

Here is wisdom. He that has understanding let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of man; and his number is Six hundred, Sixty, Six.

Rev. 13:18

The number 666

A study of the passage in Revelation 13:18

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Introduction

Few topics have generated as much speculation as this enigmatic topic. Perhaps NO other topic has been the subject of such extensive speculation. Why is there such mystery surrounding this passage? Why is there so much speculation? Why are there so many differing opinions? I have studied this topic in great detail for more than thirty years and have encountered many differing opinions as to the identity of this "beast" of prophecy^{1,2}.

There is in fact *such widespread speculation and disagreement* that usually anyone who attempts to discuss the topic is almost immediately relegated to the category of delusional fanatic. The prophecy itself has been almost entirely reduced to nothing more than fodder for Hollywood film productions, vis., The Omen, The Prophecy, The Omega Code, etc.

Invariably, when one attempts a discussion about the number "666", the groans are immediate:

"Oh brother!"

"*You* know who it is *too*?"

"Well, I've gotta go now."

"I'd rather not discuss it."

"Well, everyone has their *own opinion*, I like mine just fine."

Most people either have decided they know who it is, and do not wish to be proven wrong, or they have decided that *no one* knows who it is. Often, those who have decided that no-one knows, will go even further as to deride *any* discussion of the topic as the domain of madmen or futility or both.

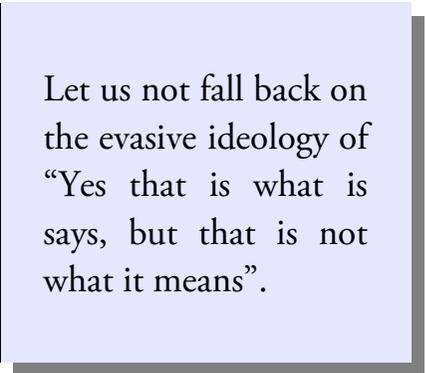
Even among those who have decided they know who it is, there is great controversy. Why should there be such differing of opinions? Perhaps that is exactly the problem: it is a difference of *opinions*.

This article will provide a definitive, objective and authoritative answer to this mystery. I will proceed not by making *subjective* conclusions, but by using irrefutable

proofs. I will proceed from fact to fact, in an investigative manner, supporting each conclusion as it is made.

When you have finished this article, you will have everything you need to prove this issue for yourself. You will have no need to take my word for anything. You can easily prove these things for yourself. Although I'm sure that what you will find will be something less exciting and dramatic than what has been popularized by the media. Nevertheless the conclusions made here do go beyond academics and have *profound* implications for our world today.

A proper biblical perspective is necessary to truly comprehend the gravity of what I have to say. The foundation is largely academic, and requires a thorough understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures. To this end I have included many references to those scriptures. I sincerely hope the reader is already well versed enough that the quoted material is already familiar.



Let us not fall back on the evasive ideology of “Yes that is what is says, but that is not what it means”.

Please take your time to read through the material and

consider each point as it is made. Consider what I have quoted and whether or not I am referencing it as quoted. My general methodology is to simply quote scriptures and *point out what they say, and stick to that point* as carefully as possible. In that way it is not my opinion or interpretation. Let us not fall back on the evasive ideology of “Yes that is what it says, but that is not what it means”.

Let us read the scriptures in a straightforward manner and stay strictly focused on exactly what they say. In other words: Follow the truth wheresoever it leads.

These are those who follow the Lamb
wherever he goes.

Revelation 14:1

...And all the world wondered after the beast

A word of Caution

If we take an objective look reading through the book of Revelation, the picture that emerges of the end-times is that the truth of the matter will be a minority opinion; One that is truly hated and despised by all the earth. All the world will follow after the Beast of Revelation and persecute the very small minority who follow the Truth. The Two Witnesses will be murdered for the same testimony. During this time the world will vacillate between blaspheming the name of Yahweh, and claiming their own righteousness, firm in the belief they are serving him. Yet they are all deceived.

It is this deception which I seek to expose. The word of caution to keep in mind as you progress through my presentation here, is that the truth of the matter will place you the reader firmly in the despised minority who hold to the truth. Those who follow truth and hold fast the Name of Yahweh will be hated for that specific point.

YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL MEN **FOR MY NAME'S SAKE**, BUT HE WHO **ENDURES** TO THE END WILL BE SAVED.

MATTHEW 10:22

YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL MEN **FOR MY NAME'S SAKE**, BUT HE WHO **ENDURES** TO THE END, THE SAME WILL BE SAVED

MARK 13:13

YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL MEN **FOR MY NAME'S SAKE**.

LUKE 21:17

YOU HAVE PERSEVERANCE AND HAVE **ENDURED FOR MY NAME'S SAKE**, AND HAVE NOT GROWN WEARY.

REVELATION 2:3

YOU HOLD FIRMLY TO MY NAME, AND DIDN'T DENY MY FAITH IN THE DAYS OF ANTIPAS MY WITNESS, MY FAITHFUL ONE, WHO WAS KILLED AMONG YOU, WHERE HASATAN DWELLS.

REVELATION 2:13

"I KNOW YOUR WORKS (BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR, WHICH NO ONE CAN SHUT), THAT YOU HAVE A LITTLE POWER, AND KEPT MY WORD, AND **DIDN'T DENY MY NAME**.

REVELATION 3:8

I will be making few friends with this text because I strictly adhere to the proper name of Yahweh and his son Yahshua, and rejecting all other substitutions. My conclusions are based on the Name. It is my foundation, although rejected by the rest of the world. If my message were well received by the establishment today, I would be forced to reconsider my views, for:

HE IS 'THE STONE WHICH WAS REGARDED AS WORTHLESS BY YOU, THE BUILDERS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.'

ACTS 4:11

THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.

PSALM118:22

Importantly, notice that it is the stone the *builders* rejected. You see this is concerning believers, not unbelieving pagans. The “many” who are lost in the end times are not simply non-believing pagans, they are people who believe they are serving Yahweh, but are not calling upon his name. This is clear because Joel 2:32 says whoever calls on his name will be saved.

IT WILL HAPPEN THAT **WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF YAHWEH SHALL BE SAVED;** FOR IN MOUNT TZIYON AND IN YERUSHALAYIM THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO ESCAPE, AS YAHWEH HAS SAID, AND AMONG THE REMNANT, THOSE WHOM YAHWEH CALLS.

JOEL 2:32

Compare this with Matthew 7:22, 23:

^{7:22}MANY WILL TELL ME IN THAT DAY, 'RABBI, RABBI, DIDN'T WE PROPHESEY IN YOUR NAME, IN YOUR NAME CAST OUT DEMONS, AND IN YOUR NAME DO MANY MIGHTY WORKS?'
^{7:23}THEN I WILL TELL THEM, '**I NEVER KNEW YOU.** DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO WORK INIQUITY.'

MATTHEW 7:22,23

Now if **all** who call on his name are saved, and the **many** are not, the only way to resolve the apparent contradiction is that the many in Matthew 7:22 are not calling on his name. This is the only way to harmonize these two scriptures exactly as they read. Read it again carefully. Matthew does *not* say they are calling on his name, it only tells us they *say* they are calling on his name. They *believe* they are calling on his name, but they are simply not doing so. They *cannot* be doing so. If they were calling on his name they would be saved. Otherwise Joel 2:32 would not be true.

Those are the many. If you are the type that likes to run with the crowd, this book may not be for you. I adhere to a very small minority, those who hold fast the name Yahweh.

ENTER IN BY THE NARROW GATE; FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ARE

THOSE WHO ENTER IN BY IT.

MATTHEW 7:13

If you are the type prepared to endure persecution for the sake of the truth, read on. This book will not make you popular with the world. I promise you that. It will however, challenge you to be unswerving in sticking to facts and texts *exactly as they read*.

If my message were well received by the establishment today, I would be forced to reconsider my views.

Remember, at all times throughout history, those professing the truth have been maligned, denigrated, despised, tortured, maimed and murdered. The prophets, The Messiah, The Apostles, The Saints. All of them.

YES, AND ALL WHO DESIRE TO LIVE HOLY IN
MESSIAH YAHSHUA WILL SUFFER
PERSECUTION.

2 TIMOTHY 3:12

IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, YOU KNOW THAT
IT HAS HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU.

JOHN 15:18

YOU HAVE PERSEVERANCE AND HAVE
ENDURED FOR MY NAME'S SAKE, AND HAVE
NOT GROWN WEARY.

REVELATION 2:3

Let me be clear about this point: The one whom we are looking for exists already today, and works in the world today. While nominal churchianity continue waiting for this “beast” or “Anti-Christ”¹ to stand up and lead the world astray, I say this is not going to happen. I say it for two reasons. Not the least of which is that with 1.5 billion Christians throughout the world waiting and watching for exactly that to happen, it is unfathomable that anyone could possibly do so without being identified *immediately*.

Even without demanding worship, should a single world leader arise today, he would clearly be identified as the Beast **immediately**, and probably quite awhile beforehand. But should a single world leader rise to power, declare himself deity and demand worship by everyone on earth, *even non-believing seculars* would be able to recognize the veracity of the Book of Revelation, Daniel, Ezekiel, etc., It simply cannot happen that way.

Furthermore, there is no possibility of this happening because scripture *says* that will be the case. There are 1.5 billion pairs of eyes and ears fixated on this one event, waiting for it to happen, while ignoring the fact that it will surprise *all* except the very Elect of Yahweh, a tiny group. As in the days of Noah (also much maligned by his contemporaries), they ate, drank and made merry, until the time came and swept them *all* away. Only eight survived the flood, a tiny minority. So there will be FEW indeed

who understand the truth at the time of the end.

^{17:26}AS IT HAPPENED IN THE DAYS OF NOACH, EVEN SO WILL IT BE ALSO IN THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN. ^{17:27}THEY ATE, THEY DRANK, THEY MARRIED, THEY WERE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY THAT NOACH ENTERED INTO THE ARK, AND THE FLOOD CAME, AND DESTROYED THEM ALL. ^{17:28}LIKewise, EVEN AS IT HAPPENED IN THE DAYS OF LOT: THEY ATE, THEY DRANK, THEY BOUGHT, THEY SOLD, THEY PLANTED, THEY BUILT; ^{17:29}BUT IN THE DAY THAT LOT WENT OUT FROM SEDOM, IT RAINED FIRE AND SULFUR FROM THE SKY, AND DESTROYED THEM ALL. ^{17:30}IT WILL BE THE SAME WAY IN THE DAY THAT THE SON OF MAN IS REVEALED.

LUKE 17:26-30

BUT THE DAY OF YAHWEH WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT; IN WHICH THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE, AND THE ELEMENTS WILL BE DISSOLVED WITH FERVENT HEAT, AND THE EARTH AND THE WORKS THAT ARE IN IT WILL BE BURNED UP.

2 PETER 3:10

BUT HE ANSWERED THEM, "AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION SEEKS AFTER A SIGN, BUT NO SIGN WILL BE GIVEN IT BUT THE SIGN OF YONAH THE PROPHET.

MATTHEW 12:39

That means the time will come when no one expects it. Although so many are waiting and watching, truly they will not see it coming. Therefore, we must be aware that the one we are looking for is *not* someone who is going to

suddenly stand up and be recognized, *he is someone who will never be suspected*. Furthermore It is *someone who is here already*.

So you see it simply cannot be someone who suddenly stands up and leads the world astray. There are far too many that would take that as a clear sign, refuse his mark, and stand against him, sure in the knowledge that he is the prophesied one. This would invalidate the scriptures. So it cannot happen the way the world expects. Furthermore, if events should transpire that resemble this happening, then it is also a deception.

Secondly, and more to the point, the Apostles stated clearly that the “anti-Messiah” was *already* in the world, even in their time.

AND EVERY SPIRIT WHO DOESN'T CONFESS THAT YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF ELOHIM, AND THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTI-MESSIAH, OF WHOM YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT COMES. **NOW IT IS IN THE WORLD ALREADY.**

1 JOHN 4:3

FOR THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS **ALREADY WORKS**. ONLY THERE IS ONE WHO RESTRAINS NOW, UNTIL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY.

2 THESS 2:7

Therefore in order to harmonize all the relevant scripture

without changing anything we must conclude that this Beast of Revelation who stands on the sand of the sea was present at the time of Apostles, however restrained to some degree, and continues to this day, unrestrained. He is unrecognized as such by all the world, except as most high. That he is worshiped by Israel; That they say “Who is like him?”, or “Who can make war with him?”

I am going to demonstrate that there is indeed someone *now*, who fills ALL of these requirements. However as I cautioned before, this is not going to be a popular opinion. It will be much maligned and despised by the world in general, and by the Hebrew speaking people in particular. It will however be factually correct. I happen to equate facts with truth, and therefore regardless of disapproval of the masses, I will stand by my what I say.

It is likely also that you the reader will be also inclined to reject what may at first seem an outrageous conclusion. However as I stated in the Introduction, what I have to say will be truth, and I will stick to exactly what the scriptures have to say for themselves, and those things that are plain to see. *I will be factually correct.* You are free to disagree, but notice your argument will be based solely on the premise of “Yes it does say that, but that is not what it means.” This is what I call an argument built on sand. My argument is built on my love for the Name Yahweh, and Yahshua, my foundation.

