THE QUESTION

What did early Christians teach about 666 and the mark of the beast?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Irenaeus and Hippolytus held that 666 is the true number of the beast, counted from the letters of a man's name. Irenaeus saw the sixes as summing up all apostasy. Both offered possible names only as guesses and warned against claiming certainty. Taking the mark meant worshiping the beast, which Christians must refuse.

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666 is the true number

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus defends 666 against a copying error that changed it. He appeals to the oldest and best copies of Revelation and to people who had seen John. He explains that the number comes from adding up the Greek letters of a name.

1 “Given the state of the matter, and this number being found in all the most respected and ancient copies of the Apocalypse, with testimony from those who saw John directly, reason suggests that the beast's name, calculated according to the Greek system by the value of the letters, amounts to six hundred and sixty-six.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD)
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The sixes sum up all apostasy

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For Irenaeus, the repeated six in hundreds, tens and units stands for rebellion against God from the beginning to the end. The beast gathers into himself the wickedness of every age.

2 “The digit six throughout represents the complete recurrence of apostasy from the beginning, through intermediary periods, to the end.”

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3 “Therefore, it is fitting that his name bears the number six hundred and sixty-six, since he embodies all the wickedness that occurred before the flood due to the apostasy of the angels.”

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Noah and Nebuchadnezzar's statue foreshadow the number

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Irenaeus links the number to two Old Testament scenes. Noah was six hundred when the flood came, and Nebuchadnezzar's statue was sixty by six cubits. He sees the statue and the furnace as a picture of the last ruler who demands worship and persecutes the faithful.

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"Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came upon the earth, sweeping away the rebellious world because of that infamous generation in Noah's time."

later in the same passage

"The image set up by Nebuchadnezzar was sixty cubits tall and six cubits wide; Ananias, Azarias, and Mishaell, who refused to worship it, were thrown into a furnace of fire, prophetically indicating the wrath against the righteous that will arise towards the end times."

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Names that fit 666 were only guesses

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Hippolytus lists several names whose letters add up to 666, including Titan, Evanthas and Latinus, since the Latins held power in his day. He refuses to announce any of them as certain.

5

"We do indeed find many names whose letters equal this number, such as, for example, the word Titan, an ancient and notable name, or Evanthas, for it too adds up to the same number, and many others could be found."

later in the same passage

"Therefore we should neither announce this as if it were certainly his name, nor ignore the fact that he may be called by some other name."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (c. 200–236 AD)
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Claiming to know the name is dangerous

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Both writers urge humility. Hippolytus says only John knew the name exactly and that the rest is a guess. Irenaeus warns that people who claim to know it put themselves in real danger.

6 "As for his name, it is not in our power to explain it exactly, as the blessed John understood it and was taught about it. We can only give a guess about it."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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7 "Additionally, a significant danger looms for those who wrongly claim to know the Antichrist's name."

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The mark goes with worshiping the beast

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Hippolytus explains that the beast will put to death those who refuse to worship his image, and this is where the faith and patience of the saints are tested. Cyprian lists the warning against taking the mark among Scripture's warnings against worshiping false gods.

8 "And he will cause all those who will not worship the image of the beast to be put to death. Here the faith and the patience of the saints will appear."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 8, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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9 "Do not walk after other gods, to serve them; and do not worship them, and do not provoke me by the works of your hands, to your destruction.""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 14, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Christ is greater than the Antichrist

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Cyprian tells believers not to be frozen by fear of the coming persecution. The Antichrist will rage, but Christ comes after him to set things right, so Christians should fear God, not the enemy.

10 “Antichrist is coming, but Christ also comes above him. The enemy goes about and rages, but the Lord immediately follows to avenge our afflictions and our wounds.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not name the beast or say what the mark will look like.
- They do not link the mark to any modern device or system.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 15 early Christian passages and 218 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–15, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 16–173, in Bible order), then 60 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *15 passages from 5 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 1*

1 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 7) the other, in which He shall come from heaven with glory, when the man of apostasy… [continues online] **read ›**

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Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 2–6*

2 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 2) “the number is six hundred and sixty-six,” that is, six times a hundred, six times ten, and six units… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quotes 3, 4, pages 2, 3** “him, may be cast into the furnace of fire. Therefore, it is fitting that his name bears the number six hundred and sixty-six, since he embodies all the wickedness… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quotes 1, 2, 7, pages 2, 4** the state of the matter, and this number being found in all the most respected and ancient copies of the Apocalypse, with testimony from those who saw John directly, reason… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 4) “Also, Lateinos has the number six hundred and sixty-six… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book V* “arise. The existing empire will be divided among them. He explains what the ten horns seen by Daniel are, telling us this is what was said to him: “The ten… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 7–10*

7 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 **Quotes 5, 6, pages 3, 4** “it is the number of a man, and his number is… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 **Quote 8, page 4** he says, "And he will cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead, that… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (on point 6) “be killed. And he caused all people, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. And no… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (1885 English) “in distinguishing the kingdoms that are to rise after these things, he showed also the coming of Antichrist in the last times, and the consummation of the whole world… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 11–14*

