

## The Mark of the Beast

Then the **dragon** became furious with the **woman** and <u>went off to **make war** on the rest of her offspring</u>, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And <u>he stood on the sand of **the sea**</u>.

Revelation 12:17

## The Sea Beast (Rome)

Revelation 13:1-8

And I saw a **beast** <u>rising out of the sea</u>, with <u>ten horns</u> and <u>seven heads</u>, with <u>ten diadems</u> on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. And the beast that I saw was like a **leopard**; its feet were like a **bear's**, and its mouth was like a **lion's** mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

One of its heads <u>seemed</u> to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

"At the death of Nero, the Roman Empire was thrown into violent convulsions of civil war and anarchy, in which three emperors succeeded one another within a single year. Historians consider it astonishing that the empire stabilized and survived this period that might easily have spelled the end of the imperial rule."

~Steve Gregg

<u>This calls for a mind with wisdom</u>: the seven heads are **seven mountains** on which the woman is seated; they are also **seven kings**, <u>five</u> of whom have fallen, <u>one</u> is, the <u>other</u> has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while.

Revelation 17:9-10

## "Making War" on the Saints

Revelation 13:9-10

And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

If anyone has an ear, let him hear: If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

"It is interesting that Nero's persecution of the church did in fact last a full 42 months, from the middle of November 64 to the beginning beginning of June 68."

~Steve Gregg

Daniel 7:25

## The Land Beast (Apostate Judaism)

Revelation 13:11–18

Then I saw **another beast** <u>rising out of the **earth**</u>. It had <u>two horns like a lamb</u> and it **spoke like a dragon**. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be **marked** on the right <u>hand</u> or the <u>forehead</u>, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

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

A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10, K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18, S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26

"Nero Caesar" in Hebrew is "Nrwn Qsr" (Neron Kaiser)

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  $r$   $w$   $n$   $Q$   $s$   $r$  = The Beast  $50 + 200 + 6 + 50 + 100 + 60 + 200 = 666$