

Do Not Be Deceived, the Beast Exposed!

Interpretation of The Book of Revelation Chapters 12 & 13

Signs, the Beast and its Mark

The following reading is the interpretation of Chapter 12 and 13 from the Book of Revelations that the Holy Spirit revealed to me on Friday April 15, 2016. This information is to be shared to as many people as possible. I believe we are now in the time of the last harvest.

Matthew 24:36 says "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Although no one knows the day, time and hour but God, Jesus says there will be signs when the time is near. After receiving this interpretation, I believe that the time is near. In Matthew 24:32 Jesus says "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know it is near, right at the door."

The Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is the last book in the Bible. The title is taken from the first word of the book written in Greek: apokalypsis, which means "uncover" or "reveal". This book was written by a man that biblical scholars refer to as John of Patmos. John was in exile on the Greek island of Patmos as a result of anti-Christian persecution at that time. During his time on Patmos he had a prophetic vision of what is to come leading up to end of days and the return of Jesus on Judgement Day. In the vision John is told to write down what is revealed (what he sees in his vision) and send it to the seven churches.

In the Bible God used dreams and visions (visions are "waking dreams"; see Numbers 24:4) several times to communicate with people. There are many examples of God using visions in the Bible to reveal His plan, to further His plan, and to put His people in places of influence.

Old Testament Examples of Dreams and Visions

Abraham (Genesis 15:1): God used a vision to restate the Abrahamic Covenant, reminding Abram that he would have a son and be the father of many nations.

Jacob (Genesis 28:10-17): Jacob, with his mother's help, stole Esau's firstborn inheritance. Jacob then fled Esau's anger, and on his journey he had his famous dream of a ladder reaching to heaven on which angels ascended and descended. In this dream Jacob received God's promise that Abraham's blessing would be carried on through him.

Joseph (Genesis 37:1-11): Joseph is one of the most famous dreamers, and one of the most famous dream-interpretors, in the Bible. His first recorded dream showed through easily deciphered symbols that Joseph's family would one day bow to him in respect. His brothers didn't appreciate the dream and, in their hatred, sold Joseph into slavery.

Daniel (Daniel 2; 4): As He had done for Joseph, God placed Daniel in a position of power and influence by allowing him to interpret a foreign ruler's dream. This is consistent with God's propensity to use miracles to identify His messengers. Daniel himself had many dreams and visions, mostly related to future kingdoms of the world and the nation of Israel.

New Testament Examples of Dreams and Visions

Visions in the New Testament also served to provide information that was unavailable elsewhere. Specifically, God used visions and dreams to identify Jesus and to establish His church.

Zacharias (Luke 1:5-23): God used a vision to tell Zacharias, an old priest, that he would soon have an important son. Not long after, Zacharias and his wife, Elizabeth, had John the Baptist.

Joseph (Matthew 1:20; 2:13): Joseph would have divorced Mary when he found out she was pregnant, but God sent an angel to him in a dream, convincing him that the pregnancy was of God. Joseph went ahead with the marriage. After Jesus was born, God sent two more dreams, one to tell Joseph to take his family to Egypt so Herod could not kill Jesus and another to tell him Herod was dead and that he could return home.

Cornelius (Acts 10:1-6): God spoke to an Italian centurion named Cornelius who feared the God of the Jews. In his vision, Cornelius saw an angel who told him where to find Simon Peter and to send for him and listen to his message. Cornelius obeyed the vision, Peter came and preached, and Cornelius and his household full of Gentiles were saved by the grace of God.

Peter (Acts 10:9-15): While Peter was praying on the rooftop of a house in Joppa, God gave him a vision of animals lowered in something like a sheet. A voice from heaven told Peter to kill the animals (some of which were unclean) and eat them. The vision served to show that Christians are not bound by kosher law and that God had pronounced Gentiles "clean"; that is, heaven is open to all who follow Jesus.

Paul: Paul had several visions in his missionary career. One sent him to preach in Macedonia (Acts 16:9-10). Another encouraged him to keep preaching in Corinth (Acts 18:9-11). God also gave him a vision of heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1-6).