So before we even begin, the reader should be cautioned that you are most likely included in the subject "all the world" and it will take effort and faith to stay the course of dedication to truth. I know I was astonished at finding out who it is. I was even more astonished when I found it to be true. I thank my Heavenly Father for walking me through the valley of the shadow of death, believing only on his name to guide me, and rejecting all things that do not bear witness to his name or truth. I know his name is Yahweh, and that is why I do not fear.

FOR WHOSOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME
YAHWEH SHALL BE SAVED.

JOEL 2:32

SANCTIFY THEM IN YOUR TRUTH. YOUR
WORD IS TRUTH.

JOHN 17:17

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET,
AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105

HE IS CLOTHED IN A GARMENT SPRINKLED
WITH BLOOD. **HIS NAME IS CALLED "THE
WORD OF ELOHIM."**

REVELATION 19:13

I implore the reader to accept Yahweh as El Shaddai. For without this you will not proceed from here. It is the foundation of the entirety of this study. Because without this, there is no defense against the deception.³

Dedicated to unswerving loyalty
to the name Yahweh chose for himself:

YOU HOLD FIRMLY TO MY NAME, AND DIDN'T DENY MY FAITH IN THE DAYS OF ANTIPAS MY WITNESS, MY FAITHFUL ONE, WHO WAS KILLED AMONG YOU, WHERE HASATAN DWELLS.

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REVELATION 3:8

What about that number?

Let us look at the erroneous approaches the world has taken in pursuit of the Beast of Revelation, whose number is Six Hundred Threescore and Six.

If we look closely at all the various suggested candidates we will notice only one major commonality. The majority of the candidates suggested through time, share only one simple aspect of the prophecy, namely "**The Number.**" This is the **ONLY** commonality they share.

Only a very few of these speculations begin by taking a scriptural approach towards defining the beast. Almost all

of them take the approach of establishing some connection of the number to their target, and usually stopping right there, with no further information or evidence. Imagine that! Some go a bit further and explain why their particular candidate is the *real* beast by making some vague connection with Revelation chapter 13, which is invariably mere circumstantial evidence.

Only a very few of these go into detail in explaining how their candidate fulfills the prophecy. The most detailed of these that I have seen are the ones concerning the Papacy and also the European Common Market. Yet even in these most detailed explanations, the connections are still *nothing more than vague, circumstantial and immaterial* connections to the prophecy. Never is there any truly relevant connection to the scriptures.

If this were a courtroom, not a single one of these so-called interpretations would bring about a conviction. In fact, 95% of them would not even merit a case. Although it is irrelevant, I want you to keep in mind, that if this *were* a courtroom, I will present enough evidence for a conviction. That is, I will prove my point beyond a *reasonable* doubt. I would like the reader to maintain the objectivity of a material presentation.

I am compiling a list of candidates that I have seen

suggested as being the fulfillment of this prophecy. So far I have found an astounding number of potential "Beasts". Before I began this study thirty years ago, I saw a list of "666 Beasts" and there were something like 134 candidates, all of whom could be shown to have the number.

This is one of the reasons I began this study, because I decided there must be an answer somewhere. It cannot be simply a wild goose chase of "pin-the-number-on-the-target".

However I did not keep that particular list, and later began a hobby of collecting examples over the years. So far I have enumerated more than 40 specific persons who have been suggested by various people in the popular culture and media. Now, with the advent of the Internet, it would seem anyone and everyone has the number.

In ALL these cases, the approach comes exclusively from establishing *any* connection between the number 666 and the one being identified. ANY type of connection at all will do, apparently.

There are so many competing theories, it is no wonder the average reader dismisses the topic entirely; especially when the majority of those claiming to know the mystery are

incoherent or incomprehensible. Furthermore it is usually presented in an inconsistent and inflammatory manner; rather than as qualified, authoritative and objective research, as befits this and all scriptural study.

Just to get an idea of how many theories are out there, I looked up this topic on the Internet. One search on AltaVista⁴ for "666" AND "Beast" AND "List" produced **1,945,730 Matches !** - Almost two million?

Another search on "666" by itself resulted in nearly 500,000 matches.

- Is it the European Common Market?
- Is it the Roman Catholic Church? Or the Pope?
- Dr. Klaus Wagner claims it is the Queen of England.
- What about Hitler? Bill Gates? Ronald Reagan?

These “theories” are **not** prophetic interpretation, it is **speculation** in its purest form. Speculation only contributes to confusion on the topic, and contributes to the public perception that all studies on the topic are essentially the rantings of madmen.

Let me underline this point again: In all these cases, the

approach comes exclusively from establishing a connection between the number 666 and the one being identified. Any type of connection at all will do, apparently.

There are no rules that I have seen defined or followed or agreed upon. BY FAR the most popular method is by using any one of countless mathematical operations. In other words, using numerology to interpret scriptural prophecy. Speculation and numerology are radically inappropriate. The combination of speculation and numerology is essentially divination. I hope the reader is aware of what the Father has to say about using divination instead of the Word of Truth to interpret prophecy. There are instructions for seeking knowledge of Yahweh, and they do not include the reasonings of men.

After counting the various methods used to associate a number with a name, I have determined that there is no end to the possibilities. If we use enough mathematical operations, then there is NO name that cannot be shown to have the number. The only limitation is the ingenuity of the person doing the calculation. If the numerologist is diligent, he can attach ANY number to ANY name. I am currently engaged in creating a software program to prove precisely this point.

At first, it may occur to the reader, "What is the point

then?" If you continue to read, I will show you that there is indeed a specific method whereby certain names were associated with a number. However, what I will demonstrate in this article is that the association between the number and the identity is the **LAST** thing that is needed to establish who it is. Let me say that again: The association with the number **is the last, and the least significant method** of identifying the beast. **It is not even needed to prove the point**, and is offered only as the final supporting argument.

Going even further than that, the association between the number, as expounded upon later in this article is **not arrived at by any mathematical operation**, or conversion of letters to numbers, but by the well established and documented scriptural method. The Sacred Scriptures state *explicitly* what the association between a man's name and a number is, and it is **not** a mathematical equation, moreover, **the scriptures state explicitly which name has the number six hundred sixty-six.**

This number will be the last item I point out, after I have already demonstrated the scriptural answer, and it will be unnecessary to prove my point. It will be the last argument I make, and only as a supporting reference, and most certainly as the *least relevant point*.

Almost universally, the approach used by all those looking for the “number of his name” go about it by converting the

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letters of the name into numbers and then performing some sort of mathematical operations on those number. But why is that? Shouldn't we first find out if there is a formal process we should be using, rather than simply looking for the one calculation out of the infinite possibilities available that will produce the result we are looking for?

There is in fact a process whereby certain people or names were assigned a number, and it is explained in the text of the Torah itself. I will cover this in a later chapter, but first I want to make sure that the reader is clear, alert and objective. To that end I have written the following chapter on "Remove Your Obstacles", which is essentially my expounding on the *first* prerequisite of all End-Time prophecy; When the disciples asked what the signs of the time of the end would be, the *first* thing Yahshua said was:

^{24:4}TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN LEAD YOU ASTRAY. ^{24:5}FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, 'I AM THE MESSIAH,' AND WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY.

MATHEW 24:4,5

This includes do not let your minister lead you astray, do not let ME lead you astray and do not let *you* lead *you* astray. Do not let ANYONE lead you astray. Read what is written, and go from there. Again: Follow the truth wheresoever it leads.

^{13:5}YAHSHUA, ANSWERING, BEGAN TO TELL THEM, "BE CAREFUL THAT NO ONE LEADS YOU ASTRAY. ^{13:6}FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, 'I AM HE!' AND WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY.

MARK 13:5,6

LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY. FOR IT WILL NOT BE, UNLESS THE DEPARTURE COMES FIRST, AND THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED, THE SON OF DESTRUCTION,

²THESS 2:3

Read also the appendix regarding “Signs of the End”, at the end of this book.

Remove your obstacles

Students researching this particular symbol almost invariably fall into one of these two classes:

- 1) Already know who it is (Speculative)
- 2) Already decided NOBODY knows who it is.
(Defeatist)

Please take the time to establish which category you are in and then take a few moments and see if you will be able to place yourself in the third category:

- 3) Believe there is an **objective** answer, but haven't seen it proven from scripture instead of someones interpretive opinion.

In this study I have provided many scriptural references in a dedicated effort to remove my own opinion from the debate. I have quoted the material and presented it. This is not my opinion, this is what the book says. So I am trying to remove myself from the equation, and ask that you the reader do the same. If the reader is able to absolve himself of any preconceived notion, this study can be a profitable one. The primary obstacles here are:

A) ROMANTICISM

B) THE INABILITY TO FREE ONESELF OF PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS

and the most insidious of all:

C) "EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN OPINION"

Romanticism

The allure of speculation on the number of 666 is indeed a great one. As I pointed out before, almost no one is immune to this; almost no one is neutral on the subject. They are either Speculative or Defeatist, but very rarely Neutral and Objective, i.e. Open to instruction.

It is compelling to put ourselves in this category. To have the wisdom and understanding to know the number of the beast. This allows us to "be a prophet", to "know the secret" to be a part of something larger than you and I. To have the wisdom and understanding of the number of the beast means that the scripture speaks to us directly, personally.

But those who speculate on the topic are subject to romanticizing the issue and generally also have the problem of not relinquishing a cherished idea. When one decides they "know the answer" then he or she has made himself or herself "special" or "gifted" because it has been "revealed" to them.

There are so many compelling and dramatic visions of "world domination" and a great man rising to world power and demanding the compliance of all on earth, cataclysmic, earth-shattering events, tribulation, plagues, trumpets. The various end-time scenarios propounded by every street-corner prophet are earth shattering, apocalyptic, grand fulfillment indeed: Nuclear holocaust, Cataclysmic Asteroid collisions; destruction on a truly cosmic scale.

It is understandable why so many seek comfort by becoming one of the "few who know the secrets of the coming apocalypse, and will therefore be spared."

Unfortunately this leads us to problem #2: Preconceived notions

Preconceived notions

Few things are more difficult to overcome than someone's preconceived notions. It is a great shortcoming of almost all humans that error is viewed as a threat to one's personal security. If we admit we are wrong, then we have revealed a weakness. Such a sad state of affairs! How can we move forward? How can we learn? How can we become more enlightened?

Do we know everything? No! Certainly not! We invariably admit (immediately) that indeed we do not. Yet how often do we admit we are mistaken? On one point? On *any* point? Rare indeed. Can you see this paradox? We readily admit we do not know everything, yet only as a last resort do we admit fault and error!

How can this be? We cannot learn anything without admitting we don't know something, and thus we have the difficulty of learning new things. We believe we cannot learn something new without revealing a weakness. We view the instructor as being greater somehow, as having some advantage over us somehow, because the instructor knows something we don't. This is an unacceptable attitude.

We must realize that life is an ongoing learning process. We must change our attitude about error and fault. Finding error in our reasoning is a blessing, because as soon as we see it, we can remove it and come to a greater understanding. Finding fault with ourselves is a blessing, because *unless we admit a fault, we can never overcome it*. Although admittedly this may be a painful process.

If you have a preconceived idea of the interpretation of this prophecy, please allow that in all likelihood, you are mistaken. If this makes you uncomfortable, I understand how you feel, but do not let your *feelings* close your mind to instruction. If you need to take a moment, then do so. Adjust while you consider this:

^{19:20} THE YOUNG MAN SAYS TO HIM, ALL THESE THINGS HAVE I OBSERVED: WHAT DO I YET LACK? ^{19:21} YAHSHUA SAID TO HIM, IF YOU WOULD BE PERFECT, GO, SELL THAT WHICH YOU HAVE, AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND YOU SHALL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN: AND COME, FOLLOW ME. ^{19:22} BUT WHEN THE YOUNG MAN HEARD THE SAYING, HE WENT AWAY SORROWFUL; FOR HE WAS ONE THAT HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS.

MATTHEW 19:20-22

You see it is not easy to give up something cherished, even when it is in exchange for something yet greater. Therefore, though it may be difficult, it is only with humility that we can receive instruction.

In this study I will indeed bring you to a greater truth, but only at the cost of any possessions you have regarding the prophecy of Revelation 13. I ask you now to abandon any inkling you have of what or who this "beast" is.

"Everyone has their own opinion"

There is no denying the fact that by far the most popular position today is "Everyone has their own opinion." As long as we cling to this, we allow ourselves to speculate endlessly on this and all prophecy, without responsibility or qualification.

By taking the position that "Everyone has their own opinion" one immediately removes any possibility of anyone else having an authoritative answer.

If we take this route, then we have reduced all prophecy and indeed the entire Bible to our own personal religion, forever subject to **our own personal interpretation**, since no one else knows anything more than anyone else. Ask yourself this question: Can there be anything else that is more elitist? Is the Bible written **to you exclusively**? Would not that be height of arrogance?

So long as "Everyone has their own opinion" then no-one

else knows anything more than anyone else. Ask yourself this: Can the entire world have differing opinions and all of them be correct? Is there one truth or many? Do we have instructors or not?

Has Almighty Yahweh sent Teachers or not?

Has Almighty Yahweh sent Prophets or not?

Has Almighty Yahweh sent his own Son to instruct or not?

By taking the position that "Everyone has their own opinion" one immediately removes any possibility of anyone else having an authoritative answer.

