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Liberating the Book of Revelation is intended to help us all know what the Spirit said and how He said it. This book however is focused not so much on interpreting the book of **Revelation**, that is what this podcast is for, but on accurately representing the book of **Revelation** in the manner in which the Spirit originally spoke it to John.

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EP116 Revelation 13 verse 18

In our last podcast we addressed the scary truth that even now, every moment of now, the second beast is causing people to be getting *their* mark on either their forehead or their right hand. This mark is comprised of either the name or the number of the name of the Beast, **666**. Despite the fictional tales, this is not an event on which we are waiting until the **End Times** to occur. It is happening now.

It is a spiritual mark, not an implantable chip, clearly seen by those in the unseen realms. Once marked, a person is doomed to face the wrath of God, for it is an indelible mark that cannot be removed, hidden, or altered. It is a mark that does not discriminate among the rich or the poor, the great or the small, and it is a mark that identifies that a person has bought into the system of the Beast.

Let’s pick back up with **Revelation 13:18** and the wisdom that is needed to understand this number.

The Number of His Name

Revelation 13:18

Here **now** is wisdom. He who is **now** having understanding has been commanded to calculate the number of the beast, for the number **now** is that of a man; and his number, six hundred and sixty-six.

Here Now Is Wisdom

We are already given the number of the Beast, **666**, so what is there to calculate? We are also told that the number is that of a man, and we know that according to the **Code**, the number 6 is the number of man (or mankind). In addition, the Spirit gives a *command* to calculate (“*calculate*” is rendered as an *imperative*), but He also limits this command to only those who are now having understanding. Apparently, He does not intend that everyone calculate the number. Then He prefaces it all with “*Here now is wisdom.*”

The Spirit uses this type of language only one other time, and that is in an equally challenging passage

in which it seems that most people miss its meaning and fail to understand what the Spirit is communicating. In **Revelation 17:9**, the Spirit explains the meaning of the seven heads of the Beast (the seven heads which were given to the Beast by the dragon), and He prefaces it with the statement, “*Here now is the mind that is now having wisdom.*”

So, what does it mean to have wisdom?

The word “*wisdom*” is used a total of four times in **Revelation**. In addition to this passage and the one mentioned in **Revelation 17:9**, the other two speak of the accolades given to the Lamb by the angels, the four living creatures around the throne, and the 24-elders.¹ Jesus, the Lamb of God, is *worthy* of all the wisdom He possesses.

As used across the **Codex**, however, it seems that wisdom is not just about possessing knowledge of facts or figures, nor is it necessarily about application of that knowledge. Rather, it is much more about understanding, or better yet, a spiritual awakening to what the Spirit of God is communicating about a matter.

In other words, “*wisdom*” can be likened to the one who is now having ears to hear what the Spirit now says to the churches. Clearly, the letters to the seven churches were written to the entire church of Jesus Christ, to those who physically received the letters as well as to all of us (throughout the centuries) who identify ourselves with Christ and who read and study those letters. Yet, the Spirit was clear that NOT all would have, or are having, the spiritual enlightenment—the ears to hear—what the Spirit now says to the churches.

The wisdom which God possesses is only obtained through the unfolding of that wisdom by the Spirit into our hearts and minds. Therefore, the implication is that not all who read this text in **13:18** or study the numbers will be able to fulfill the command to calculate the number. Many will try, and clearly many have tried, but only those who are **now** having understanding—only those who have wisdom—can truly obey the command.

That is a very intimidating and humbling truth. We must keep this in mind as we exercise the wisdom which we have been given and venture to calculate the number.

The Command

The command is to calculate, count, or literally use pebbles to discern the number of the Beast. Some have approached this as trying to find the numbers that when added together = the sum of **666** (as in the Mastercard and Visa calculation). The **Codex**, however, gives us a different approach to understanding this number and its composition, and the clues are found in each component of this mystical number. Thus, reaching into the **Codex**, we will dive into our calculation of each “**6**” in the number **666**.