What is a Parable?

A parable is a short story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one designed to illustrate or teach some truth, religious principle, or moral lesson.

Throughout the Gospels in the Bible, (the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) Jesus spoke to his disciples and the crowds that gathered around him in parables when speaking about the Kingdom of God. Jesus explains the reasons for speaking in parables in the Book of Mark Chapter 4: 10-12,

¹⁰ But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. ¹¹ And He said to them, *“To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, ¹² so that*

‘Seeing they may see and not perceive,

And hearing they may hear and not understand;

Lest they should turn,

And their sins be forgiven them.”

I believe that John of Patmos wrote down exactly what was revealed to him in the vision from God. I also believe that in that vision, everything that God revealed to him was revealed in the parable form. For example, just as in the visions and parables in the Bible, everything John saw and wrote down was not intended to be taken literal but symbolizes or represents something that is to be interpreted.

1Corinthians 2:10 says, ¹⁰“these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”

The Bible Verses: Book of Revelation

Chapter 12

¹And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars,²and being with child, and crying out with contractions and anguish to deliver. ³And another sign was seen in heaven, and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns,⁴and his tail is pulling one third of the stars from heaven; and it threw

them to the earth. And the dragon took his stand in front of the woman who was about to deliver, so that he might devour the child whenever it was born. ⁵And she bore a son, a male child, who was destined to shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶And the woman fled to the desert, to where she has a place prepared there by God, so that there they might take care of her for 1,260 days.

⁷And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels must make war with the dragon. And the dragon made war, and his angels also, ⁸and he was not strong enough, neither was their place found anymore in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, which is called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was thrown to the earth, and his angels thrown along with him. ¹⁰And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying,

"Now has come the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown out, the one accusing them before our God day and night, ¹¹and these have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even unto death. ¹²"Rejoice over this, O heaven, and you who dwell therein! Woe to the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows that he has but little time."

¹³And when the dragon saw that he was thrown to the earth, he went after the woman that bore the male child. ¹⁴And she was given the two wings of a great eagle to fly to the desert to that place of hers where she gets taken care of for a time, times, and half a time, away from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent poured water from his mouth like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by a flood, ¹⁶and the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commandments of God and bearing the witness of Jesus. ¹⁸And he stood at the shore of the sea.

Chapter 13 The Beast out of the Sea

¹And I saw a beast coming up from the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns ten crowns, and on its heads a name that is blasphemy. ²And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and the feet of it like a bear's, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave his power to him, and his throne, and great authority. ³And one of his heads was as slain to death, and the fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was filled with wonder and followed after the beast, ⁴and they worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

⁵And there was given to him a mouth speaking big things and blasphemies, and authority was given to him to act for forty-two months. ⁶And he opened his mouth in blasphemies toward God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, those tabernacling in heaven. ⁸And they worship him, all those dwelling on the earth, every

one whose name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

⁹If anyone has an ear, hear. ¹⁰If anyone is to be taken captive, into captivity he is going. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. Here is the endurance and faith of the saints.

The Beast out of the Earth

¹¹And I saw another beast, coming up from the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke as the dragon. ¹²And all the authority of the first beast it exercises before him. And he causes the earth and those dwelling in it to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. ¹³And he performs great signs, such that he even causes fire to come down from heaven to earth before the people. ¹⁴And he deceives those dwelling on the earth by means of the signs which were given him to do before the beast, telling those dwelling on the earth to make an image to the beast which has the wound of the sword and yet has lived. ¹⁵And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, such that the image of the beast can even talk, and also to cause anyone who does not worship the image of the beast to be put to death. ¹⁶And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to provide themselves a mark on their right upper limb or on their forehead, ¹⁷and makes it so that no one is able to buy or sell without having the mark--the name of the beast or the number of his name.

¹⁸Here is wisdom: he who has the understanding should calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a human being; and his number is 666.