How many different truths are there? If there is a different truth for everyone, then we would need six billion bibles, six billion Messiah's, and six billion second comings. We would also need six billion separate

realities, because everyone is living in their own personal one. Did the Messiah teach a different truth to each individual?

EVERYONE CANNOT HAVE A DIFFERENT
TRUTH AND ALL OF THEM BE CORRECT.
THERE IS ONLY **ONE TRUTH.**

Proper Prophetic Interpretation

Reality Check: Perhaps we should consider whether we are able to arrive at an objective conclusion at all. If we are unable to reach an objective conclusion, then scriptural study becomes nothing more than speculation. If we are to say that the Bible means something different to everyone that reads it, then there is no difference between the Bible and astrology or any of the myriad pantheistic religions of the world. We would very well be better off writing our own bibles or formulating our own religion.

If we are using the Hebrew scriptures as a basis of our faith,

then we must follow it as it describes itself and not as we define it in not own terms. To do otherwise is the very same as claiming we ourselves can create our own salvation. If you cannot write your own Bible and guarantee your own salvation, then I suggest you take what is written by the hand of Yahweh and don't change it to suit yourself.

It would be most presumptuous to assume that we understand the Bible without actually *reading* it, wouldn't you say? Therefore let us now consult the scriptures for direction.

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Usually the prophecy of the "Beast" is erroneously assumed to originate in Revelation chapter 13, however there are numerous references to this prophecy throughout the Old Testament. Be aware, the book of Revelation is largely comprised of quote and

allusions to Old Testament passages. Of the 403 verses in the book of Revelation, more than 300 are either *direct quotes* or allusions to other passages elsewhere in the O.T.

If one is to interpret this book, then the first prerequisite would be familiarity with the quoted material. It is most obvious that we cannot even begin without consulting the quoted material. If it were not relevant, the author would not be quoting it. The prophet has gone to great lengths to indicate the importance of the “Old Testament” scriptures; the Tanach.

Let us begin by reading these other scriptures on this prophecy. As we collect these scriptures, we immediately see there is a definitive description of the one we are looking for.

Worshipped As Most High

According to these prophecies, the beast would assume the position of the most high. He would sit in the temple, proclaiming himself as the most high:

HE THAT OPPOSES AND EXALTS HIMSELF AGAINST ALL THAT IS CALLED ELOHIM OR THAT IS WORSHIPED; SO THAT HE SITS IN THE TEMPLE OF ELOHIM, SETTING HIMSELF FORTH AS ELOHIM.

II THESS. 2:4

AND THE KING SHALL DO ACCORDING TO HIS WILL; AND HE SHALL EXALT HIMSELF, AND MAGNIFY HIMSELF ABOVE EVERY EL, AND SHALL SPEAK MARVELOUS THINGS AGAINST

THE EL OF ELOHIM; AND HE SHALL PROSPER
TILL THE INDIGNATION BE ACCOMPLISHED;
FOR THAT WHICH IS DETERMINED SHALL BE
DONE.

DANIEL 11:36

^{14:13}AND YOU SAID IN YOUR HEART, **I WILL
ASCEND INTO HEAVEN, I WILL EXALT MY
THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF EL; AND I WILL
SIT UPON THE MOUNT OF CONGREGATION,
IN THE UTMOST PARTS OF THE NORTH;** ^{14:14}**I**
WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE
CLOUDS; **I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST
HIGH**

ISAIAH 14:13

SON OF MAN, SAY TO THE PRINCE OF TYRE, IN
THIS MANNER SAYS THE SOVEREIGN YAHWEH.
BECAUSE YOUR HEART IS LIFTED UP, AND YOU
HAVE SAID, **I AM EL, I SIT IN THE SEAT OF
ELOHIM,** IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEAS; YET
YOU ARE MAN, AND NOT EL, THOUGH YOU
DID SET YOUR HEART AS THE HEART OF
ELOHIM;

EZEKIEL 28:2

^{8:9}AND OUT OF ONE OF THEM CAME FORTH A
LITTLE HORN, WHICH BECAME VERY GREAT,
TOWARD THE SOUTH, AND TOWARD THE
EAST, AND TOWARD THE GLORIOUS *LAND* ^{8:10}**AND IT BECAME GREAT, EVEN TO THE HOST
OF HEAVEN;** AND SOME OF THE HOST AND OF
THE STARS IT CAST DOWN TO THE GROUND,
AND TRAMPLED UPON THEM. ^{8:11}**YES, IT
MAGNIFIED ITSELF, EVEN TO THE PRINCE OF
THE HOST;** AND IT TOOK AWAY FROM HIM
THE CONTINUAL *BURNT-OFFERING*, AND THE
PLACE OF HIS SANCTUARY WAS CAST DOWN.
^{8:12}AND THE HOST WAS GIVEN OVER *TO IT*
TOGETHER WITH THE CONTINUAL *BURNT-*
OFFERING THROUGH TRANSGRESSION; AND

IT CAST DOWN TRUTH TO THE GROUND, AND
IT DID *ITS PLEASURE* AND PROSPERED.

DANIEL 8:9-12

^{13:3}...AND THE WHOLE EARTH WONDERED
AFTER THE BEAST; ^{13:4}AND THEY WORSHIPED
THE DRAGON, BECAUSE HE GAVE HIS
AUTHORITY TO THE BEAST; AND THEY
WORSHIPED THE BEAST, SAYING, WHO IS LIKE
THE BEAST? AND WHO IS ABLE TO WAR WITH
HIM?

REV 13:3,4

AND ALL THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH SHALL
WORSHIP HIM, *EVERY ONE* WHOSE NAME HAS
NOT BEEN WRITTEN FROM THE FOUNDATION
OF THE WORLD IN THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE
LAMB THAT HAS BEEN KILLED.

REV 13:8

This last reference indicates that only those whose names are found written in the book of life will not worship the beast. Therefore what must we do to have our own names written in the book of life? We find in Malachi:

THEN THEY THAT FEARED YAHWEH SPAKE
ONE WITH ANOTHER; AND YAHWEH
HEARKENED, AND HEARD, AND A BOOK OF
REMEMBRANCE WAS WRITTEN BEFORE HIM,
FOR THEM THAT FEARED YAHWEH, AND THAT
THOUGHT UPON HIS NAME.

MALACHI 3:16

The issue of the name is inextricable in this prophecy. They who esteem his name and keep it in mind are those whose names are written in the book of life. Every man is rewarded according to his works. Esteem and remember the

Father's name, that he will esteem and remember *your* name. Thus, the Elect are sealed with the mark of Yahweh, which is his name.

^{7:2} I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL ASCEND FROM THE SUNRISE, **HAVING THE SEAL OF THE LIVING ELOHIM.** HE CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE TO THE FOUR ANGELS TO WHOM IT WAS GIVEN TO HARM THE EARTH AND THE SEA, ^{7:3}SAYING, "DON'T HARM THE EARTH, NEITHER THE SEA, NOR THE TREES, **UNTIL WE HAVE SEALED THE BONDSERVANTS OF OUR ELOHIM ON THEIR FOREHEADS!"** ^{7:4}I HEARD THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO WERE SEALED, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SEALED OUT OF EVERY TRIBE OF THE CHILDREN OF YISRA'EL:

REV. 7:1-4

I SAW, AND BEHOLD, THE LAMB STANDING ON MOUNT TZIYON, AND WITH HIM A NUMBER, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, **HAVING HIS NAME, AND THE NAME OF HIS FATHER, WRITTEN ON THEIR FOREHEADS.**

REV. 14:1

Because they thought upon, or esteemed his name. Therefore they do not follow the beast. Those that do not esteem the Name Yahweh, will follow the beast in *his* own name.

I HAVE COME IN MY FATHER'S NAME AND YOU RECEIVE ME NOT. IF ANOTHER SHALL COME IN HIS OWN NAME, HIM YOU WILL RECEIVE.

JOHN 5:43

It should also be clear that the mysterious “mark” of the beast is his name, as the “mark” of Yahweh is his *name*. It is not some mysterious symbol, such as a five-pointed star, or hexagram, or pyramid, or stylized arrangement of numbers, or any such construct. We see throughout all the scriptures that the entire issue revolves around names specifically. The name of Yahweh, the name of the beast. Which name do you have in mind?

According to these references, it should be **abundantly** clear that the beast will indeed be found in the temple of Elohim, claiming to be Elohim, and being worshiped as such, exactly as II Thessalonians prophesies. Many candidates have been suggested to be the beast: Ronald Reagan, Bill Gates, the UPC barcode, etc., however, none of these even remotely fulfill the first identifier: Worshipped as Almighty. No one prays to Ronald Reagan or Bill Gates or the UPC Barcode.

Over and over again, the beast is described as one who usurps the power and authority of Almighty Yahweh. In fact, if we are able to identify someone who fulfills that description, then he must undeniably be the beast regardless of what his number is. Always he is described in this way. It is his **defining** characteristic. No one else is described in these terms, and the beast is almost always described in these terms.

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"The Beast of Revelation" is the one who sits in the temple and takes the place of Yahweh. In all these prophecies, when he is mentioned, it is made clear that he is taking the position of Yahweh. All prophecy that concerns the beast, talks about this specific event. No other person or being is mentioned as taking this

position. Only the beast. aka Lucifer, The Morning Star, etc.

The next step then, would be to go to the temple and see who is there. Of course, we would then have to qualify this individual by showing that, as a man, his number is 666. - and not by any numerological operation. Even further than that, **the scriptures themselves must say this man's number is 666.** Remember, if we can do exactly this, then we will have precluded the error of using our own preconceived idea of who it might be and we will have

identified him absolutely and incontestably.

The qualification that he must be sitting in the temple will eliminate 99% of the false beasts which have been proposed over the years. Bill Gates is NOT worshiped as the most high. Nobody that I know of prays in the name of Caesar Nero. There are no temples of Barney the Cute Purple Dinosaur. Nobody worships UPC barcodes, and nobody has them tattooed on their head, invisible or otherwise.

If we are to conduct a logical objective search, then our criteria, as according to the scriptures will be as follows:

If we are able to identify someone who fulfills the description, then he must undeniably be the beast regardless of what his number is.

- Find the temple
- See who is there
- Observe that the present occupant is not the correct one. (or wait for him to show up)
- Observe that he proclaims himself as the most high,
- He is worshiped by Israel as the Most High

- His number is 666
- All verified by scripture
- All verified in fact.

If we do these things exactly as stated, then we will have identified him absolutely. This will be the definitive answer.

The Temple

Now that we have identified that the person we find taking the place of Yahweh in the temple is the one we are looking for, the next step is to find the temple. Once we find the temple, if the current occupant is the incorrect one, then that person **must** be the beast we are looking for. Otherwise, we would have an armload of scriptural references to throw out the window, or start constructing arguments about why they don't really mean what they say.

The temple Solomon built is referred to as "**The dwelling place of the Name.**" Read about the building of the temple from the Book of 1 Kings. For your convenience I have included many of the references in an appendix of this

book, “The Man of Wisdom and the Temple of Yahweh”, providing 14 references on the point specifically. A physical man-made construct is not a place where the Father himself might dwell, only that his name to represent him and his glory should be reflected there.

As Yahweh himself has stated:

HEAVEN IS MY THRONE AND THE EARTH IS
MY FOOTSTOOL, WHAT MANNER OF HOUSE
WILL YOU BUILD TO ME?

ISAIAH 66:1

Indeed. Do we presume that we can build a home for Yahweh El Shaddai? I don't think so. Solomon was allowed to build the house for him, but the house was not built for Yahweh El Shaddai to dwell in. It was built for his name to dwell there. And what was actually placed in the temple, in the Holy of Holies, **the Most Holy Place**, was the Ark of the Covenant. Inside the Ark were the tables of stone, the commandments Moses brought down from the Mount Horeb.

AND YOU SHALL PUT INTO THE ARK THE
TESTIMONY WHICH I SHALL GIVE YOU.

EXODUS 25:16

YOU SHALL PUT THE MERCY SEAT ON TOP OF
THE ARK, AND IN THE ARK YOU SHALL PUT
THE TESTIMONY THAT I WILL GIVE YOU.

EXODUS 25:21

In Exodus 31:7 and Numbers 4:6 & 7:89 you will find

references to the ark of the covenant as the ark of the testimony. In most other references it is referred to as the "Ark of the Covenant", but it is important to note that it is also known as the "Ark of the Testimony".

THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE ARK SAVE THE TWO TABLES WHICH MOSES PUT *THERE* AT HOREB, WHEN YAHWEH MADE A COVENANT WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, WHEN THEY CAME OUT OF EGYPT.

2 CHRONICLES 5:10

These two references demonstrate conclusively that the tables of stone, the law Moses received at Horeb, is the testimony of Yahweh, and that is all that is within the ark of the covenant. **This** is the dwelling place of the name, in the holy place, in the temple. The name is recorded there **in writing**.

Now notice a peculiar statement made by Yahshua, while speaking to his disciples about the time of the end. Remember he is SPEAKING to them:

"WHEN, THEREFORE, YOU SEE THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, WHICH WAS SPOKEN OF THROUGH DANIEL THE PROPHET, STANDING IN THE HOLY PLACE (**LET THE READER UNDERSTAND**),

MATT 24:15

At first, the comment 'whoso reads let him understand'

might be thought of as a parenthetical expression made by the copy writer, however the exact same admonition is given again by Mark, a different writer in a different place and time:

BUT WHEN YOU SEE THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, SPOKEN OF BY DANIEL THE PROPHET, STANDING WHERE IT OUGHT NOT (LET THE READER UNDERSTAND), THEN LET THOSE WHO ARE IN YAHUDAH FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS,

MARK 13:14

It is therefore no coincidence. Neither is “those who are in *Yahudah*” flee to the mountains, because the opposition to those who worship the beast are *those who praise Yah*, which in Hebrew is of course *Yahudaw*. Furthermore flee to the mountains is most likely an admonition to worship Yahweh, e.g., mountain as a high place; A place of worship.