The Number of a Man

“... for the number **now** is that of a man...” According to the **Code**, six is the number of man because man was created on the 6th day. Similarly, according to the Law, man was permitted to work for six days but the seventh was to be a Sabbath. Crops were grown for six years, but in the seventh year the land was

¹ See **Revelation 5:12, 7:12**

laid to rest. Hence, the number six is attached to the affairs of mankind.

From the perspective of the **Code**, however, six always falls short of seven, the number for completion. Thus, six used three times (**666**) is a picture of man attempting really, really, really, hard to rise above his limitations to perfection (as three is the number of perfection). However, regardless of the noble attempt, six always falls short of seven and is never enough—it is never complete—no matter how many times it is used. Thus, this number indicates that man is always perfectly incomplete.

Being marked may seem like a fast track to victory in this world, to resources and access to buy and sell, and so on, to spiritual enlightenment, but it will always leave a person perfectly incomplete.

Now, since the number of mankind is used to communicate something to us about the character and nature of the Beast, we can understand it to mean that the attributes that are identified by each six will be how the Beast and his kingdom is experienced in our physical realm, in the realm of mankind.

The Number Not the Name

As we learned, the second beast acts so that *“no one **might now** be caused to buy or to sell, except the one who is **now** having the mark, either the **name of the beast or the number of his name.**”* Clearly, the name of the Beast is important, as some people bear or identify with the name of the Destroyer or Destruction, but this calculation is about the number of the Beast, *“for the number **now** is that of a man.”*

Errantly believing that the mark is a physical mark, and that the Beast is a reference to a man (and not to an angelic being), too many people have spent far too much time trying to determine the identity of the Beast by doing **“666”** calculations with people’s names instead of understanding what this number reveals to us about the Beast.

For example, one of the most popular calculations is where they take an aberrant version of the name Nero, and then calculate its number in Hebrew (not even in Greek) and come to **666**. They then declare that Nero will be resurrected from the dead and lead the revised Roman Empire, or that the Antichrist has already come in the form of Nero and we are all now living in post-apocalyptic days, the Millennial kingdom. This calculation is as ludicrous as the ones for MasterCard and Visa. This passage is not about discovering his name, this wisdom is about understanding what is pictured by the number.

Besides, we already know His name. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon (or “Destruction”), and his name in Greek is Apollyon (or “Destroyer”). 666 is the number of the man, the number which defines the man.

Old Testament Analysis

In the **Codex**, there are two distinct and explicit uses of the number **666**, and with their associated passages, we can calculate the meaning of the number by examining each of the three core tenets of **666**.

The first instance of **666** comes from the book of Daniel and the story about the abomination, or the gold statue, which King Nebuchadnezzar built. It was sixty cubits high + six cubits wide, giving us the first two of the sixes (**66**).² Then there was specifically mentioned six musical items, used for worship giving us the third (**6**), combined (**666**).

This abomination was built to elicit the worship of a man as well as the demonic powers behind the

² *Daniel 3*

man. If anyone refused to worship the golden image, they would be thrown into the furnaces of fire.

Daniel 3:4-7

To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language, that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

This scene provides us with a type, the clue of which is found in the measurements of the statue and the collection of a very specific listing of musical instruments. And the storyline captures the meaning of these three sixes.

First, looking at the story at large, we can identify “6” as the **religion** of man, and the use of religion as a tool to demand the exaltation and worship of mankind, or specifically, a man and the demonic spirits behind that man. Reaching back into our study in the book of **Jude** (specifically, **Jude 11** and to its connection with **1 John 2:16**), this passion for religion and the exaltation or worship of man represents the *lust of the flesh* depicted in the **apostasy of Cain**.

Second, “6” is identified as the lust for money and **riches**, in that this image that was sixty cubits high + six cubits wide and was made entirely of gold. It is believed that a cubit was approximately 18”, which would mean his statue was 99 feet high and 9 feet wide. Can you imagine the quantity of gold that was required to create this statue. Again, reaching back into our study in the book of **Jude**, this passion for riches represents the *lust of the eyes* depicted in the **apostasy of Balaam**.