The Interpretation

Chapter 12

The Woman, Her Seed, and the Dragon

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and the moon under her feet



When you think of the appearance of the moon, most people think of either a full moon or a crescent moon.

Looking at a map of North America, the southeastern shore of the United States along with the eastern shore of Mexico forms a curve in the shape of a “C” or crescent shape.



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The stars on the United States flag represent the 50 states that make up the country.

There are 12 states that have more than 80% of their most northern point touching the northern border. These states are from west to east, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.



The woman symbolizes the United States. We refer the term “Motherland” to a country of one's birth, ancestors, origin or ethnic group. In the Old Testament (when speaking through the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah and Jeremiah) God would refer to nations as “she” or “her” when referring to nations such as Babylon, Judah, Israel, Jerusalem and Zion.

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a great red dragon

World War II began in 1939 and lasted until 1945. This war involved a majority of the world's nations and was the most widespread war in history, involving more than 100 million people from over 30 countries.



Under the leadership of Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), the Nazi Party, grew into a massive movement that ruled Germany from 1933 to 1945. The Axis powers (**Germany, Japan, Italy**) were the nations that fought in the Second World War against the Allied forces (**United States, Britain, France, Soviet**

Union). The Axis' alliance grew out of the mutual efforts of Germany, Italy and Japan to secure their own interests in expanding their territories and ideals. In addition to the 3 major Axis powers, 4 more countries signed the Tri-Partite Pact as its member states. Of the 4 countries, **Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria** participated in various Axis military operations, while the 4th, **Yugoslavia**, saw its pro-Nazi government overthrown days after it signed the Pact, and the membership was reversed.

At its high point during World War II, the Axis seized territories and occupied large parts of Europe, North Africa, and East Asia.

The red dragon is the evil one that worked through the Axis Powers to bring destruction, persecution and death to millions of people on the earth.

⁴and his tail is pulling one third of the **stars from heaven**; and it threw them to the earth.



Tracer ammunition are bullets or projectiles that are built with a small pyrotechnic charge in their base. Ignited by the burning powder, the pyrotechnic composition burns very brightly like fireworks, making the projectile trajectory visible to the naked eye during daylight, and very bright during nighttime firing. This enables the shooter to make aiming corrections without observing the impact of the rounds fired and without using the sights of the weapon. At night the tracer rounds appear like shooting stars flying across the sky.

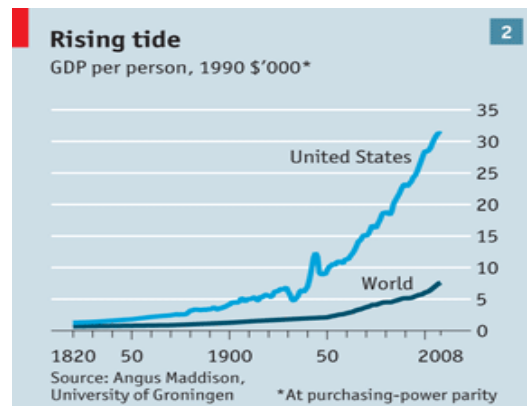
Tracers were very common on most WWII aircraft.

The painting on the left is an artist rendering of a coastal bombing raid during World War II. The destruction resulting from bomb raids throughout war territories was devastating. For example, the German city of Cologne was bombed in 262 separate air raids by the Allies during World War II. The number of bombs the allies dropped during WWII were 3.4 million tons. This is not including the millions of more bombs dropped by Germany and the other Axis powers.

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⁵And she bore a son, **a male child, who was destined to shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron**. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

After World War II, the United States experienced huge economic growth. The war brought prosperity, and in the postwar period the United States was positioned as the world's richest country and a military superpower. Gross national product jumped from about \$200 billion in 1940 to \$300 billion in 1950 to more than \$500 billion in 1960. The country played a central role in the global recovery, including providing energy aid to a devastated Europe. The child born is the great revival, renewal, growth and prosperity that manifested in the United States after the war.



⁶And the woman fled to the desert, to where she has a place prepared there by God, so that there they might take care of her for 1,260 days.



the world's largest exporter of oil.