The concept of the importance of the Holy Name is a large study in itself. It is most essential to be familiar with these concepts. There is little else in scripture that is more important. I have compiled a list of every scripture that contains the term 'the name' and found that there are more than 500 instances where the name is enumerated as 'one specific' name. i.e., Ha-Shem or “The Name”, and not “the Names”. It is never described as a plural. There is only ONE name.

Now then, there are only a few places that would qualify as

"The dwelling place of the name." They are:

1. The book of scriptures
2. The assembly of worshipers
3. The building itself

Therefore the Beast that exalts himself above Yahweh El Shaddai will be found in at least one of these places. Once he is found there, it is irrelevant if his number also happens to be 666. Just being in the temple being worshiped erroneously as most high is all that matters.

The book of the scriptures themselves

^{24:7}HE TOOK THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT AND READ IT IN THE HEARING OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEY SAID, "ALL THAT YAHWEH HAS SPOKEN WILL WE DO, AND BE OBEDIENT."

^{24:8}MOSHE TOOK THE BLOOD, AND SPRINKLED IT ON THE PEOPLE, AND SAID, "LOOK, THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHICH YAHWEH HAS MADE WITH YOU CONCERNING ALL THESE WORDS."

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2 CHRONICLES 5:10

It cannot be argued that the book of the covenant is not a place where Yahweh has recorded his name. He wrote it there himself, by his own hand. He recorded his name and his words on the tablets of stone.

If we are to consider this as the dwelling place of the Name, then obviously we cannot mean the original tablets themselves, since we don't have them, not anymore than we have the Ark and the Temple Solomon built.

We do however have the words of the Torah; the Tanach and the New Testament or Brit Chadasha. Therefore we may still look there for the Name of Yahweh, since that is a place where it has been recorded; And not by man, but by the intent of Yahweh himself that his name should be in his Covenant which he gave to his people.

Therefore the book of Scriptures will be considered a dwelling place of the name. When we look there, where we expect to find Yahweh, we should find Yahweh. And not anyone else. Nor should we find anything else added to it.

The Temple that Solomon built

The problem with this one is that this temple has been destroyed for thousands of years. Nobody sits in this temple because it does not exist. Neither does the name dwell there, as **Yahweh has said, he would destroy this temple** because of the idolatry of Israel. If that temple were still here, then yes it would be considered. Because it is not here, we must look elsewhere.

Should another Temple be built, then certainly we would expect to see the Name Yahweh there, and none other. However, if the temple mount were razed today and a third temple built there, *there can be no doubt* that the only name you would hear from the mouths of the Priests would be Adonai. You would certainly never hear them say “Yahweh” at any time. Let me say this again, it makes no difference whether another building is placed on the Temple Mount, because we can be certain that the name Adonai would be there.

Yahshua said the temple would be destroyed and he would raise another in three days. A temple not made with hands. I do not believe he was speaking of a building. He was speaking of the assembly of worshipers, the chosen people.

The Assembly of Worshipers

BUT MESSIAH IS FAITHFUL AS A SON OVER HIS HOUSE; **WHOSE HOUSE WE ARE**, IF WE HOLD FAST OUR CONFIDENCE AND THE GLORYING OF OUR HOPE FIRM TO THE END.

HEBREWS 3:6

YOU ALSO, AS LIVING STONES, ARE BUILT UP AS A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES, ACCEPTABLE TO ELOHIM THROUGH YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH.

1 PETER 2:5

^{3:16}DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT **YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF YAHWEH**, AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF YAHWEH DWELLS IN YOU? ^{3:17}IF ANY MAN DESTROYS THE TEMPLE OF YAHWEH, YAHWEH SHALL DESTROY HIM; FOR **THE TEMPLE OF YAHWEH IS HOLY, AND YOU ARE SUCH**.

1 COR 3:16,17

Definitively, the Assembly of Worshipers is the Temple. In the assembly of worshipers, the dwelling place of the name is manifest in two ways: the confession of his name, and in our hearts. In truth; The spoken word, because truth is something that is spoken, and in spirit, within us, in our hearts.

^{4:23}BUT THE HOUR COMES, AND NOW IS, WHEN **THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH**, FOR THE FATHER SEEKS SUCH TO BE HIS WORSHIPERS. ^{4:24}ELOHIM IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH."

JOHN 4:23-24

The confession of our lips

Although, this is more properly identified as a sacrifice or offering done in the holy place, it should be remembered that our sacrifices and offerings are our prayers which we make in his name. The purpose of these sacrifices and offerings is to make ourselves clean. Thus the prayers in his name represent the "continual burnt offering", the offering for sin.

14:1YISRA'EL, RETURN TO YAHWEH YOUR ELOHIM; FOR YOU HAVE FALLEN BECAUSE OF YOUR SIN.

14:2TAKE WORDS WITH YOU, AND RETURN TO YAHWEH. TELL HIM, "FORGIVE ALL OUR SINS, AND ACCEPT THAT WHICH IS GOOD: **SO WE OFFER LIKE BULLS OUR LIPS.**

HOSEA 14:1,2

THROUGH HIM, THEN, LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO ELOHIM CONTINUALLY, THAT IS, **THE FRUIT OF LIPS WHICH MAKE CONFESSION TO HIS NAME.**

HEBREWS 13:15

NOT THAT WHICH PROCEEDS INTO THE MOUTH DEFILES THE MAN, **BUT THAT WHICH PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH, THIS DEFILES THE MAN.** FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART, THE MOUTH SPEAKS.

MT 15:11

What we speak is of extreme importance, and there is

nothing that comes out of our mouth that is more important than the name of our creator. **Most particularly in worship and prayer.** Consider the significance if we choose to pray and worship in *another* name.

1:6" A SON HONORS HIS FATHER, AND A SERVANT HIS MASTER. IF I AM A FATHER, THEN WHERE IS MY HONOR? AND IF I AM A MASTER, WHERE IS THE RESPECT DUE ME? SAYS YAHWEH OF HOSTS TO YOU, **PRIESTS WHO DESPISE MY NAME. YOU SAY, 'HOW HAVE WE DESPISED YOUR NAME?'** 1:7" **YOU OFFER POLLUTED BREAD ON MY ALTAR. YOU SAY, 'HOW HAVE WE POLLUTED YOU?'** IN THAT YOU SAY, 'YAHWEH'S TABLE CONTEMPTIBLE.'

MALACHI 1:6,7

You see, they do not know what they are doing. They have made an outright substitution by removing the Name, which effectively annuls the sacrifice because it is polluted. They have invalidated the sacrifice, because they have taken away the name. To remove the name is to remove the sacrifice. **There isn't any other way to read Malachi: To despise the name is to pollute the offering. To deny this is to say Yahweh's table is contemptible.**

What is in our heart

We must realize by now that in whatever name we pray and worship, that is the name that dwells in our heart. *For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.* Thus, the

dwelling of the name is manifest by the confession of the lips of the assembly. If the assembly confesses Yahweh, then it worships Yahweh. If it confesses another name, then it worships another.

I HAVE COME IN MY FATHER'S NAME AND YOU RECEIVE ME NOT. IF ANOTHER SHALL COME IN HIS OWN NAME, HIM YOU WILL RECEIVE.

JOHN 5:43

Now let us look at John 4 in greater context; it is evident that Yahshua was speaking of the latter days:

^{4:21}YAHSHUA SAID TO HER, "WOMAN, BELIEVE ME, **THE HOUR COMES**, WHEN NEITHER IN THIS MOUNTAIN, NOR IN YERUSHALAYIM, WILL YOU WORSHIP THE FATHER. ^{4:22}**YOU WORSHIP THAT WHICH YOU DON'T KNOW.** WE WORSHIP THAT WHICH WE KNOW; FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE YAHUDIM. ^{4:23}BUT THE HOUR COMES, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, FOR THE FATHER SEEKS SUCH TO BE HIS WORSHIPERS. ^{4:24}ELOHIM IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH."

JOHN 4:21-24

Note v.22. He states clearly that at that time the people did not know what they were worshipping. The only logical conclusion is that they simply did not know the name. Because certainly they knew and followed Torah. Certainly they prayed to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The *only* component the common people did not know concerning worship was the Name itself. The one thing the Priests would never divulge to the populace. They may teach Tanach and Talmud all day long, but that was the one thing that they would never speak. This is why they were amazed at Yahshua. He knew The Letters, (the -four-letters) but he was not a Pharisee.

This agrees with our references concerning sacrifice and worship, that it is what proceeds out of our mouth. If our sacrifice and worship are in his name, and the woman he spoke with did not, then the only logical conclusion is that she (and the common people in general) did not know that one specific point. She did not know Yahweh *because she did not know "Yahweh"*.

Again this agrees with the historical record and Talmud and everything we know about the Priesthood. The Name was a state secret and *no one* knew what it was except the high priesthood. No one spoke it. No one knew it.

I HAVE MANIFESTED YOUR NAME TO THE MEN WHOM YOU GAVE ME OUT OF THE WORLD; THEY WERE YOURS AND YOU GAVE THEM TO ME, AND THEY HAVE KEPT YOUR WORD.

JOHN 17:6

It was necessary for Yahshua to tell them, because there

would be no way for them to know otherwise. The people did not know at the time:

THEREFORE MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME: THEREFORE *THEY SHALL KNOW* IN THAT DAY THAT I AM HE WHO DOES SPEAK; BEHOLD, IT IS I.

ISAIAH 52:5

John notes that it was happening at that time also:

^{4:1}BELOVED, DON'T BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS, WHETHER THEY ARE OF ELOHIM, BECAUSE **MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.** ^{4:2}BY THIS YOU KNOW THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM: EVERY SPIRIT WHO CONFESSES THAT YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS OF ELOHIM, ^{4:3}AND EVERY SPIRIT WHO DOESN'T CONFESS THAT YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF ELOHIM, AND **THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTI-MESSIAH, OF WHOM YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT COMES. NOW IT IS IN THE WORLD ALREADY.**

1JN4:1-3.

The Book of Malachi, written prior to Yahshua's coming:

^{2:1}NOW, YOU PRIESTS, THIS COMMANDMENT IS FOR YOU. ^{2:2} IF YOU WILL NOT LISTEN, AND IF YOU WILL NOT LAY IT TO HEART, TO GIVE GLORY TO MY NAME," SAYS YAHWEH OF HOSTS, "THEN WILL I SEND THE CURSE ON YOU, AND I WILL CURSE YOUR BLESSINGS. INDEED, **I HAVE CURSED THEM ALREADY, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT LAY IT TO HEART.**

MALACHI 2:1,2

The Book of the Covenant

If we examine the text of the Hebrew scriptures, we will find the place of The Name. In fact The Name appears approximately 7,000 times. It would be most absurd to claim that this does not constitute "The Place of The Name". The Father himself has said

"IN ALL PLACES WHERE I RECORD MY NAME I
WILL COME TO YOU AND I WILL BLESS YOU."
EX 20:24

Looking closer at the text, and at the place of The Name in particular, we will find TWO things. The first thing to notice is the "Tetragrammaton" or "four-letter word/name" of Yahweh. In Hebrew: Yod Hay Waw Hay. This pronounced as "Yahweh", and is in fact the name of the Holy One of Israel.

Vowels?

The second item to note is the appearance of some pronunciation marks. These marks are not "vowels" as suggested by people who are unfamiliar with the language. These marks are *diacritical* marks, which were created to help preserve the pronunciation. These *diacriticals* are precisely the same as the pronunciation marks we find in the English language, most particularly in our dictionaries.

When we look up a word in English, it is written with various "marks" : the 'accent' mark, the umlaut, the dot over a vowel to indicate it is short, or the bar over a vowel to indicate it is long, etc, For example:

Prompt ['prämpt] *adj* : ready and quick

– has an umlaut over the 'a', and an accent on the 'p'

Prosaic [prō-'zā-ik] *adj* : dull

– has long-bars over the 'o' and the 'a', and an accent on the 'z'

Open any dictionary and you will see that there are many of these pronunciation marks used in the English language. Marks such as the tilde, caret, macron, breve, umlaut, grave, caron, cedilla, etc. We have been using them for many years, and they are NOT vowels. The Hebrew language also uses these pronunciation marks, the difference being that in English we find them usually only in dictionaries, but in Hebrew they are used all the time in plain text writing. But they are not vowels, they are diacritical marks, and they have the exact same function as they do in English. They only modify or indicate the sound of the letter they are attached to, and do not have a sound themselves.

Although many lay persons claim that these Hebrew diacriticals are vowels, that is the same as claiming that the tilde, the umlaut and the caret are also vowels, which

obviously they are not. You cannot sound them as a letter. These diacritical marks were introduced around the year 1100 AD, by the Masoretic scribes in an effort to help preserve the pronunciation of the Hebrew language. So they are a modern invention, that was *never* a part of the Holy Scriptures.

