

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #82 - February 8th., 2026

Moderator: I'm going to try to finish Revelation Chapter 13 today. We've been in this chapter for a long time so let's see how it goes.

Initial verses:

Revelation 13:14-18 “And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

Moderator: I believe that when the first beast sits on the throne in Jerusalem and declares himself God, the second beast will soon appear and pronounce that yes...this man who sits on the throne is truly God and he promises to build an “image” that will glorify the antichrist by his order to worship him. The mark of the beast will be required to buy or sell, leading to a catastrophe for anyone who refuses to take it. Anyone in “their right mind” would never do something so stupid. The world will be totally deluded and ready for it. The mindset is already present in the world. Mocking the Bible is a “sport” for most “influencers”.

• #1 THE MARK, NAME OF THE BEAST, NUMBER OF HIS NAME (Rev.13:17)

Revelation 13:17 “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

Revelation 14:11 “And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

Revelation 15:2 “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”

Moderator: Notice how the beginning of Revelation 15:2 speaks of those will stand on a “sea of glass” who have victory over the beast by refusing the mark. The three types of marks are also mentioned. These are the great multitude of people saved by accepting Jesus as savior during the Tribulation.

There are three different marks that will be placed on the foreheads or right hands on every unbeliever:

1. First we read that an image will be branded on their foreheads. The Bible doesn't reveal what this image is, it could possibly be a picture of the statue that the false prophet will have built.
2. Secondly, the Name of the Beast (The Antichrist)
3. Thirdly, the Number of his Name (666)

• ACCEPTING CHRIST BRINGS VICTORY OVER THE ANTICHRIST

Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

• #2 THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST IS 666 (Rev. 13:18)

Revelation 13:18 “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

Moderator: This is the mark that once received by a sinner who rejects Christ cannot be saved. They have blasphemed the Holy Spirit willfully. They will be cast into the lake of fire because they have rejected Jesus Christ and have sworn to worship the beast.

• MANKIND HAS FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD (Rev. 13:18)

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

Moderator: This verse in Romans explains why men are numbered with a number that falls short of the number 7 (symbolic of perfection). **Six is the number of a man.** Every Hebrew & Greek word is given a numerical value. It is very interesting to know that in the era of old literature (1600-1700 AD) some Roman Letters were given a numerical value. Six of these were given values, the letter I is the number 1. The letter V is the number 5. The Letter X is the number 10. . The Letter L is the number 50. The Letter C is the number 100 and the Letter D is the number 500. so... $1 + 5 + 10 + 50 + 100 + 500 = 666$. Another strange fact is we also know that the antichrist kingdom is located in Rome (the city of seven hills).

Now I want to talk about **NERO CAESAR**. He was was a Roman emperor and the final emperor of the Julio-Claudian dynasty, reigning from AD 54 until his suicide in AD 68. Many think or thought he was the antichrist. There was a huge fire in Rome in July of the year AD 64 that lasted six days and totally destroyed a great part of Rome. Nero blamed Christians to keep people from blaming him, leading to intense persecution. His name when using Roman letters added up to...”Six hundred threescore and six”(666). Many believe he will be the body that satan will enter to become the antichrist.

There was another man who was worse than Nero. **DOMITIAN CAESAR** who ruled from 81–96 AD. Once he was installed as Caesar he declared himself “Lord” and “God”. He was a ruthless dictator who persecuted Christians. He ordered golden statues to be built to honor himself. (Just like the false prophet does in the Great Tribulation. His name also adds up to “Six hundred threescore and six”. This was the Caesar who initiated the infamous “Coliseum Games” We know from secular writers that Christians were slaughtered in great numbers for the pleasure of this wicked caesar! Emperor Domitian demanded to be addressed as Dominus et Deus (“Master and God”) and was marketed as a living deity by his followers and court, marking a significant, albeit controversial, push for divinity in the late 1st century. He was the first Roman emperor to formally command this title. He did the very thing that John says the beast will do and many christians have been fooled to believe that the tribulation occurred at that time. A terrible mistake leading people to promote false doctrine! Wouldn't John have told us this very thing if Domitian was truly this man?

• MANKIND CREATED ON THE SIXTH DAY (Rev. 13:18)

Genesis 1:24-27 “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the

earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- **EVERYONE IN THE TRIBULATION WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE** (Rev. 13:18)

Moderator: The most critical choice anyone will ever face in the history of mankind is to either accept Jesus as savior and be saved from their sin OR reject Jesus and live for only very short lifetime and face eternity without God's grace. In the Tribulation the choice of rejecting Jesus means their lives will end in only a matter of months or days until Jesus comes back to save all of Israel. However, it's God's will for everyone to be saved, but we are given a will to choose him and live or reject him and by doing so condemn themselves to eternal death in the lake of fire. Most will not humble themselves to admit their sin and submit to the only one who can save them from their sins.

Romans 11:25-27 "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."

Moderator: During the Great Tribulation a person with any of these 3 marks that people have volunteered for will be indelible for all to see. Whoever doesn't have these marks will be hunted by the decree made by the false prophet. Just as the citizens of Nazi Germany would hate and want to turn in anyone who is a Jew or those helping the Jews, so will it be in the Great Tribulation. But instead of Jews it is believers in Jesus Christ who will be hunted. We are fortunate to live in the "age of grace" where it is easy, (especially in the USA) to become a believer without fear of being murdered for your choice to join the family of God.

- **THE TRIBULATION TEMPLE BUILT AS A TOKEN TO THE JEWS**

Moderator: Everything is in place awaiting the building of the temple. Once this building is in place in Jerusalem (sitting on top of the Dome of the Rock: the "Al-Aqua Mosque" currently in place) the Beast will create a treaty with Israel guaranteeing safety from persecution for seven years and one of the guarantees is permission to build the last Temple.

II Thessalonians 2:1-6 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that HE AS GOD SITTETH IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And NOW YE KNOW WHAT WITHHOLDETH THAT HE MIGHT BE REVEALED IN HIS TIME."

- **GOD ALWAYS KEEPS A REMNANT OF JEWS WHO WILL BELIEVE**

Moderator: God has always kept a "remnant" among the Jews that will not betray him. By his will he keeps them.

Romans 11:5 "Even so then at this present time also there is a REMNANT according to the election of grace."