While searching for oil in Saudi Arabia under a concession signed with the King, Standard Oil of California's chief geologist Max Steineke struck oil on March 3, 1938. In 1943, with concerns growing about the diminishing U.S. oil production, President Franklin Roosevelt declares Saudi oil vital to U.S. security and provides financial support. In February 1945, Roosevelt and Saudi King Abdul Aziz meet aboard a U.S. ship on the Suez Canal to discuss closer ties. A few years later, the world's biggest oil field is found in Saudi Arabia, and the country quickly becomes

The end of World War 2 brings about the end of U.S. gas rationing. The U.S. auto industry booms, with the number of cars in the United States jumping from 26 million to 40 million in the five years after the war. In the decades that follow, the transportation sector's (mainly automobiles) share of oil consumption rises from about 50 percent to more than 70 percent.

1260 days equals approximately 3.45 years. Man's understanding and concept of time is not the same as that of Gods. The creation of days, times and years were created for the understanding of human minds. God is omnipresent meaning he is everywhere in all time, past, present and future. 1260 days does not literally mean 1260 days but this number is important. The woman (Unites States) will be taken care of during this time by the place in the desert (Saudi Arabia) prepared there by God. The relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia is important. More about that in the Epilogue at end of this reading.



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¹⁰And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, "Now has come the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; for the **accuser of our brethren** has been thrown out, the one accusing them before our God day and night,



When Hitler and the Nazis came to power in 1933, they instituted a series of measures aimed at persecuting Germany's Jewish citizens. By late 1938, Jews were banned from most public places in Germany. During the war, the Nazis' anti-Jewish campaigns increased in scale and ferocity. In the invasion and occupation of Poland, German troops shot thousands of Polish Jews, confined many to ghettos where they starved to death and began sending others to death camps in various parts of

Poland, where they were either killed immediately or forced into slave labor. In 1941, when Germany invaded the Soviet Union, Nazi death squads machine-gunned tens of thousands of Jews in the western regions of Soviet Russia

In early 1942, at the Wannsee Conference near Berlin, the Nazi Party decided on the last phase of what it called the "Final Solution" of the "Jewish problem" and spelled out plans for the systematic murder of all European Jews. In 1942 and 1943, Jews in the western occupied countries including France and Belgium were deported by the thousands to the death camps mushrooming across Europe. In Poland, huge death camps such as Auschwitz began operating with ruthless efficiency. The murder of Jews in German-occupied lands stopped only in the last months of the war, as the German armies were retreating toward Berlin. By the time Hitler committed suicide in April 1945, some 6 million Jews had died.



Jesus was a Jew. All of his 12 disciples were Jewish. The Christian faith was birthed by Jews that believed the Gospel and believed that Jesus is the Christ. In the Bible, Acts 9:10, it tells about how the early apostles such as Paul preached the Gospel in Jewish synagogues throughout the region. John of Patmos was also one of those early Jewish believers of the Gospel. The "accuser" refers to the evil one working through Hitler and the Nazi Party to bring persecution and death to millions of Jews.

¹¹and **these** have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and **they** did not love their lives even unto death.



“These” and “they” refer to the United States. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt officially pronounced 7 December 1941, as "a date which will live in infamy" and asked for a declaration of war on Japan before a joint session of Congress on 8 December 1941. Just three days later, on 11 December 1941 Adolf Hitler declared war on the United States.

Prior to America's entry into World War II, individual Americans volunteered to fight against the Axis powers in other nation's armed forces such as Canada. Although under American law, it was illegal for United States citizens to join the armed forces of foreign nations and in doing so, they lost their citizenship, many American volunteers changed their nationality to Canadian.



During the war, over 16 million Americans served in the United States Armed Forces, with 290,000 killed in action and 670,000 wounded. There were also 130,201 American Prisoners of war, of whom 116,129 returned home after the war.

America also contributed a large amount of supplies and weapons to the Allied cause which were critical to the war effort. The war would have been much harder if not impossible to win without US production. The leader of the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin said at the Tehran Conference that "without American production, the United Nations could never have won the war."

