beheaded for their witness of Jesus and His word. Rev. 20:4
- 2)) Like Nebuchadnezzar did to Daniel and his friends. Dan. 3:1-11
- 3)) Sun Myung Moon founder of the Unification Church was heralded by his followers as the “Lord of the Second Advent”, as well as by him himself and others in the 70’s and died in 2012.
- 4) The vision of John revealed the affirmation of the global authority of the False Prophet, “causes all social and economic classes to obey, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads. vs. 16
  - a) The practice branding slaves and captured soldier was for disgrace, this mark is for prestige, they belong to the powerful global leader of the world, but he is a Satanic deceiver.
  - b) Interesting in the sex-trafficking today girls are branded at times by their owners, even pimps brand their girls.
  - c) The False Prophet will have universal power and authority, without exception.
  - d) The False Prophet will force people to take the identifying mark of the beast.

- \* The word mark “charagna” was used for a stamp for engraving, etched or branded.
- e) This plan has already been in affect in various forms since the 80’s with a smart-card, credit-cards, chips for animals and some humans have vulerntered to have a chip inserted under their skin.
    - 1)) They have scanners to read your palm print deducting the amount from your debit card.
    - 2)) Some stores are totally cashless, and scanners and face recognition charge you for the produce before leaving the store, airports, concerts, theme-parks, parking, etc, all are going cashless.
    - 3)) Most Millennialist do not carry cash, but debit cards or a digital wallet.
    - 4)) Ultimately the goal by the globalist is a cashless society, remember during Covid they wanted to get rid of money under the excuse that money transmitted the corona virus.
    - 5)) They even said that there was a shortage of coins and when you bought something they rounded the total to the nearest dollar amount and of course the customer took the loss.
    - 6)) There is Amazon-fresh, a grocery store scans your hand at entering the

store and they charge your Amazon account, also Whole-foods store that they scan the palm of your hand at check-out. Right now it is an option, but we can see it will ultimately be mandatory under the Antichrist.

- 5) The vision of John revealed the False Prophet controls the world market, “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.” vs. 17
- a) No one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, the Antichrist.
  - b) It is the number of his name.

**13:18** The puzzle and riddle of the perilous person of the Antichrist promoted by the Second beast the False Prophet, “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.”

- 1) Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.
  - a) Many have attempted to figure it out but it is useless, if you are left behind you will know.
  - b) The Greek, Hebrew and Latin letters have numerical equivalents.

- c) The number 6 is the number of man, 7 is the number of completeness.
- 2) His number is six hundred and sixty-six.
  - a) Many have tried to figure out various individuals by the numerical equivalence such as Nero, Caligula, Hitler, etc.
  - b) But the important thing is that it is on the number of his name, it is the mark of allegiance to the Antichrist and rejection of Jesus Christ!