Third, “6” is identified as **governmental power and authority**, with the king holding the power of life and death in his hands. “*But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.*” This passion for power and authority over the people represents the *boastful pride of life*, depicted in the **apostasy of Korah**.

Collectively, in this story there are the 3 components which give meaning to the number **666**:

RELIGION (6)

RICHERS (6)

GOVERNMENTAL POWER AND AUTHORITY (6)

All represented respectively by the lusts of the flesh (Cain), the lusts of the eyes (Balaam) and the boastful pride of life (Korah).

The second instance in the **Codex** that reveals information about the number **666** comes from the story of King Solomon. Solomon was the 3rd king of Israel and was the son of King David. It would be somewhat of an understatement to simply say that Solomon’s kingdom was great and glorious, for it was magnificent, the golden age of the nation of Israel.

1 Kings 10:23-25

So, King Solomon **became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom**. All the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. They brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

2 Chronicles 9:13

Now the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was **666** talents of gold.

Yet Solomon was corrupted by his glory and his riches and he believed that he was greater than all, even over the laws and clear instructions of **Yahweh** to have no other Gods before Him.

1 Kings 11:1-8

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which **Yahweh** had said to the sons of Israel, "*You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods.*"

Solomon held fast to these in love. He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to **Yahweh** his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. Solomon did what was evil in the sight of **Yahweh**, and did not follow **Yahweh** fully, as David his father had done.

Then Solomon built a high place for **Chemosh** the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

Here again, in this story there are the 3 components which give meaning to the number **666**:

RELIGION (6)

RICHES (6)

GOVERNMENTAL POWER AND AUTHORITY (6)

All represented respectively by the lusts of the flesh (Cain), the lusts of the eyes (Balaam) and the boastful pride of life (Korah).

Solomon was king. He had the power and authority to do as he willed as the nations of the earth cowered before his kingdom and bestowed upon him glory and riches. Solomon amassed these riches for himself including an annual tally of **666** talents of **gold**. Coincidence? I think not.

It's as if Solomon became so punch-drunk with glory and power and riches that he could not help but bring worship and religion into the fold. He not only built houses of worship for other gods, he personally worshiped Ashtoreth, Milcom, and Molech, and **BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT**, this man of great "wisdom" built a temple to the Beast, to **Chemosh** (the avatar through which the Destroyer represented himself to man), and he built it right next to the temple of **Yahweh**, and Solomon worshipped the Beast.³

It is beyond ironic that king Solomon, who is traditionally known as a great king of Israel and the wisest man who ever lived, became a super apostate and a servant of the Beast.⁴ Solomon was literally a servant of the Destroyer.

It is clear in the **Codex** that among other things, a king was not to accumulate unto himself wives, gold, or silver, as it would corrupt his heart.⁵ Yet, that is exactly what happened with Solomon. This man who ruled the nation of Israel with such "wisdom" (sarcasm noted) became an idolater, and along with his many foreign wives worshiped in the temples of their foreign gods, which he funded and built with the wealth of the nations that was handed over to him.

And He forsake **Yahweh** His God and prostituted himself with demons.

Solomon's identification with **666** began the long decline of Israel, and subsequently Israel and Judah, into apostasy which ultimately led to their destruction (which just so happens to be the name of the Beast).

By examining where the **Codex** reveals the number **666**, we can have the wisdom needed to calculate, discern or clearly understand that the number of His name is marked by the apostasies of Cain (the lust of the flesh), Balaam (the lust of the eyes), and Korah (the boastful pride of life).⁶

RELIGION (6)

RICHES (6)

GOVERNMENTAL POWER AND AUTHORITY (6)

To get a refresher on these three apostasies, it might be good to go back and listen to or read the **Jude** episodes, which provided us the **Prelude to the book of Revelation**. But in short, Cain wanted to be good through his own means and not through the means established by God (the *lusts of the flesh*). Balaam was seduced and corrupted by his lust for money (the *lust of the eyes*). And keep in mind, Balaam utilized religion, the gods of the Moabites, to obtain his great wealth. Korah wanted to not just rule but to be the ruler, and to displace Moses, the leadership established by God (the *boastful pride of life*).