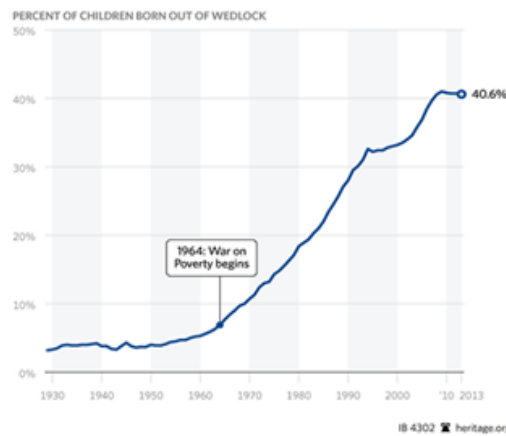
¹²“Rejoice over this, O heaven, and you who dwell therein! **Woe to the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows that he has but little time.**” ¹³And when the dragon saw that he was thrown to the earth, he went after the woman that bore the male child.-

The evil one has been around since Adam and Eve but the world has never seen the evil, hate, destruction, ruin as we see now. This downfall includes every aspect of our lives and civilization. It includes our environment, our physical wellbeing, and our mental and spiritual state. It is very evident that around the time of the beginning of World War II, there has been a dramatic moral and ethical decline that followed. The evil one is deceptive. The changes that resulted to our current moral condition and state of being did not happen overnight but has been a gradual and slow process. The gradual process was intentional and strategic. The intent was for us not to notice the change and to become numb and dull to it.

For a time, there was an effort to preserve the appearance of a standard of behavior and morals. For example, in radio, motion pictures, and television, immoral content was censored. But that did not last long. William Bennett, formerly a U.S. secretary of education, explained: “By the 1960’s, however, America began a steep and uninterrupted slide toward what might be called decivilization.” And this was reflected in many other lands.

The 1960’s saw the sexual revolution with its so-called new morality. Birth-control pills were developed which gave man the thought that sex could be enjoyed without fear of pregnancy. It became common for people to have sexual relations without any commitments by either partner.

CHART 2
Growth of Unwed Childbearing in the United States, 1929-2013



The media, the movies, and television relaxed their moral codes. A former head of the U.S. National Security Council, Zbigniew Brzezinski said regarding values presented on television: “They clearly extol self-gratification, they normalize intense violence and brutality, [and] they encourage sexual promiscuity.”

The 1970’s brought about the personal video players such as the VCR which allowed us to view the content that we pleased in the privacy of our own homes. We were now able to view sexually explicit and immoral material that we never would allow ourselves to watch in public. Now with the Internet, pornography of the worst kind is easily accessible to anyone having internet access via a computer, tablet or smartphone. Do you know anyone who doesn’t have at least one of these devices?

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The consequences in many ways are frightening. “Ten years ago,” said a warden at a U.S. penitentiary recently, “when kids would come in off the street, I could talk with them about right and wrong. But these kids coming in now have no idea of what I’m talking about.”

¹⁴And she was given the **two wings of a great eagle** to fly to the desert to that place of hers where she gets taken care of for a time, times, and half a time, away from the face of the serpent.



The United States was the birthplace of aviation. The Wright brothers invented and flew the first airplane in 1903 in North Carolina. Between 8 and 31 May 1919, the Curtiss seaplane NC-4 made the first crossing of the Atlantic flying from the U.S. to Newfoundland, then to the Azores and on to mainland Portugal and finally the UK. The whole journey took 23 days.

¹⁵And the serpent poured water from his mouth like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by a flood,¹⁶and the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon had poured from his mouth.¹⁷And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commandments of God and bearing the witness of Jesus.

¹⁸And he stood at the shore of the sea.

Chapter 13 The First Beast, out of the Sea

¹And I saw a beast coming up from the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns ten crowns, and on its heads a name that is blasphemy. ²And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and the feet of it like a bear's, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave his power to him, and his throne, and great authority.

