

What is the number of the Beast?

Lesson supplement SDaniel-L24

Revelation 13 tells us that someone might possibly receive the number of the Beast “which is the **number of his name**” (Rev. 13:17). The Bible tells us that we should “**count**” the number of the Beast for it is the “**number of a man**” (v.18). It is the number of a man’s name or title which has to do with the Beast of Revelation, also known as the Roman Catholic Church power. His number is six hundred sixty-six (see Rev. 13:18).

What title or name has been given to the Pope throughout history? One of the most popular titles is the Vicar of Christ. In other words, they believe that the Pope is to stand in the place of Jesus Christ on earth. The Latin Title used in the Dark Ages is **Vicarius Filii Dei** (vicar of the Lord). The official language of the Roman church is Latin. The Latin language was adopted from the Roman nation. In Rome, the Romans used letters to represent numbers. These are called “Roman Numerals” (you learned about them in math class!). An ancient practice was to add up the number of all the letters in someone’s name or title. That number would be the “number” of their name. Let’s see how it works out for this old title of the Pope... (Please note that the ancient Roman letters did not use a “U.” Instead, they always used a “V” in place of a “U” which means the value place of our “U” would also be equal to that of “V,” which is 5. Numbers with no numeric value simply get a “0.”)

“VICARIUS FILII DEI”

V=5	F=0	D=500
I=1	I=1	E=0
C=100	L=50	<u>I=1</u>
A=0	I=1	501
R=0	<u>I=1</u>	
I=1	53	
U=5		
<u>S=0</u>		
112		

$112 + 53 + 501 = 666$