³ **1 Kings 11:7, 33; 2 Kings 23:13**

⁴ For a statement on Solomon's wisdom, see **1 Kings 4:29-34**

⁵ **Deuteronomy 17:17**

⁶ See **Jude 11; 1 John 2:16**

As such, the Beast even now works through religion, through government, and through riches or wealth. And when the Beast does come to possess the man we call the Antichrist, these three core components will be attached to the activities of the man as he rises to power and authority in the earth.

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King Nebuchadnezzar and Solomon set the typology as they brought a synchronistic union between Religion (6), Great Wealth (6), and Governmental Authority (6). This is the same pattern that will be present in the kingdom of the Beast, for 666 is the number of his name.

It should not be a surprise that King Nebuchadnezzar ruled over the kingdom of **Babylon**, as Babylon represents the religion of man, especially, the religion of Christianity, and its corrupting influence leading great men and women, the world over, into lives marked by apostasy and religious licentiousness.

New Testament Analysis of 666

Out of the 3,000 nouns in the Greek New Testament, only two calculate to the number 666. By the way, the New Testament was written in Greek; therefore, there does not have to be any weird jumps back and forth between languages or cultures to calculate the number of these nouns.

In Greek, they did not have numbers per se; rather, numerals were based on the alpha letters. The numeric construct goes from 1-10 and then increases from 10 to 100 by tens, then from 100 to 1,000 by 100's. This is what is called the Greek gematria. The following table illustrates this for you.

Illustration: Greek Gematria

number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Greek number	α	β	γ	δ	ε	Ϝ	ζ	η	θ
Greek name	alpha	beta	gamma	delta	epsilon	digamma	zeta	eta	theta
number	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Greek number	ι	κ	λ	μ	ν	ξ	ο	π	Ϛ

Greek name	iota	kappa	lambda	mu	nu	xi	omicron	pi	koppa
number	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900
Greek number	Ϟ	Ϛ	ϛ	Ϝ	ϕ	χ	ψ	ω	Ϟ
Greek name	rho	sigma	tau	upsilon	phi	chi	psi	omega	sampi

Using this table we can easily calculate the number of names. For instance, the name Jesus calculates to the number 888. In Greek, Jesus’ name is spelled: IESOUS: Iota (10), Eta (8); Sigma (200), Omicron (70), Upsilon (400), Sigma (200). 10 + 8 + 200 + 70 + 400 + 200 = 888.

And according to the **Code**, 8 is the number of new beginnings, and in the name of Jesus it is used three times (3x), with three being the number of “perfection” (attributable to the perfection of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit). Therefore, Jesus’ name, in the Gematria, means a perfect new beginning.

Using this same methodology, the first word that calculates to **666** is “*paradosis*” which is translated as “**tradition**.” This word is used in connection with *religious traditions* of men. For example, the religious traditions and oral law taught by the rabbis, as well as the tradition, the doctrine or instruction that was handed down by the apostles to the church.⁷ Jesus expresses great disdain for the religious traditions of men that were taught as the precepts of God.⁸

The second word that calculates to **666** is “*eupria*” which is translated as “**wealth**.” This word is used when speaking about the economic trade in Ephesus, and of the financial means of the disciples which they used to aid those in Jerusalem.⁹

Putting together these two calculations, we can confirm two of the three components previously discovered in the Old Testament: 1) the number of the Beast is tied to **religion** (the traditions of men versus the commands of God); and 2) the number of the Beast is tied to **wealth or riches**—the wealth of the nations which is brought into this religious construct.

By the way, the third component, **governmental power and authority**, will be self-evident as we previously studied in this chapter.

Revelation 13:7-9

And it was caused to be given to him to make war with the holy ones and to overcome them, and

⁷ *Matthew 15:2; Galatians 1:14; Colossians 2:8; 1 Corinthians 11:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:15*

⁸ *Matthew 15:2-9*

⁹ *Acts 19:25; 11:29*

authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was caused to be given to him. All who are **now** dwelling on the earth will *{in the future}* worship him, whose name has not been caused to be written in the book of life of the Lamb who had been caused to being slain from the foundation of the world.

