

REVELATION 13:16-18 – MARK OF THE BEAST

Read [Revelation 13:16-18](#).

1. The mark of the beast is some kind of identification – a sign of achievement.
2. The word “*mark*” is the word charagma (χάραγμα), a sign of self discipline (engraved, etched, branded, cut, imprinted).
3. This mark will be used to determine who is in the Religious system and who is not. The ID to conduct social or business activity. Without this mark, people will not be able to buy food or engage in business.
4. Those who do not possess this mark will be tortured, imprisoned, and even executed. (Could be starved first)
5. To receive this mark one must worship the beast.
6. People will not be able to own property, transact any business functions or have the necessities of life without this mark.

Verse 17 – *“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name”*

This verse gives us 3 ways that a person will be able to qualify in the religious system of the Revived Roman Empire (RRE).

1. He must have the mark-ID
2. He must have the name of the beast-perhaps a card
3. Or the number of his name mentioned in vs. 18 (666)

WHAT IS THE 666?

Verse 18 – *“Here is wisdom”* Sophia (application of a system) *“the one having reason (nous) let him count the number of the beast for it is the number of man”*. Six is the number of man, and triple-6 is the Deification of man.

There have been many attempts to make some mysterious thing out of this number.

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The Bible presents:

1. 6 is the number of man.
2. 3 is the number of God-Trinity
3. Three 6's means man deified.
4. This is the dictator heading up the Religious as well as the political leadership of the RRE.
5. This make the dictator of the RRE to be worshiped just as, in the same manner, there was emperor worship in the time of the Roman Empire. In the last few centuries of the Roman Empire, when a man became Emperor, HE WAS WORSHIPPED! The word for emperor became Caesar, thus the statement: "CAESAR IS LORD". Christianity says: "JESUS IS LORD".
6. Now we can see the conflict between the concept of the Roman Empire and Christianity. So many of the Christians would not say: "Caesar is Lord" and this resulted in many believers being persecuted in a most horrible way.