Media are outlets that are used to deliver information or data. It is either associated with communication media such as: **print media** and **the press**, **photography**, **advertising**, **cinema**, **broadcasting** (radio and television) and **publishing**.



The Beast is like a leopard. When you listen to the radio or watch TV, you are using electromagnetic waves which travel very quickly through space. These waves move at the speed of light. The speed of light is approximately 186,000 miles per second.

The Beast has feet like a bear. Television, radio, magazines, published media, etc., have been around since their creation. They are not going to be moved or go anywhere, they are here to stay.





The Beast has a mouth like a lion. What is heard on the radio or seen on the television automatically engages its audience's attention.

³And one of his heads was slain to death, and the fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was filled with wonder and followed after the beast,

⁴and they worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they **worshiped the beast**, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"



When you think about someone worshiping in ancient times you think of a person bowing down or on their knees in front of a statue or an object regarded as sacred. Their full attention is fixed toward that object.



Look at the family watching tv on the left or the statue of the man listening to the radio. What do you look like when your watching TV? How many hours a day do you sit in front of the television staring at this object? How many hours a week do you spend? How many hours a month?

⁵And there was given to him a mouth speaking big things and **blasphemies**, and authority was given to him to act for forty-two months.

What is a blasphemy?

According to Webster Dictionary a blasphemy is **a great disrespect shown to God** or to something holy; **something said or done that is disrespectful to God** or to something holy. The Beast will be given authority for 42 months which equals 3.5 years. I believe most of us would agree to say that some form of Media (TV/ Radio broadcasting) will be around until the end of the time. The first televisions marketed to be sold to the general public was in 1939. Again, 42 months does not literally mean 42 months but this number is important and more about this in the epilogue.

⁶And he opened his mouth in blasphemies toward God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, those tabernacling in heaven.

The Tabernacle according to the Bible, was the portable earthly dwelling place for the divine presence of God from the time of the Jews Exodus from Egypt through the conquering of the land of Canaan. The Beast's blasphemies are toward God and anything that God considers divine, holy or sacred.

First in Exodus 20:1–17 and then at Deuteronomy 5:4–21, give us the 10 commandments which include instructions to worship only God, to honor our parents, and to keep the Sabbath; as well as prohibitions against idolatry, blasphemy, murder, adultery, theft, dishonesty, and coveting. How many of these things do we entertain on television or hear on the radio? These blasphemies are now considered normal or no big deal. They are seen on television shows, movies, commercials or we hear them in song lyrics.

Do not be deceived by thinking that since you are not the one performing the immoral or blasphemous act that you are not sinning by entertaining the image you see or lyric you hear. In Matthew 5:27-28 Jesus says: You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says: Do you not know that the wicked **will not** inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived:** Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who submit to nor perform homosexual acts, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. How many things do we see on TV or hear on the radio that go against what God holds to be sacred and holy?

⁷And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to him over every tribe and people and language and nation.



⁸And they worship him, all those dwelling on the earth, every one whose name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

According to statista.com the projected number of TV households in the entire world would reach 1.59 billion in 2016. To compare, there were 116.4 million TV households in the United States in 2014. This number does not take into account for the number of people in each household. Who do you know that does

not have a TV in their home?

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The Second Beast, out of the Earth

11And I saw another beast, coming up from the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke as the dragon.



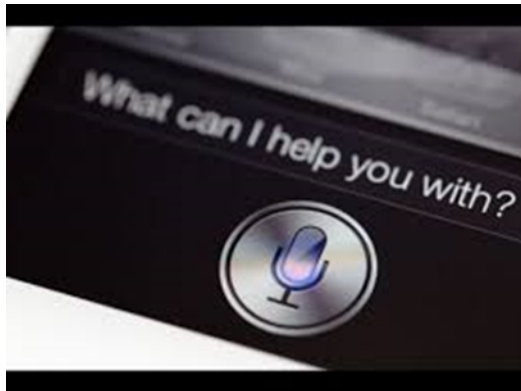
12And all the authority of the first beast it exercises before him. And he causes the earth and those dwelling in it to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed.