If these Hebrew diacritical marks are vowels, then so are our English diacritical marks, and then the pronunciation of “prō-'zā-ik” would become “pro-oh-zah-ay-ic”. Clearly this is incorrect, and no one would understand what you are talking about if you did so. “pro-oh-zah-ay-ic” is not a word. Not even if the diacritical pronunciation symbols were included in plain everyday text like Hebrew. The assertion that the Hebrew language does not have vowels is fundamentally incorrect. It is a lie.

The idea that the Hebrew language has no vowels defies logic. It works only if you don't think about it. Even Hebrew speakers refer to them as vowels, but again, this is only because they are not thinking about what they are saying, and have redefined the meaning of the word “vowel” to accommodate common usage. The fact of the matter is they are not vowels, and the Hebrew language does have them, and for that opinion I will refer to a Hebrew scholar who spoke about vowels specifically.

In “The Wars of the Jews”, which was completed in 78C.E., one of the most educated scholars of his time, Josephus stated explicitly that the sacred name consists of four vowels. This was *more than 1,000 years before the Masoretes 'invented' them.*

A mitre also of fine linen encompassed his head, which was tied by a blue ribbon, about which there was another golden crown, in which was engraven the sacred name [of God]: **it consists of four vowels.** However, the high priest did not wear these garments at other times, but a more plain habit; he only did it when he went into the most sacred part of the temple, which he did but once in a year, on that day when our custom is for all of us to keep a fast to God.

[THE WARS OF THE JEWS 5.5.7]

Say what you will about Josephus, but one can hardly argue the fact that he at least knew his own alphabet.

You don't have to be a world-renowned scholar. Just get your mind unstuck and look at it objectively. Consider for yourself the Hebrew word for “horse”, a very simple one syllable word. It is pronounced “soos” and is spelled סוס. If you wrote סוס in English you would write it as “sus”. The first letter and the last letter is “samech” and it has the “s”

sound. The middle letter is “waw” and it has the long “u” sound or “oo” sound. That is NOT a consonant. It is a VOWEL sound. Period. There is no rational conclusion other than the middle letter is functioning as a vowel. Therefore the “waw” is a vowel, and so also are Aleph, Ayin, He, and Yod.

If we look closer at the text, and at the place of the name in particular we will notice that the diacritical marks which have been inserted here are not even the appropriate marks for the name of Yahweh, but are the pronunciation marks of the name of Adonai or Elohim. This was done deliberately to remind the reader to not pronounce Yahweh, but to pronounce Adonai or Elohim instead.

For Adonai the Strongs Dictionary has:

SEC H 0136 – אֲדֹנָי

And the Brown-Driver-Briggs dictionary reads:

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

1. my lord, lord
 - a. of men
 - b. of God
2. Lord - title, spoken in place of Yahweh in Jewish display of reverence

For Yahweh the entries are:

SEC H 3068 – יהוה

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

1. the proper name of the one true God
 - a. unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of 0136

SEC H 3069 - יהוה

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

1. Jehovah - used primarily in the combination 'Lord Jehovah'
 - a. equal to 3068 but pointed with the vowels of 0430

Elohim:

SEC H 430 - אֱלֹהִים

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

(plural)

- a. rulers, judges
- b. divine ones
- c. angels
- d. gods
2. (plural intensive - singular meaning)
 - a. god, goddess
 - b. godlike one
 - c. works or special possessions of God
 - d. the (true) God
 - e. God

Notice that without the modern invention of the (incorrect) pronunciation marks, the word at 136 is not “Adonai” but is actually “Adeni” which means “My Foundation”, that is, “Eden” or “Aden” (SEC H0134) + the suffix ם (yod) which means “my”.

Foundation

SEC H 134 – 𐤀𐤃𐤍

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

base, pedestal, socket (strong, firm)

1. pedestals of gold on which marble pillars were set
2. pedestals of the earth, foundation of the earth
3. pedestals, bases, or sockets on which tabernacle stood

Hence the scripture:

THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.

PSALMS 118:22

HE IS THE STONE WHICH WAS REGARDED AS
WORTHLESS BY YOU, THE BUILDERS, WHICH
HAS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.

ACTS 4:11

This idea of saying one thing instead of the other is a device that was created for the express purpose of preventing people from pronouncing the name of Yahweh, and instructing the reader to change it to Adonai instead.

Therefore, should Israel look to the place of the name and read the name of the most high, what they say with their mouth is the name "Adonai".

Does this matter? It is only a substitution, right?

Blasphemy by substitution

FOR "THE NAME OF ELOHIM IS BLASPHEMED
AMONG THE GOYIM BECAUSE OF YOU," JUST
AS IT IS WRITTEN.

ROMANS 2:24

One point we can be assured of is that **the Goyim did not know the name Yahweh**. Only the Temple Priests knew it, and only the high priest spoke it, once a year, and only inside the innermost chamber of the temple, and whispered it even then. So the people *do* blaspheme the name without knowing it. As explained in more detail from the reference in Isaiah that Paul is quoting here, read carefully:

^{52:5}NOW THEREFORE, WHAT DO I HAVE HERE,
SAYS YAHWEH, SEEING THAT MY PEOPLE IS
TAKEN AWAY FOR NOTHING? THOSE WHO
RULE OVER THEM DO HOWL, SAYS YAHWEH,
AND MY NAME CONTINUALLY ALL THE DAY IS

BLASPHEMED. ^{52:6} **THEREFORE** MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME: THEREFORE THEY SHALL KNOW IN THAT DAY THAT I AM HE WHO DOES SPEAK; BEHOLD, IT IS I.

ISAIAH 52:5,6

His name is being blasphemed continually, **therefore** they need to know what the name is. They do not know it. Let us look again for another witness.

"AND THOSE WHO BOW DOWN ON THE HOUSETOPS TO THE HOST OF HEAVEN, AND THOSE WHO BOW DOWN AND SWEAR TO YAHWEH **AND YET SWEAR BY MILCOM,**

ZEPHANIAH 1:5

Zephaniah states clearly they are swearing *to* Yahweh but swearing *by* another name, in this case "Milcom". You see even though they swear to Yahweh, perhaps only in their hearts, doing so in another name (verbally) changes everything. It is a pollution. What is in your heart doesn't count here. We already know this: What comes out of your mouth *does* count.

^{2:16}IT WILL BE IN THAT DAY," SAYS YAHWEH, "THAT YOU WILL CALL ME 'ISHI,' AND NO LONGER CALL ME 'BAALI.'

^{2:17}FOR I WILL TAKE AWAY THE NAMES OF THE BAALIM OUT OF HER MOUTH, AND THEY WILL NO MORE BE MENTIONED BY THEIR NAME.

HOSEA 2:16,17

Clearly, and by context, Yahweh says that he is innappropriately being called by the name of Baalim (Lord

or Lords), because his own name is not being called. Finally, let us look at Jeremiah:

23:26 HOW LONG SHALL THIS BE IN THE HEART OF THE PROPHETS WHO PROPHECY LIES, EVEN THE PROPHETS OF THE DECEIT OF THEIR OWN HEART? 23:27 WHO THINK TO CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO FORGET MY NAME BY THEIR DREAMS WHICH THEY TELL EVERY MAN TO HIS NEIGHBOR, AS THEIR FATHERS FORGOT MY NAME FOR BA`AL.

JEREMIAH 23:26,27

In summary, no matter what is in your heart, what comes out of your mouth specifically must be the name Yahweh. No other name is acceptable regardless of how you mean it, what is in your mind or what is in your heart. It is not acceptable. It does not show that one is willing to be in subjection to the will of the Father if we continue to argue that we can call him anything we like.

I challenge the reader to find one shred of evidence anywhere in scripture that says otherwise. Search the scriptures. They say the name is important. It is only the argument of men that says otherwise. And that is precisely what the scriptures have to say about it, as we just read here.

Review

In fulfillment of the prophecy, the “Beast” whose number is 666 *must* have his name being spoken by the chosen people, Israel, in worship. This further qualification is necessary because if it is not his chosen people, then it is not his temple. At least not if we are going strictly by what the text of the bible itself says.

Furthermore, he *must be worshiped as most high*. This will include praying in his name. His name *must* be in a position where he usurps all the glory and worship of the most high. This is according to virtually *every* end-time prophecy. If there is going to be a "Beast", he must absolutely be someone who is worshiped as most high. He must be sitting in the temple.

This is fulfilled absolutely by the substitution of the name Yahweh, with any other name.

The “beast” whose number is 666 must have the following qualifications:

- 1) The confession of Israel that he is Elohim
- 2) He sits in the temple as Elohim
- 3) He is bowed down to, and served by Israel
- 4) His name takes the place of the name of Yahweh

Let us check our candidates for Temple, and confirm exactly who is there now.

The building itself we have ruled out because it does not exist. The only remaining places we can look are the book of scriptures and the assembly of worshipers.

In the Hebrew scriptures we have confirmed that the Name Yahweh is there, however, so also is “Adonai”. To verify this, I took my copy of scriptures which has the name Yahweh in Hebrew letters and showed it to a Hebrew speaking Jewish man, and asked him who was there. Of course he said "Adonai". Even though in this case there were no diacritical marks to remind him to say Adonai

instead of Yahweh, he pronounced Adonai anyway.

Because there is only one name, any other name is going to be the wrong one. No matter what the other name is or what it represents, it is still another name, and therefore unacceptable. It should be obvious that this is *extremely* dangerous ground for a worshiper, to pray in another name.

Of course it is common knowledge that the Jewish people refer to YHWH as "Adonai". This means that Adonai is found in the place of the name in the scriptures, on the mouths, and in the hearts of the Jewish people. In all places that we have that qualify as "the Temple" or "The place of the name", what is written in the text, what is spoken by Israel, in their hearts, and in their minds, in ALL those places we find "Adonai".

Because there is only one name, **any other name** is going to be the wrong one.

Regardless of the argument about whether "Adonai" is a name or a title, it is irrelevant. It is being used to take away the name of Yahweh. Even if

that is not the stated *intent* of saying Adonai instead of

Yahweh, it is irrelevant, because that is what is happening in *fact*.

So who is in the temple today? Adonai, that is who. He is praised and worshiped, and declared most high over all the earth. Besides its place in scripture, take some time to listen to the songs written to Adonai and you will very quickly see the love for him in their hearts, their words, and their minds.

BUT IS HE YAHWEH OR IS HE SOMEONE ELSE?

Who is like Adonai?

Revisiting Adonai in the SEC Dictionary:

H0136 אֲדֹנָי 'ădônây, AD-O-NOY': an emphatic form of 113; the *Lord* (used as a prop. name of God only):-*(my) Lord*.

H0113 אֲדֹן 'ădôn, 'ădôn: From an unused root (meaning to rule); *sovereign*, that is, *controller* (human or divine): - lord, master, owner. Compare also names beginning with «Adoni-».

This is not a good start for the name “Adonai”. It means “Lord” and “Master”. It indicates ownership. Baal and lord also indicate ownership. There is a certain group of

words which mean “master” in lower case, but serve as a name for the most high when capitalized. These words are: lord, baal, master, adon, and as a name they are The Lord, Baal, Master, Adonai. These name/words are all equivalent. Now lets see if the word baal is okay, since it also means 'Master' and 'The Lord', just as “Adonai” does.

"THEN IT WILL COME ABOUT THAT IF THEY WILL REALLY LEARN THE WAYS OF MY PEOPLE, TO SWEAR BY MY NAME, 'AS YAHWEH LIVES,' EVEN AS THEY TAUGHT MY PEOPLE TO SWEAR BY BAAL, THEN THEY WILL BE BUILT UP IN THE MIDST OF MY PEOPLE.

JEREMIAH 12:16

WHO INTEND TO MAKE MY PEOPLE FORGET MY NAME BY THEIR DREAMS WHICH THEY RELATE TO ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS THEIR FATHERS FORGOT MY NAME FOR BAAL?

JEREMIAH 23:27

Not looking so good. Lets continue.

^{1:1}THE WORD OF YAHWEH WHICH CAME TO ZEPHANIAH SON OF CUSHI, SON OF GEDALIAH, SON OF AMARIAH, SON OF HEZEKIAH, IN THE DAYS OF JOSIAH SON OF AMON, KING OF JUDAH, ^{1:2} "I WILL COMPLETELY REMOVE ALL *THINGS* FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH," DECLARES YAHWEH. ^{1:3} "I WILL REMOVE MAN AND BEAST; I WILL REMOVE THE BIRDS OF THE SKY AND THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND THE RUINS ALONG WITH THE WICKED; AND I WILL CUT OFF MAN FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH," DECLARES YAHWEH. ^{1:4} "SO I WILL STRETCH OUT MY HAND AGAINST JUDAH AND AGAINST ALL THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM. AND I WILL CUT

OFF THE REMNANT OF BAAL FROM THIS PLACE, AND THE NAMES OF THE IDOLATROUS PRIESTS ALONG WITH THE PRIESTS.

ZEPHANIAH 1:1-4

So he will destroy the entire Earth. Get the picture?

At best, Adonai means “My Master”, exactly the same as Baali, or The Lord. Which is unacceptable already on the face of it, besides being a substitution. What it does *not* mean is Eternal. Yahweh means Eternal.

