

Winter Texan Bible Study 2019 ~ Pastor Bill Waddell
Prophecies of Daniel, Lesson 3 ~ January 22, 2019

When will Jesus return? “No man knows the day or the hour, not even the son”, so no date setting. But the Scriptures do give us clues to know when things are getting close:

1. Not until the 4 Gentile kingdoms of Daniel 2 and 7,
2. Not until the final form of that final kingdom (the 10 kings)
3. Not until the final ruler (one of the 10 kings) of the final kingdom has come and carried out the final persecution of the Jews.

Paul says essentially the same thing in not so many words in II Thess. 2:1-8 which introduces us to several names/titles of this one we call the antichrist. There are 33 different titles that allude to this individual in the O.T. and 13 titles in the N.T.

- “Son or Seed of The Serpent.” Gen. 3:14-15 ~ “*So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*”
- “Antichrist” – I Jn. 2:18 *‘Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.’* The name means “against Christ”, but as a preposition “anti” means to be “in the place of.” His goal will be to replace Christ.
- “Beast” – Revelation 13:1-2
- A beast of prey and a word used for a terrible creature in the Greek.

The Antichrist will be a political genius, problem solver, military genius, oratorical genius, commercial genius, religious genius. Adding to this: He will be the devil incarnate. Rev. 11:7 ~ “out of the bottomless pit”. There will be a supernatural dimension to this guy, Satan possessed. Rev. 13:1-2 ~ Something that Satan has longed to do but has been hindered until this point. He’ll be famous because of a supposed resurrection: Rev. 13:3-4. A point to take note of because it relates to his physical description that is given to us more than 400 years before Jesus’ birth: Zech. 11:16-17 ~ *For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their hooves in pieces. ‘Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded.’”* “When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.” Pay attention to where he’s injured because the next part will make better sense: Rev. 13:13-17

VV. 14-15 - This isn’t the first time that a world ruler has made an image of himself to be worshipped is it? Dan. 3 - Nebuchadnezzar makes a statue and the penalty for not worshipping was death. This will be more than just buying and selling, there is no way you can be tricked into taking this mark.

VV. 16-17 - It is an act of worship. Number of the beast or his name is more than just taking a chip it will be taking the beast’s identity. It is a counterfeit for baptism, identifying yourself publicly with the Antichrist and selling yourself to the beast.

V. 18 is written to us, but primarily to those who will face this situation. This number is based on a thing called Gematria: In the Greek and Hebrew languages, the letters had numerical equivalents (they did not have Arabic numbers like we do). Every word including names had a numerical value.

Remember: Revelation is in code and that code is explained somewhere else in the Bible, therefore, don’t go to Newsweek or Time magazine to answer the 666 question! This number shows up on 6 occasions in the Bible. In the O.T. it shows up as wages Solomon received in a year’s time (666 talents of gold). (I Kings and I Chron.) 666 shows up in Ezra 2:13 - It is the number of the descendants of Adonikam which means “the lord of the enemy”. Nebuchadnezzar’s statue was 60 cubits tall, 6 cubits wide, and there were 6 specified instruments that played. Goliath’s description - 6 cubits tall, had 6 pieces of armor, and a spear head that weighed 600 shekels.

Gematria is in the Greek and Hebrew languages, but the antichrist is neither Hebrew nor Greek but Roman in origin (Dan.9:26-27). Romans also used letters to represent numbers - Roman numerals, the first 6 letters (I, V, X, L, C, D) add up to 666:

I =	1
V =	5
X =	10
L =	50
C =	100
D =	<u>500</u>
	666
M =	1000

The word "Latin" in Greek gematria is 666

666 = sum of all the numbers from 1 to 36 = (36= 6 squared) (1+2+3+4+5+6+7+36 = 666)

The word "beast" shows up in scripture 36 times.

The title Christ is expressed in Greek with 7 letters Χριστός To express the number 666 in using Greek letters you take the first and last letters of the name Christ in Greek (Chi and the sigma) and in between them insert the letter Xi.

-- X ξ σ

-- Chi = 600, Xi = 60, Sigma = 6

In other words, you take the first and last letters of the title of Christ and insert the Greek symbol for the snake in the middle!

I Jn. 2:18, 22-23 ~ *"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also."*

What should we do about this? Reduce the number vulnerable to him!

Daniel 9:26-27 *"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary."*

Ezekiel 1, 4. Rev. 4 describe the cherubim which is what Satan is. An angel and a cherubim are not the same.