The second beast is the digital revolution, internet, and digital medium. The mortal wound of the first beast refers to when television/ radio went from an analog signal to digital. With the convergence to the digital signal your old TV was rendered useless which forced to buy a digital TV or buy a digital converter box for it to work

*¹³And he performs great signs, such that he even causes fire to come down from heaven to earth before the people. ¹⁴And he deceives those dwelling on the earth by means of the signs which were given him to do before the beast, telling those dwelling on the earth to make **an image to the beast** which has the wound of the sword and yet has lived.*

Are we not amazed?? What cannot be done with digital technology? Soldiers fight wars by flying drones that kill from thousands of miles away. Robots are making cars. Cars are driving themselves. Our phones talk back to us and so much more. What cant that little computer on the palm of your hand we call a smart phone not do? We take the image of the beast (the screen) where ever we go.



¹⁵And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, such that the image of the beast can even talk, and also to cause anyone who does not worship the image of the beast to be put to death.

Put to death, we have been forced to depend on computers/ digital technology. It is not impossible but difficult to nearly impossible to live in the present without it. Think about how many things in our daily lives we do, see, hear that is or was created by computes/ digital technology.



¹⁶And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to provide themselves a mark on their right upper limb or on their forehead,



The “mark on their upper limb” means to do evil and “on their forehead” means to think evil. To say that the dragon is using the beast (internet, tv, radio) as a tool for evil is an understatement. In the Bible, John 10:10 says “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy”. The internet steals time away from our families. Pornography is all over the internet, killing our souls and our children’s innocence. This medium makes it easier to give in to temptation and infidelity which results in destruction of countless relationships and marriages.

¹⁷and makes it so that no one is able to buy or sell without having the mark---the name of the beast or the number of his name.

We use payment cards (debit and credit cards) by swiping them into digital card readers or typing the card information on a computer screen to make purchases or other financial transactions. Today, payment cards have become the preferred method of payment and sometimes the only method. Hardly anyone accepts cash anymore. It is difficult to get a plane ticket, rental car or a hotel room unless you have a credit card. You cannot make a purchase online unless you have a payment card. We have become dependent on these payment methods to make every type of financial transaction.



¹⁸Here is wisdom: he who has the understanding should calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a human being; and his number is 666.



The binary code is a unique series of 0's and 1's that are assigned to each symbol or instruction used to create computer processor instructions. This binary code is the basics for any digital data or signals created.

The Apostles spoke Aramaic in their daily lives and Hebrew in their religious lives. Some spoke Greek, which was the language of the Roman Empire and was the manuscript that the first copy of the Book of Revelation was written in as well as many of the other books in the New Testament. Jesus is cited specifically as speaking in Hebrew in Book of Acts.

I believe that when John saw the number of the beast he saw a series of 0's and 1's and (being a vision from God) he related them to the closest characters in Hebrew that looked like these characters. The closest character to a 1 in the Hebrew alphabet is a Vau which has a value of 6. There are 2 characters in Hebrew that are similar to a 0, the Samech which equals 60 and the final or last Mem which equals 600.

THE HEBREW ALPHABET

consists of 22 (2 × 11) letters, so the 5 finals were added to make up three series of 9, or 27 in all:

Aleph א = 1	Yod י = 10	Koph ק = 100
Beth ב = 2	Kaph כ = 20	Resh ר = 200
Gimel ג = 3	Lamed ל = 30	Shin ש = 300
Daleth ד = 4	Mem מ = 40	Tau ת = 400
He ה = 5	Nun נ = 50	Koph ך = 500
Vau ו = 6	Samech ס = 60	Mem ם = 600
Zayin ז = 7	Ayin ע = 70	Nun ן = 700
Cheth ח = 8	Pe פ = 80	Pe ף = 800
Teth ט = 9	Tsaddi צ = 90	Tsaddi ץ = 900

} Finals

Epilogue

Chapter 13:6 says “He (the beast) causes all to **provide themselves** a mark on their right upper limb or on their forehead,” You have the choice to put the mark on yourself. You have the choice to do evil deeds or think evil thoughts. You have the choice to offend God by choosing sin over what is righteous.