^{3:13}MOSHE SAID TO ELOHIM, "BEHOLD, WHEN I COME TO THE CHILDREN OF YISRA'EL, AND TELL THEM, 'THE ELOHIM OF YOUR FATHERS HAS SENT ME TO YOU;' AND THEY ASK ME, 'WHAT IS HIS NAME?' WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?"

^{3:14}ELOHIM SAID TO MOSHE, "I AM WHO I AM," AND HE SAID, "YOU SHALL TELL THE CHILDREN OF YISRA'EL THIS: "I AM HAS SENT ME TO YOU."

What Moses heard spoken to him that day was “**EH-YAH ASHER EH-YAH**”. And Yahweh said “You shall tell the children of Yisrael “**EH-YAH**” has sent me to you. Moses said the name YAH.

^{3:15}ELOHIM SAID MOREOVER TO MOSHE, "YOU SHALL TELL THE CHILDREN OF YISRA'EL THIS, 'YAHWEH, THE ELOHIM OF YOUR FATHERS, THE ELOHIM OF AVRAHAM, THE ELOHIM OF YITZCHAK, AND THE ELOHIM OF YA`AKOV, HAS SENT ME TO YOU.' **THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER, AND THIS IS MY MEMORIAL TO ALL**

GENERATIONS.

EXODUS 3:13-15

That doesn't seem to leave a lot of room for substitutions does it? Substitutions of any kind are not acceptable. Show me a scripture that supports substitutions or that says Yahweh has more than one name and I'll change my tune.

Until then substitutions are not okay. Substitution is how the adversary works. As we have already learned, the adversary intends to use the Temple, and substitute himself for Yahweh. We are warned often to leave the name where it is.

REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK,
WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET.

PROVERBS 22:28

REMOVE NOT THE OLD LANDMARK; AND
ENTER NOT INTO THE FIELDS OF THE
FATHERLESS:

PROVERBS 23:10

THEIR SORROWS SHALL BE MULTIPLIED THAT
GIVE GIFTS FOR ANOTHER GOD: THEIR
DRINK-OFFERINGS OF BLOOD WILL I NOT
OFFER, NOR TAKE THEIR NAMES UPON MY
LIPS.

PSALM 16:4

¹NOW, YOU PRIESTS, THIS COMMANDMENT IS FOR YOU. ²IF YOU WILL NOT LISTEN, AND IF YOU WILL NOT LAY IT TO HEART, TO GIVE GLORY TO MY NAME," SAYS YAHWEH OF HOSTS, "THEN WILL I SEND THE CURSE ON

YOU, AND I WILL CURSE YOUR BLESSINGS.
INDEED, I HAVE CURSED THEM ALREADY,
BECAUSE YOU DO NOT LAY IT TO HEART.

MALACHI 2:1

Notice that he states “I have cursed them *already*”, and remember that the Apostles also stated that it was in the world *already*. Thus we can be assured again that we are not looking for someone who is yet to stand up and be worshiped. Additionally, in Isaiah we find:

^{52:5}NOW THEREFORE, WHAT DO I HERE, SAYS YAHWEH, SEEING THAT MY PEOPLE IS TAKEN AWAY FOR NOTHING? THOSE WHO RULE OVER THEM DO HOWL, SAYS YAHWEH, AND MY NAME CONTINUALLY ALL THE DAY IS BLASPHEMED. ^{52:6}THEREFORE MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME: THEREFORE *THEY SHALL KNOW* IN THAT DAY THAT I AM HE WHO DOES SPEAK; BEHOLD, IT IS I.

ISAIAH 52:5

Clearly, his name is being blasphemed, yet the people do not know it. Therefore again, the only conclusion is that this is due to a substitution, and that his people need to be informed as to what his name is. In Ezekiel and Isaiah, idolatry and pollution is equated with his name:

AS FOR YOU, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL, THUS SAITH YAHWEH ELOHIM; GO YE, **SERVE YE EVERY ONE HIS IDOLS**, AND HEREAFTER *ALSO*, IF YE WILL NOT HEARKEN UNTO ME: **BUT POLLUTE YE MY HOLY NAME NO MORE** WITH YOUR

GIFTS, AND WITH YOUR IDOLS.

EZEKIEL 20:39

I AM YAHWEH, THAT IS MY NAME; AND MY
GLORY WILL I NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER,
NEITHER MY PRAISE TO ENGRAVED IMAGES.

ISAIAH 42:8

Adonai is an outright substitution and it simply does not translate to Yahweh. It is *not* the same. Simply on the face of it, Adonai is used as a name. While some may argue its use as a title, that argument becomes invalid when the title is raised to preeminence as a name by virtue of being written as a pronoun (initial capitalized) and being spoken instead of Yahweh in all places where the name Yahweh should be.

In fact, it's nearly irrelevant whether Adonai is a title or name, because it takes the place of the name. That in itself makes it another name. Moreover, ask anyone of Israel today what his name is, and you will quickly find the invariable assertion is "Adonai" is his name.

Now lets take a closer look. Adonai is actually the plural form of Adon. There is in fact an etymological link between the names "Adonis" and "Adon", but the relationship is plain to see. Adon-is, Adon-ai. They are the same. It is patently obvious on the face of it. Only denial can keep the illusion working.

Adonis is derived from the Canaanite title, Adon. It is the Semitic word for master or 'lord' and i means 'my', therefore Adonai (Adonis is the Hellenized version of the same) translates as 'my lord'; similarly the meaning of Baal, with whom he shares traits, is also 'lord' or 'master'. He is the god of death and rebirth, and is the same deity known to the Babylonians as Tammuz, the god of death and rebirth. And to the Egyptians as Osiris. All of them are "My Master" and god of Death and Rebirth.

8:13 HE SAID ALSO TO ME, YOU SHALL AGAIN SEE YET OTHER GREAT ABOMINATIONS WHICH THEY DO. **8:14** THEN HE BROUGHT ME TO THE DOOR OF THE GATE OF YAHWEH'S HOUSE WHICH WAS TOWARD THE NORTH; AND SEE, THERE SAT THE WOMEN WEEPING FOR TAMMUZ. **8:15** THEN SAID HE TO ME, HAVE YOU SEEN *THIS*, SON OF MAN? YOU SHALL AGAIN SEE YET GREATER ABOMINATIONS THAN THESE. **8:16** HE BROUGHT ME INTO THE INNER COURT OF YAHWEH'S HOUSE; AND SEE, AT THE DOOR OF THE TEMPLE OF YAHWEH, BETWEEN THE PORCH AND THE ALTAR, WERE ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MEN, WITH THEIR BACKS TOWARD THE TEMPLE OF YAHWEH, AND THEIR FACES TOWARD THE EAST; AND THEY WERE WORSHIPING THE SUN TOWARD THE EAST.

EZEKIEL 8:13-16

Tammuz and Adon are the same, and they are at the gate of the temple. Beyond this, the men were worshiping the sun toward the east. Lucifer obviously being the "Morning Star" or Rising Sun.

^{14:12}HOW YOU ARE FALLEN FROM HEAVEN, **LUCIFER, SON OF THE MORNING!** HOW YOU ARE CUT DOWN TO THE GROUND, WHO LAID THE NATIONS LOW! ^{14:13}YOU SAID IN YOUR HEART, I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN, I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF ELOHIM; AND I WILL SIT ON THE MOUNTAIN OF CONGREGATION, IN THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE NORTH; ^{14:14}I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS; I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE HA ELYON. ^{14:15}**YET YOU SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO SHE'OL, TO THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE PIT.** ^{14:16}THOSE WHO SEE YOU SHALL GAZE AT YOU, THEY SHALL CONSIDER YOU, SAYING, "IS THIS THE MAN WHO MADE THE EARTH TO TREMBLE, WHO SHOOK KINGDOMS; WHO MADE THE WORLD AS A WILDERNESS, AND OVERTHREW THE CITIES OF IT; WHO DIDN'T LET LOOSE HIS PRISONERS TO THEIR HOME?"
EZEKIEL 14:12-17

Obviously again, this is that same one we are looking for, sitting in the temple claiming to be most high, and he is called 'Son of the Morning', the Day Star, i.e., the Sun. Notice now that he is brought down to the **Abyss**. Lets take a quick look at the abyss.

THEY HAVE OVER THEM AS KING THE ANGEL OF THE ABYSS. HIS NAME IN HEBREW IS "ABADDON," BUT IN GREEK, HE HAS THE NAME "APOLLYON."

REVELATION 9:11

Notice that name again: ABADDON. See anything familiar? ADON. Yes it is the same. It is simply Ab-Adon or Father Adon. Lucifer claiming to be the most high yet

again. Note also that Apollo is among other things, the god of light, i.e., the Sun.

It should be clear by now that Adon/Adonai has taken up residence **in every place we could possibly consider as the Temple or the dwelling place of the name.** Whether in the text of the Tanach and Brit Chadasha, or in the hearts and mouths (and minds) of Israel. In every place where Yahweh has put his name there, today we find instead Adonai, and this Adonai is *not* Yahweh.

Again, if the temple mount were razed of Islam today and a third temple built there, *there can be no doubt* that the only name you would hear from the mouths of the Priests would be Adonai. You would certainly never hear them say “Yahweh”.

Lucifer, son of the morning, the rising sun, the angel of the abyss is known as Adon or Adonis or whatever variation on that name you can find. He claims to be most high, but he is a slave master and owner who does not release his slaves.

Therefore Adonai can only be the First Beast of Revelation Chapter 13. Now, if by some calculation we can find also that his number is 666, then it is only a bonus, in my opinion. However, since you have read this far, I think you deserve that little bonus, so let's take a look.

The Number of the Beast

How does the Bible number a man? Amazing how people leap into this without making the **basic element** clear. Why is a man's number, his number?

There are nearly countless mathematical constructs people through the ages have sought to find a name that fits the number. Changing the letters to numbers in Hebrew, Roman, Greek, English, assigning numerical values to each letter, usually numbering them 1 through 26 (or however many letters are in the given alphabet) or the reverse numbering 26 through 1, or simply repeating 1 through 6, or extracting Roman numerals from the letters, or using the

computer numerical equivalents in ASCII or binary or EBCDIC... there are countless methods, and if none of them work, then simply changing the way a given name is represented in mixed case, upper case, lower case, with or without middle name or initial or... You get the idea. It is essentially infinite the approaches one can use. I am skeptical it is even possible to find a name that does not equate to 666, or any other given number, for that matter.

Do you think that prophecy is meant to be a wild-goose-chase? Is Yahweh the author of confusion? Doesn't the very same prophecy not state the chosen people would know the meaning of this? Yes it does. There must be some legitimate and established methodology by which we arrive at a number. Otherwise the search is futile.

Now then, if we are going to start looking for a number, perhaps we should start with the book of *NUMBERS*?

^{1:1} AND YAHWEH SPOKE TO MOSES IN THE WILDERNESS OF SINAI, IN THE TENT OF MEETING ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND MONTH, IN THE SECOND YEAR AFTER THEY HAD COME OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, SAYING, ^{1:2} TAKE THE SUM OF ALL THE CONGREGATION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, BY THEIR FAMILIES, BY THEIR FATHERS' HOUSES. ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF THE NAMES, EVERY MALE, BY THEIR POLLS; ^{1:3} FROM TWENTY YEARS OLD AND UPWARD, ALL THAT ARE ABLE TO GO FORTH TO WAR IN ISRAEL, YOU AND AARON SHALL NUMBER

THEM BY THEIR HOSTS. ^{1:4} AND WITH YOU
THERE SHALL BE A MAN OF EVERY TRIBE;
EVERY ONE HEAD OF HIS FATHERS' HOUSE.

NUMBERS 1:1-4

So the **number of a name** is the number of persons with that name. The numbers of the names equals sum of the names. This is how the population was counted. By each family, the head of the family and the sum of the household. Therefore each name had a number, and that number, is the number of men over 20 years old in that particular family.

For example the numbers of the tribes of Israel were:

Rueben:	46,500	Simeon:	59,300	Gad:	45,650
Yahudaw:	74,600	Issachar:	54,400	Zebulun:	57,400
Joseph:	40,500	Manasseh:	32,200	Benjamin:	35,400
Dan:	62,700	Asher:	41,500	Naphtali:	53,400

Total: 603,550

Numbers 1:5-24 (*The tribe of Levi was not numbered per Num 1:47-54*)

The number of a name is a census of that household. The book of Numbers speaks extensively about numbering the people according to their names and counting the sum, or number of their names. Read Numbers chapter 1 through chapter 4. Here are some more examples in the book of Numbers:

AND YAHWEH SAID TO MOSES, NUMBER ALL THE FIRST-BORN MALES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM A MONTH OLD AND UPWARD, AND TAKE THE NUMBER OF THEIR NAMES.

NUMBERS 3:40

^{4:21} AND YAHWEH SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING, ^{4:22} TAKE THE SUM OF THE SONS OF GERSHON ALSO, BY THEIR FATHERS' HOUSES, BY THEIR FAMILIES; ^{4:23} FROM THIRTY YEARS OLD AND UPWARD UNTIL FIFTY YEARS OLD SHALL YOU NUMBER THEM;

NUMBERS 4:21-23

^{26:52} AND YAHWEH SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING, ^{26:53} UNTO THESE THE LAND SHALL BE DIVIDED FOR AN INHERITANCE ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER of NAMES. ^{26:54} TO THE MORE YOU SHALL GIVE THE MORE INHERITANCE, AND TO THE FEWER YOU SHALL GIVE THE LESS INHERITANCE: TO EVERY ONE ACCORDING TO THOSE THAT WERE NUMBERED OF HIM SHALL HIS INHERITANCE BE GIVEN. ^{26:55} HOWEVER, THE LAND SHALL BE DIVIDED BY LOT: ACCORDING TO THE NAMES OF THE TRIBES OF THEIR FATHERS THEY SHALL INHERIT. ^{26:56} ACCORDING TO THE LOT SHALL THEIR INHERITANCE BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE MORE AND THE FEWER.