Buy and Sell (recapitulation)

In the world of religion, it has always been true that those who control the religious rules have the power, for they determine what is good and acceptable before God and who is and is not following the rules. And those who have the power always find ways to demand the money.

Sadly, in the realm of religion, like the realm of the world, we tend to believe that those who are successful and have big and well-funded ministries are, by definition, blessed by God. And while that may be, God may have blessed them, that is a huge presumption.

In truth, it could very well be a sign that those who are in control and who have garnished the wealth of the people are participants in the system of the Beast—**the system of religious tradition and wealth in which they have been allowed to buy and sell because they bear the mark**. This will be explored in depth in **Revelation 18** in the destruction of Babylon—which is a picture of the woman (a demonic spirit) who rides the Beast—in which all the traders and dealers in religion are pictured.

Rooted in Babylon

The number **666** and all its attributes of religion, wealth, and governmental power and authority are all rooted in ancient Babylon, which is why Babylon is used as **Code** for a corrupt, but extremely powerful, apostate religious system. Babylon is believed to be the source of all idolatry, hence, in **Code** this woman of religious apostasy is called the mother of all harlots and abominations of the earth.¹⁰

With that said, it is interesting to note that the Greek method of giving numbers to alpha characters was passed down from the days of ancient Babylon. The Babylonians created the system.

The Babylonians used a mathematical system that was based on the number 60; hence, 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 360 degrees (60x6) in a circle, and 60 degrees in an angle of a unilateral triangle. 360 is also calculated as follows: 6x6x10 or 36x10.

What is important to note is that this whole system was not just mathematical, but to them it was spiritual. In their system of worship, the Babylonians had 36 supreme Gods, which included the sun god who was believed to be the father of all gods. They also believed that numbers had power over the gods, so they assigned their 36 gods numbers, with the sun god being number 1. And if you add up the numbers of their 36 gods sequentially, you get the sum of **666**.

$$1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21+22+23+24+25+26 \\ +27+28+29+30+31+32+33+34+35+36 = \mathbf{666}$$

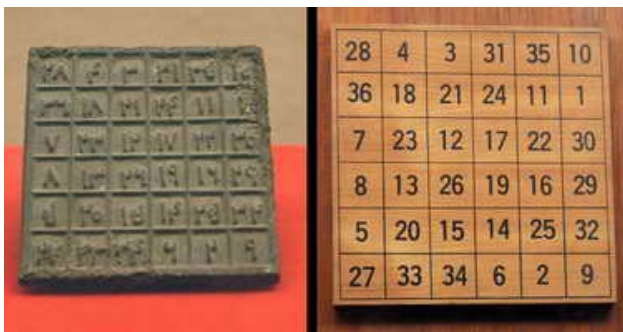
Coincidence? Not a chance.

¹⁰ **Revelation 17:5**

And because they saw their gods as predominately evil, they feared them and therefore sought protection through the numbers. Thus, they made amulets with a 6 x 6 matrix with the numbers 1-36 on them.



The numbers were arranged such that the sum of any given row, column, or diagonal was 111 since some good qualities were attributed to the sun god (represented by the number 1), and this is how they sought his favor over the other gods, who were deemed to be more evil than the sun god. As indicated by the calculation above, the sum of all 6 rows and all 6 columns is **666**.



If you are listening to the podcast, you might want to download the transcript because there are tables and images included that will blow your mind.

The point is that the number **666** came from the religious practices of the Babylonians and their astrological practices. And since “Babylon” is the ultimate Biblical symbol of apostate religion, we can be assured that its influence has been passed down through the ages and still is alive and well in our day-and-age of religious apostasy. And this is why the Spirit, in **Revelation 18:4**, commands the people of God to come out of Babylon, to flee her and not to participate in her sins.