The evil one uses the beast to deceive Gods people. He wants you to spend countless hours in front of the television or the computer screen. The more time you spend doing that, the more time he has to deceive you, to cause you to fear, to lie to you, to tempt you, to cause you to sin. The more time you spend staring at your smart phone, the less time you have to spend time with your loved ones and the less time you have to discover God’s will and purpose for your life. The evil one wants to keep you in a trance, in a hypnotized state so you cannot see what is really going on. He doesn’t want you to see what he is really doing which is stealing your time, destroying your peace and slowly killing your spirit.

The television, computer, cell phone, radio is not evil. What is evil is the evil that you allow yourself to do, see or hear through these devices that is offensive to God and causes you to sin. What is evil is when you say yes to the evil one by giving into temptation, and by watching and listening to things that go against what God considers sacred and holy. We have the free will to choose. We have the free will to turn the station, not to go to that webpage, to spend intimate time with our loved ones, to close the laptop, to turn away or to just turn it off.

The start of World War 2 was in 1939. I believe that the evil one was hurled to the earth as it says in Chapter 12:13 around the time Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany. Just as it says in Chapter 12:12 **“Woe to the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows that he has but little time.”** It’s no coincidence that all these things have occurred since the late 1930’s. We have seen and continue to witness the great fury of the evil one, the steep decline of civilization in the world, the fear, the hate, the lies, the immorality and the destruction.

The evil one doesn’t want you to be prepared for the Day of Judgement. He wants you to be kept off guard, because the more people are deceived, the more souls he will have to join him in hell on the Final Day. 1 Thessalonians 5 says: **Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.**

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

It is not too late. Repent of your sins and turn to God, ask Him to come into your life. Seek Him and he will show you the Truth. In John 14, Jesus says **“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe**

*also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **You know the way to the place where I am going.**"*

In John 14:6, Jesus says, "**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.**"

Again, no one knows the exact day and time of the Judgement Day except God. One thing to note is about the importance of the relationship between the two time frames previously discussed in the reading, the 1260 days (3.45 years) of being taken care of in the desert and the authority of the beast for 42 months (3.5 years). Both the place in the desert (the relationship between the US and Saudi Arabia) and the authority of first beast (television media in homes of the public) came around about the time of 1939. If we assume that the beast will have authority until the end of time, then when the relationship between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. ends there will be .05 years (3.5 minus 3.45 years) until the end of time. If we hypothetically assume that the relationship will end in 2016 (the year of the interpretation), there would be 77 years between now and 1939. The ratio between the figurative time of 3.45 years and actual time of 77 years makes 1 figurative year equal to approximately 22.32 actual years. This same ratio makes .05 equal to 1.12 actual years or 1 year and 43 days. So basically, if we hypothetically say that the relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia would end this year according to this theory the beast would only have authority for little less than 1 year and 2 months.

Visit menshaven.org to read more about what the authority of the beast means.

Few things to note about recent events regarding national relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia:

- *Saudi Arabia has been accused of funding the plot of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in 2001*
- *In 2004 Canada surpassed Saudi Arabia as the number one importer of crude oil into the United States*
- *On December 7, 2015 then US presidential republican nominee Donald Trump called for a ban on all Muslims traveling into the United States. Islam's holiest city, which is the birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad and the Muslim faith itself is Mecca, which is located in Saudi Arabia*
- *In May 17, 2016, the U.S Senate passed a bill allowing the victims of 9/11 to sue the Saudi Government for any role in the terrorists plot.*
- *Saudi Arabia threatened to sell off up to \$750 billion in U.S. assets if the U.S. passes legislation allowing its government to be held liable in 9/11-related lawsuits.*
- *In September 9, 2016, Congress approves bill to allow 9/11 families to sue Saudi Arabia. Later that month on September 29, 2016, Congress overrides President Obama's veto of the 9/11 bill*