



Topeka Bible Church
Bible Math, #3: 666
Community Group Study Questions
Revelation 13:1-18 and selected passages

1. What comes to mind when you think of the number 666 (*Revelation 13:18; 14:11; 15:2*)? Does this number frighten you? How does our culture treat this number? What is the mathematical significance of 666?
2. Who is the first beast (or dragon) mentioned in *Revelation 12:7-9* (see also *20:2*)? How long has this first beast been at work in the world (*Genesis 3:1-4*)? What ultimately happens to this first beast in the end (*Revelation 20:10*)?
3. What do the animals of the second beast represent (*Revelation 13:2; Daniel 7:2-7*)? What will happen to this second beast (*Revelation 13:3-4*)? What sort of authority will he have (*Revelation 13:5-8; Daniel 7:8; 11:36*)?
4. Who is the third beast (*Revelation 13:11*)? What will this third beast do (*Revelation 13:12-15; cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 and Revelation 16:12-14*)? What is the "mark" of the second beast (*Revelation 13:16; 14:9-10; 20:4*)?

5. Who are some of the figures throughout history that others have believed to be the second beast? What are some of the reasons for their theories on who the beast is? Why might it be dangerous to theorize about the identity of this beast?

6. What will the antichrist (i.e. the second beast) be like (*Daniel 8:23-25; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 1 John 2:21-22; 2 John 7; Revelation 17:11-13*)? Do you believe that governments tend to “play God” and oppose Him? Why or why not?

7. How can we be prudent, positive, and prepared in light of the number 666? Do you believe that God is in ultimate control of all of these “end times” circumstances (*Revelation 11:15; 17:14; 21:1-4; cf. Romans 8:28*)? In whom do you put your trust?

Memory Verse:

“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

(Revelation 13:18, NASB)