The number **666** is rooted in religious tradition which peddles its power and influence to gain vast amounts of wealth from the peoples of the world, and when mixed with a king or with great governmental power and authority, its combination is toxic and deathly. This is true whether it comes in the form of Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon, Solomon’s kingdom, the cultic emperor worship of Caesars, the practices of the Nicolaitans (which we studied in the letters to Ephesus and Pergamum), or the empire of the Beast.

Sadly, modern-day Christendom functions much in the same manner as these historical centers of power, wealth, and influence. And many who hold to the religion of Christianity are simply waiting for a king, their messiah, to arise and give them even greater power and authority over the people and a life of

abundance and blessing. We will see this all again when we get to *Revelation 17-18*.

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Summary Revelation 13:11-18

There was so much in this section, and it involves our **NOW**, which is completely mind-blowing given the many **fictions** to which we have largely been indoctrinated. People are waiting for a mark, but lo-and-behold, it is already here, and has been here for centuries. It is a mark which speaks of the adherence to an apostate system of governmental power and authority, religion, and wealth. To summarize this chapter, the following were the key points:

- The second beast even **NOW** causes fire to come down from heaven and he **NOW** performs great wonders to deceive many.
- The image of the Beast is even **NOW** located where it should not be found, in the holy place – in the Sanctuary, in the middle of Christendom. Though not all may see it.
- The image of the Beast is given breath and it speaks, though all will not hear his voice.
- Those who do not worship the Beast **might** be killed.
- People are even **NOW** marked with the number and have been marked every moment of now for centuries.
- The mark is a spiritual mark.
- The mark is nondiscriminatory, as **all** classes of people are marked (though not all people are or will be marked).
- The second beast administers the mark, but it is a choice to receive the mark; not everyone takes the mark.
- The mark opens the markets of religion and wealth and great authority over people, and without the mark, one does not prosper in the demonic economies of our world, unless of course, they have the approval of God, who does as He wills through whom He wills.
- The mark is personal to each person, it is their mark.
- When placed on the head, the mark speaks of devotion to the kingdom of the Beast.
- When placed on the right hand, it speaks of one's power and strength being given over to the kingdom of the Beast.
- Here is wisdom: to **NOW** calculate the number of the Beast.
- The number is the number of a man (**6**) and it provides the identifying attributes of the kingdom of the Beast as it plays out in the physical realm of humanity.

- Religion and the religious traditions of men (the apostasy of Cain expressed in the lust of the flesh): **6**
- Great wealth garnished from the peddling of its religious traditions and from its authoritative rule through the religions of man (the apostasy of Balaam expressed in the lust of the eyes): **6**.
- Authority, rule, kingship, governmental power (the apostasy of Korah expressed in the boastful pride of life): **6**
- Despite the intensity and proliferation of these three components (**666**), the result will always be perfect incompleteness. The number of “man,” the number of the name of the Beast, is not and will never be enough.

Takes His Seat in the Temple

With this understanding, it should now make sense that the spirit of the Antichrist (the spirit of the man of lawlessness, the son of destruction), who **now** opposes and **now** exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, takes his seat of authority in the Sanctuary of God, **now** displaying himself (though the image) as **now** being God, is “**the**” *Abomination of Desolation*.¹¹

And sadly, far too many who praise the name of Jesus are praising only an image, a false Jesus, that has been standing in the Sanctuary of God—a Jesus that always finds a way to proclaim a gospel that perverts the grace of God with some element of law – with the “**work of the hands**.” If they refuse to repent, one day they will hear, “depart from Me, I never knew you” or as Jesus told those in Sardis, their works were never performed before the face of the Father.

With his attachment to power, control, religion, and wealth, the Beast takes his authority (his seat) from within the household of God (the Sanctuary being the body of Christ) and uses the religion of Christianity (*Mystery Babylon*) to garnish for himself the worship of man.¹²

This is Wisdom!

This is the Calculation!

Let’s stop here, and we will pick up in our next podcast with **Revelation 14**.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

¹¹ **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

¹² **2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:21-22**