NUMBERS 26:52-56

THESE WERE THE SONS OF LEVI AFTER THEIR FATHERS' HOUSES, EVEN THE HEADS OF THE FATHERS' HOUSES OF THOSE OF THEM THAT WERE COUNTED, IN THE NUMBER OF NAMES BY THEIR POLLS, WHO DID THE WORK FOR THE SERVICE OF THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH, FROM TWENTY YEARS OLD AND UPWARD.

I CHR 23:24

AND IN THOSE DAYS PETER STOOD UP IN THE

MIDST OF THE DISCIPLES, AND SAID, (THE
NUMBER OF NAMES TOGETHER WERE ABOUT
AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY.)

ACTS 1:15

Therefore if we are looking for a name with a number of 666, then we are looking for a household who, by their fathers name, has a sum of 666 persons counted in that household, per the Hebrew census-takers. This would be the only method of numbering a man or a name that was known to the Hebrews, and it is a common and customary numbering.

If we are to conduct a search for such a man, the only logical, reasonable, scriptural place to begin would be with the census rolls. Instead of 666, if the number in Revelation 13:3 said the number of the name was “59,300”, then we would be looking for someone named “Simeon”. Other than that, there is no other method whereby a name is recognized by number.

It is either in the census rolls, or it does not exist.

So there is hope. We have a definite direction. The question now is do the census rolls have a name whose number is 666? Yes The census rolls do indeed have a name whose number is six hundred sixty-six: Incredibly, that name *also contains the name Adoni*.

Adonikam means “My Lord of Rising”. Referring of course to the rising sun, and the east.

To recap: There is only one true name, which is Yahweh, and the name that is used now is not the correct one, exactly as prophesied, to the letter and number, and without resorting to wild goose chases like barcodes, Bill Gates or Barney the cute purple dinosaur.

This is what we have found thus far:

Adonai - Replacing the name of YHWH in the Temple.

Abaddon - The Angel of the abyss.

Adonikam – Specifically identified as 666.

Adonis – The god of death and rebirth, which equates to Tammuz, also from the East.

Lucifer - Morning Star, (the Sun) also from the east.

^{16:12}AND THE SIXTH Poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and the water of it was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that *come* from the sunrising.
^{12:13}AND I SAW *coming* out of the mouth

OF THE DRAGON, AND OUT OF THE MOUTH
OF THE BEAST, AND OUT OF THE MOUTH OF
THE FALSE PROPHET, THREE UNCLEAN SPIRITS,
AS IT WERE FROGS:

REVELATION 16:12, 13

If you do not believe this, you may demonstrate for yourself. Go and ask any Rabbi, point to the Tetragrammaton, the Holy Name, and ask that Rabbi to speak that name. Do this as many times as it takes to convince you. Ask a Rabbi, or any Hebrew speaking Jewish person for that matter. Don't just believe me, do it for yourself. This point is far too important for you to trust any man. Remember to take heed that no man lead you astray. Find out for yourself what the chosen people, Israel, the sand of the sea, confess as the name of the most high.

There is nothing else that is needed to establish this. There is no other description that this doesn't fulfill. If you can find any point I may have missed, let me know. But as you can see, the prophecy is fulfilled precisely to the letter.

And precisely to the number.

The Marriage Contract

To drive the point home yet further, consider this: Idolatry has always been Israel's downfall. Every time they were carried away to captivity it was for the cause of idolatry. Since the people of Yahweh are in fact betrothed to him, idolatry is therefore spiritual adultery, which is the only justifiable cause for divorce. Israel has continually played the harlot by chasing after other elohim or else you need to read your Bible again.

WHEN THAT DAY COMES - DECLARES YAHWEH
- YOU WILL CALL ME, 'MY HUSBAND', NO
MORE WILL YOU CALL ME, 'MY BAAL'.

HOSEA 2:18

You see what Yahweh intends with our relationship is a **marriage**, and not a relationship of ownership. This is consistent with the word “Elohim”, which is a *family* name, and not one of ownership. Even in the case of ownership, remember that even a slave is released after seven years. It is the adversary whom we are looking for, that is guilty of not releasing his slaves.

There are three places where the entire Torah is summarized; The context of the how the Torah is to be kept. In all three instances, the same over-arching commandment is given: Do not speak the name of any

other elohim.

AND **IN ALL THINGS** THAT I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU **TAKE HEED: AND MAKE NO MENTION OF THE NAME OF OTHER ELOHIM, NEITHER LET IT BE HEARD OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.**

EXODUS 23:13

12:1 **THESE ARE THE STATUTES AND THE ORDINANCES** WHICH YOU SHALL OBSERVE TO DO IN THE LAND WHICH YAHWEH, THE ELOHIM OF YOUR FATHERS, HAS GIVEN YOU TO POSSESS IT, ALL THE DAYS THAT YOU LIVE ON THE EARTH. **12:2** YOU SHALL SURELY DESTROY ALL THE PLACES IN WHICH THE NATIONS THAT YOU SHALL DISPOSSESS SERVED THEIR ELOHIM, ON THE HIGH MOUNTAINS, AND ON THE HILLS, AND UNDER EVERY GREEN TREE: **12:3** AND YOU SHALL BREAK DOWN THEIR ALTARS, AND DASH IN PIECES THEIR PILLARS, AND BURN THEIR ASHERIM WITH FIRE; AND YOU SHALL CUT DOWN THE ENGRAVED IMAGES OF THEIR ELOHIM; **AND YOU SHALL DESTROY THEIR NAME OUT OF THAT PLACE.**

DEUTERONOMY 12:1-3

23:6 BE THEREFORE VERY COURAGEOUS TO KEEP AND TO **DO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW OF MOSES**, THAT YOU TURN NOT ASIDE THEREFROM TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT; **23:7** THAT YOU COME NOT AMONG THESE NATIONS, THESE THAT REMAIN AMONG YOU; **NEITHER MAKE MENTION OF THE NAME OF THEIR ELOHIM, NOR CAUSE TO SWEAR BY THEM, NEITHER SERVE THEM, NOR BOW DOWN YOURSELVES UNTO THEM;** **23:8** BUT **CLEAVE UNTO YAHWEH**

ELOHIM, AS YOU HAVE DONE UNTO THIS DAY.
YAHSHUA 23:6-8

Although most people never realize it, 3 of the 10 commandments and **nearly half of the text** is devoted to instructing against idolatry. Not the least point of which is that it is the FIRST half of the commandments, AND that the summary discusses the same topic Ex. 20:22-24, Notice here that this is the summation of the law as delivered to Moses, *again*. *Do not make other elohim* is repeated. *Do not make elohim of silver and gold*.

Also notice that where the law is summarized the people are instructed to wear it on their *hands* and *between their eyes*. When the first Beast of Revelation takes power, *his mark*, *his name* is on the *hands* and *foreheads* of the people. Therefore, when one takes the place of Yahweh, they are placing their name on the hands and foreheads of Israel, because that is his name, his covenant, his seal.

I SAW, AND BEHOLD, THE LAMB STANDING
ON MOUNT TZIYON, AND WITH HIM A
NUMBER, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR
THOUSAND, HAVING HIS NAME, AND THE
NAME OF HIS FATHER, WRITTEN ON THEIR
FOREHEADS.

REVELATION 14:1

This is the place of the name. The Elect of Yahweh have the name on their foreheads. One can be quite assured the

name on the Elect would be Yahweh and not Adonai.

If we let the scriptures interpret themselves, without *ourselves* getting in the way, we can arrive at an objective conclusion, a conclusion that is not our own, but *one which states itself*. I challenge the reader to show that this is simply *my* own interpretation or conclusion.

The references speak specifically, directly, and of themselves: The Angel of the Abyss is ab-Adon, and his number is 666. Regardless of how one defines this name, the true meaning is plain. “Ab” means “Father”, and “Adon” means “(The Master)”. And therefore if it is being used as a name it is equivalent to “The Lord” and “Ba'al”. These are all equivalent words that are used to indicate ownership in lower-case letters, and as a proper name in upper-case.

Since the Name of the Most High is Yahweh, and there is no other name, then any other name is definitively idolatry and adultery. To remove the name entirely is blasphemy.

Return to Yahweh, and call on his name.

It is popular to quote John 3:16 because everyone wants to believe they are saved. However it is not that simplistic, if

we continue to read the same passage in context:

3:18 HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT JUDGED. HE WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE HAS BEEN JUDGED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF ELOHIM. **3:19** THIS IS THE JUDGMENT, THAT THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED THE DARKNESS RATHER THAN THE LIGHT; FOR THEIR WORKS WERE EVIL. **3:20** FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES EVIL HATES THE LIGHT, AND DOESN'T COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS WORKS WOULD BE EXPOSED. **3:21** BUT HE WHO DOES THE TRUTH COMES TO THE LIGHT, THAT HIS WORKS MAY BE REVEALED, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DONE IN ELOHIM."
JOHN 3:18-21

AND WITH ALL DECEPTION OF WICKEDNESS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING LOST, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.

2 THESS 2:10

It is only through love of the Name of Yahweh, the Word of Yahweh that one may be able so see the truth, the light, the word.

Now consider the words of John, in the context of what you have learned from this study:

1:10 HE WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD WAS MADE THROUGH HIM, AND THE WORLD DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM. **1:11** HE CAME TO HIS

OWN, AND THOSE WHO WERE HIS OWN DIDN'T RECEIVE HIM. ^{1:12}BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME ELOHIM'S CHILDREN, **TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIS NAME:** ^{1:13}WHO WERE BORN NOT OF BLOOD, NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH, NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF ELOHIM. ^{1:14}**THE WORD BECAME FLESH,** AND LIVED AMONG US. WE SAW HIS GLORY, SUCH GLORY AS OF THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.
JOHN 1:10-14

^{14:6}YAHSHUA SAID TO HIM, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER, EXCEPT THROUGH ME."
JOHN 14:6

We must come to Yahweh and worship in his name alone. Since there is only one Son, there is only one name, one path, one word, one way.

What spirit is it that would argue against it? Why would one reject Yahweh, and still claim to believe the Word of Truth, when the the Word of Truth is that singular Name?

Therefore I say to you the reader: Come out of this confusion of languages, the confusion of Babylon, that insist there is a different name in every language.

If you would speak the Word of Truth,
then speak in the Name of Yahweh,
because it is the Word of Truth itself.

Do not deny his name by claiming it is not important, or that we can call him by whatever name we want, or claiming he has many names, or that his name changes for every language. No proper name changes in any language.

Your own name will stay the same wherever you travel on Earth. Regardless of the language of the speaker, you are called by your own name.

Show the same respect for Yahweh by calling on *his* name.

Footnotes

Footnote 1, page 1 “The Anti-Chrst”

It is a common misinterpretation to equate the “Anti-chrst” with the first Beast of Revelation 13, who stands on the sand of the sea. However if we review the term “Anti-chrst” we find that it appears only in 1st and 2nd John, and describes those who teach that we should worship someone else other than Yahweh, but who is not the one actually being worshiped. This is the same role as the 2nd Beast, who rose out of the sea and declared that all should worship the first beast.

Accordingly, the Anti-chrst in 1st and 2nd John is *anyone who teaches we should worship anyone other than Yahweh*, and there are many of them. They could be ministers, evangelists, popular or famous personalities, charismatic leaders, political leaders, or your neighbor next door. There are many “anti-chrst”; it is anyone and everyone who advocates worship of any other than Yahweh.

When someone is speaking of the “Anti-chrst”, what they are thinking of and describing the **first** Beast of Revelation 13. I realize it is a handy term, but I don't use it to describe the Beast whose number is 666, although everyone would know who I am referring to, because it's just not accurate.

The anti-Messiah is **anyone** advocating any other than Yahweh. The Beast whose number is 666, whom all the world follows is the **first** beast of Revelation who stands on the sands of the sea. The **second** beast who rises from the sea, is the one who advocates worshiping the first beast, and is therefore the Anti-Messiah of 1st and 2nd John.

In order to maintain clarity and accuracy, throughout this text I will use the term “anti-Messiah”. This will also assist the reader in avoiding the habitual error of equating “Anti-Chrst” with the First Beast.

Footnote 2, page 1

Currently, I have collected approximately fifty candidates, all of whom add up to 666 in one way or another. I have also collected enough different types of calculations used to arrive at this number, that combined with the various ways of representing ones name, I believe it is unlikely that there is any name that cannot be calculated to 666 in one way or another. Thus pursuing the identity of the beast using the number as a directive is nothing more than a fools errand. You can pick anyone at random and prove they are the “Beast” using mathematics or numerology. Thus there are countless differing opinions on who it is we are looking for, and as long as we fixate on the number, we will never resolve the question.

Footnote 3, page 14

^{2:1}NOW, BROTHERS, CONCERNING THE COMING OF OUR YAHWEH YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH, AND OUR GATHERING TOGETHER TO HIM, WE ASK YOU ^{2:2}NOT TO BE QUICKLY SHAKEN IN YOUR MIND, NOR YET BE TROUBLED, EITHER BY SPIRIT, OR BY WORD, OR BY LETTER AS FROM US, SAYING THAT THE DAY OF MESSIAH HAD COME. ^{2:3}LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY. FOR IT WILL NOT BE, UNLESS THE DEPARTURE COMES FIRST, AND THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED, THE SON OF DESTRUCTION, ^{2:4}HE WHO OPPOSES AND EXALTS HIMSELF AGAINST ALL THAT IS CALLED ELOHIM OR THAT IS WORSHIPED; SO THAT HE SITS AS ELOHIM IN THE TEMPLE OF ELOHIM, SETTING HIMSELF UP AS ELOHIM. ^{2:5}DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT, WHEN I WAS STILL WITH YOU, I TOLD YOU THESE THINGS? ^{2:6}NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS RESTRAINING HIM, TO THE END THAT HE MAY BE REVEALED IN HIS OWN SEASON. ^{2:7}FOR THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS ALREADY WORKS. ONLY THERE IS ONE WHO RESTRAINS NOW, UNTIL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY. ^{2:8}THEN THE LAWLESS ONE WILL BE REVEALED, WHOM YAHWEH WILL KILL WITH THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH, AND BRING TO NOTHING BY THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING; ^{2:9}EVEN HE WHOSE COMING IS ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF HASATAN WITH ALL POWER AND SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS, ^{2:10}**AND WITH ALL DECEPTION OF WICKEDNESS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING LOST, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.** ^{2:11}BECAUSE OF THIS, ELOHIM SENDS THEM A WORKING OF

ERROR, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE;
2:12 THAT THEY ALL MIGHT BE JUDGED WHO
DIDN'T BELIEVE THE TRUTH, BUT HAD
PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. 2:13 BUT WE
ARE BOUND TO ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO
ELOHIM FOR YOU, BROTHERS LOVED BY
YAHWEH, BECAUSE ELOHIM CHOSE YOU FROM
THE BEGINNING FOR SALVATION THROUGH
SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF
IN THE TRUTH; 2:14 TO WHICH HE CALLED YOU
THROUGH OUR GOOD NEWS, FOR THE
OBTAINING OF THE GLORY OF OUR YAHWEH
YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH. 2:15 SO THEN,
BROTHERS, STAND FIRM, AND HOLD THE
TRADITIONS WHICH YOU WERE TAUGHT BY
US, WHETHER BY WORD, OR BY LETTER.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-15

Quoted here in entirety to demonstrate that the personality
the passage is talking about is indeed the first beast who
received his power from the Dragon (haSatan)

13:2 THE BEAST WHICH I SAW WAS LIKE A
LEOPARD, AND HIS FEET WERE LIKE THOSE OF
A BEAR, AND HIS MOUTH LIKE THE MOUTH OF
A LION. **THE DRAGON GAVE HIM HIS POWER,
HIS THRONE, AND GREAT AUTHORITY.**
13:3 ONE OF HIS HEADS LOOKED LIKE IT HAD
BEEN WOUNDED FATALLY. HIS FATAL WOUND
WAS HEALED, AND THE WHOLE EARTH
MARVELED AT THE BEAST. 13:4 **THEY
WORSHIPED THE DRAGON, BECAUSE HE GAVE
HIS AUTHORITY TO THE BEAST, AND THEY
WORSHIPED THE BEAST, SAYING, "WHO IS
LIKE THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR
WITH HIM?"**

REVELATION 13:2-4

... and that not only does he have the power to deceive all mankind, but in fact **even Elohim sends a working of error that they would believe it because they receive not the love of the truth.** Therefore, without a love of the name Yahweh, you have zero chance of understanding the truth, and seeing clearly who this beast is.

Footnote 4, page 19, AltaVista & Google

This paper was first written around the year 2000, long before the dominance of Google and exponential growth of the world wide web. Since then there has been an explosion of web pages and information regarding Revelation 13.

As of the date of publication, search results (on Google) are as follows:

"666" AND "Beast" AND "List": 5,860,000 matches

“666” by itself: 353 *million* matches.

Alas, but the information itself is inaccurate. Here are a few more searches:

Obama 666: 14.9 million matches.

George Bush 666:	1.7 million matches.
Bill Clinton 666:	880k matches.
Ronald Reagan 666:	571k matches
Queen Elizabeth 666:	900k matches
Pope 666:	3.6 million
Paul McCartney 666:	1.1 million
cheesecake 666	13.5 million

Cheesecake 666? Really?

It is mind-numbing to think there is such a flood of misleading information. Almost any search with the number 666 produces hundreds of thousands of hits. To begin searching for the Beast of Revelation with the number alone is a fools errand. The list of candidates is essentially infinite. This is why the number itself is the least important aspect. It is only a clue after the fact, and should never be used as a starting point. As I have demonstrated in this study, the number itself is little more than a bonus, and has little to do with the **role** of the adversary and his usurpation of the throne, which is the primary identifier. The number itself is incidental at best; A coded message that confirms that we have identified him by all the other criteria *first*.

Appendix: Signs of the End

Notice the thematic connection of these references concerning the signs of the time of the end. The first thing said, and the second thing said:

A) **Take heed that no one lead you astray** because B) **The false one appears and leads the world astray.**

21:24TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN LEAD YOU ASTRAY.**24:5**FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, 'I AM THE MESSIAH,' AND WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY.

MATHEW 24:24

13:5YAHSHUA, ANSWERING, BEGAN TO TELL THEM, "**BE CAREFUL THAT NO ONE LEADS YOU ASTRAY.** **13:6**FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, 'I AM HE!' AND WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY.

MARK 13:5

21:8HE SAID, "**WATCH OUT THAT YOU DON'T GET LED ASTRAY, FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, 'I AM,' AND, 'THE TIME IS AT HAND.'** THEREFORE DON'T FOLLOW THEM.

LUKE 21:8

2:3LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY. FOR IT WILL NOT BE, UNLESS THE DEPARTURE COMES FIRST, AND THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED, THE SON OF DESTRUCTION, **2:4**HE WHO OPPOSES AND EXALTS HIMSELF AGAINST ALL THAT IS CALLED ELOHIM OR THAT IS WORSHIPED; SO THAT HE SITS AS ELOHIM IN THE TEMPLE OF ELOHIM, SETTING HIMSELF UP AS ELOHIM.

2THESS 2:3,4

4:1BELOVED, DON'T BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT

TEST THE SPIRITS, WHETHER THEY ARE OF ELOHIM, BECAUSE **MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.** ^{4:2}BY THIS YOU KNOW THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM: EVERY SPIRIT WHO CONFESSES THAT YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS OF ELOHIM, ^{4:3}AND EVERY SPIRIT WHO DOESN'T CONFESS THAT YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH HAS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF ELOHIM, AND **THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTI-MESSIAH, OF WHOM YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT COMES. NOW IT IS IN THE WORLD ALREADY.**

1JN4:1-3.

Interestingly, the same associative or thematic pattern is also found in the Sermon on the Mount:

^{7:13}"ENTER IN BY THE NARROW GATE; FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND **BROAD IS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ARE THOSE WHO ENTER IN BY IT.** ^{7:14}HOW NARROW IS THE GATE, AND RESTRICTED IS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO LIFE! FEW ARE THOSE WHO FIND IT.

^{7:15}"**BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHO COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY ARE RAVENING WOLVES.**

Of course we can continue this line to continue the descriptions in Ezekiel, Revelation, et. al., All the world wondered after the Beast and all that. Perhaps I will work on that later. For now I think six examples are enough to make the point.

Appendix: The Man of Wisdom and the Temple

The Man of Wisdom can only be Solomon. What is most significant about Solomon, is that he constructed the Temple. One of the most significant points regarding the temple is that the purpose of the temple is to provide a place *for the name of Yahweh*. Reading from the book of 1 Kings, this is repeated throughout the book:

THE BOOK OF 1 KINGS, REGARDING THE TEMPLE:

3:2 ONLY THE PEOPLE SACRIFICED IN THE HIGH PLACES, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO HOUSE BUILT FOR THE NAME OF YAHWEH UNTIL THOSE DAYS.

5:3 YOU KNOW HOW THAT DAVID MY FATHER COULD NOT BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE NAME OF YAHWEH HIS ELOHIM FOR THE WARS WHICH WERE ABOUT HIM ON EVERY SIDE, UNTIL YAHWEH PUT THEM UNDER THE SOLES OF HIS FEET.

5:5 BEHOLD, I PURPOSE TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE NAME OF YAHWEH MY ELOHIM, AS YAHWEH SPOKE TO DAVID MY FATHER, SAYING, YOUR SON, WHOM I WILL SET ON YOUR THRONE IN YOUR ROOM, HE SHALL BUILD THE HOUSE FOR MY NAME.

8:16 SINCE THE DAY THAT I BROUGHT FORTH MY PEOPLE YISRA'EL OUT OF MITZRAYIM, I CHOSE NO CITY OUT OF ALL THE TRIBES OF YISRA'EL TO BUILD A HOUSE, THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE THERE; BUT I CHOSE DAVID TO BE

OVER MY PEOPLE YISRA'EL. ^{8:17}NOW IT WAS IN THE HEART OF DAVID MY FATHER TO BUILD A **HOUSE FOR THE NAME OF YAHWEH**, THE ELOHIM OF YISRA'EL. ^{8:18}BUT YAHWEH SAID TO DAVID MY FATHER, WHEREAS IT WAS IN YOUR HEART TO BUILD A **HOUSE FOR MY NAME**, YOU DID WELL THAT IT WAS IN YOUR HEART: ^{8:19}NEVERTHELESS YOU SHALL NOT BUILD THE HOUSE; BUT YOUR SON WHO SHALL COME FORTH OUT OF YOUR LOINS, HE SHALL BUILD THE **HOUSE FOR MY NAME**. ^{8:20}YAHWEH HAS ESTABLISHED HIS WORD THAT HE SPOKE; FOR I AM RISEN UP IN THE ROOM OF DAVID MY FATHER, AND SIT ON THE THRONE OF YISRA'EL, AS YAHWEH PROMISED, AND HAVE BUILT THE **HOUSE FOR THE NAME OF YAHWEH**, THE ELOHIM OF YISRA'EL.

^{8:42}(FOR THEY SHALL HEAR OF YOUR GREAT NAME, AND OF YOUR MIGHTY HAND, AND OF YOUR OUTSTRETCHED ARM); WHEN HE SHALL COME AND PRAY TOWARD THIS HOUSE; ^{8:43}HEAR IN HEAVEN, YOUR DWELLING-PLACE, AND DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT THE FOREIGNER CALLS TO YOU FOR; THAT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH MAY KNOW YOUR NAME, TO FEAR YOU, AS DOES YOUR PEOPLE YISRA'EL, AND THAT THEY MAY KNOW THAT THIS **HOUSE WHICH I HAVE BUILT IS CALLED BY MY NAME**. ^{8:44}IF YOUR PEOPLE GO OUT TO BATTLE AGAINST THEIR ENEMY, BY WHATEVER WAY YOU SHALL SEND THEM, AND THEY PRAY TO YAHWEH TOWARD THE CITY WHICH YOU HAVE CHOSEN, AND TOWARD THE **HOUSE WHICH I HAVE BUILT FOR YOUR NAME**;

^{8:48}IF THEY RETURN TO YOU WITH ALL THEIR HEART AND WITH ALL THEIR SOUL IN THE LAND OF THEIR ENEMIES, WHO CARRIED THEM CAPTIVE, AND PRAY TO YOU TOWARD THEIR LAND, WHICH YOU GAVE TO THEIR FATHERS, THE CITY WHICH YOU HAVE

CHOSEN, AND THE HOUSE WHICH I HAVE BUILT FOR YOUR NAME:

^{9:3}YAHWEH SAID TO HIM, I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYER AND YOUR SUPPLICATION, THAT YOU HAVE MADE BEFORE ME: I HAVE MADE THIS HOUSE HOLY, WHICH YOU HAVE BUILT, TO PUT MY NAME THERE FOREVER; AND MY EYES AND MY HEART SHALL BE THERE PERPETUALLY.

^{9:6}BUT IF YOU SHALL TURN AWAY FROM FOLLOWING ME, YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN, AND NOT KEEP MY MITZVOT AND MY STATUTES WHICH I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU, BUT SHALL GO AND SERVE OTHER ELOHIMS, AND WORSHIP THEM; ^{9:7}THEN WILL I CUT OFF YISRA'EL OUT OF THE LAND WHICH I HAVE GIVEN THEM; AND THIS HOUSE, WHICH I HAVE MADE HOLY FOR MY NAME, WILL I CAST OUT OF MY SIGHT; AND YISRA'EL SHALL BE A PROVERB AND A BYWORD AMONG ALL PEOPLES.

Consider this in the context of the Assembly of Worshipers, who are the new temple. The Assembly is the dwelling-place for the name. A temple not made with hands. Therefore the Assembly of Yahweh worships in his name, and thus represent the Temple. In this way the reference to Solomon in Revelation 13:18 points again to the Beast taking up residence in the Temple, and being worshiped as most high. **The Temple was built for the Name of Yahweh to be there.**

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