11 *Epistles* **Quote 10, page 5** and warns beforehand, saying, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also shall drink of the wine… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Treatises* (on point 6) “place, he added, saying: “And whoever had not worshipped the image of the beast, nor received his mark on their forehead or on their hand”—all these he joins together… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Epistles* (on point 6) “s anger threatening and saying, “If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also shall drink of… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Treatises* **Quote 9, page 4** “7:6. In the Apocalypse too: “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also shall drink of… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 15*

15 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 71 (1885 English; on point 6) “by these prodigies he shall entice many to worship him, and to receive his sign in their hand or forehead… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *158 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

16 **Genesis 2:1** So the heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array. **read ›**

17 **Genesis 2:4** This is the book of the generation of heaven and earth, when they came to be, in the day that the Lord God made the heaven and the earth, **read ›**

18 **Genesis 5:5** So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died. **read ›**

19 **Genesis 6:3** Then the Lord God said, “My Spirit shall certainly not remain among these men forever, because they are flesh; but their days shall be a hundred and twenty years.” **read ›**

20 **Genesis 7:6** Noah was six hundred years old, and the flood of water came upon the earth. **read ›**

21 **Genesis 7:11** In the six hundredth year of the life of Noah, in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the abyss were broken open, and the floodgates of heaven were opened. **read ›**

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22 **Genesis 46:26** All the persons who came into Egypt with Jacob, who came out of his loins, besides the wives of Jacob's sons—all the persons were sixty-six. **read ›**

23 **Genesis 49:18** waiting for the salvation of the Lord. **read ›**

24 **Exodus 9:3** behold, the hand of the Lord shall be on your cattle in the fields—on the horses, on the beasts of burden, on the camels, the oxen, and the sheep—a very severe deadly disease. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 13:9** It shall be a sign to you on your hand and a memorial before your eyes, so that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth; for with a mighty hand the Lord God brought you out of Egypt. **read ›**

26 **Exodus 13:16** It shall be for a sign on your hand and fixed before your eyes; for with a mighty hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt." **read ›**

27 **Exodus 14:7** He took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the cavalry of the Egyptians, and officers over them all. **read ›**

28 **Exodus 16:30** So the people kept the Sabbath on the seventh day. **read ›**

29 **Exodus 20:10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall do no work—you, your son, your daughter, your servant, your maidservant, your ox, your beast of burden, any of your cattle, or the resident foreigner who lives among you. **read ›**

30 **Exodus 20:11** For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them, and he rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. **read ›**

31 **Exodus 21:24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, **read ›**

32 **Exodus 23:11** But in the seventh year you shall make a release and let it alone, and the poor of your nation shall eat; and what they leave, the wild beasts shall eat. So you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove. **read ›**

33 **Exodus 23:12** Six days you shall do your works, but on the seventh day there shall be rest, so that your ox and your beast of burden may rest, and so that the son of your maidservant and the resident foreigner may be refreshed. **read ›**

34 **Exodus 31:15** Six days you shall do work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath, a holy rest to the Lord. Whoever does work on the seventh day shall be put to death. **read ›**

35 **Exodus 31:17** It is a perpetual covenant between me and the children of Israel; it is a perpetual sign with me. For in six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and ceased.'" **read ›**

36 **Exodus 34:21** Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in sowing and in harvest there shall be rest. **read ›**

37 **Exodus 35:2** Six days you shall do work, but on the seventh day there shall be rest: a holy Sabbath, a rest for the Lord. Whoever does work on it shall die. **read ›**

38 **Leviticus 13:29** If a man or a woman has a plague of leprosy on the head or in the beard, **read ›**

39 **Leviticus 13:42** But if on his bald head or his bald forehead there is a white or reddish plague, it is leprosy on his bald head or on his bald forehead. **read ›**

40 **Leviticus 14:17** The priest shall put the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the lobe of the right ear of the one being cleansed, on the tip of his right hand, and on the tip of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering. **read ›**

41 **Leviticus 16:31** It shall be to you a Sabbath of Sabbaths, a rest, and you shall humble your souls; it is a perpetual ordinance. **read ›**

42 **Leviticus 19:28** You shall not make cuttings in your body for the dead, and you shall not put tattooed letters on yourselves. I am the Lord your God. **read ›**

43 **Leviticus 23:3** Six days you shall do work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath, a rest, a holy convocation to the Lord. You shall do no work; it is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwellings. **read ›**

44 **Leviticus 23:36** For seven days you shall offer whole burnt offerings to the Lord, and the eighth day shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall offer whole burnt offerings to the Lord. It is the closing festival; you shall do no regular work. **read ›**

45 **Leviticus 23:39** And on the fifteenth day of this seventh month, when you have finished gathering the produce of the land, you shall keep a feast to the Lord for seven days. On the first day there shall be a rest, and on the eighth day a rest. **read ›**

46 **Leviticus 25:3** Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruit; **read ›**

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47 **Leviticus 25:4** but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath, a rest for the land, a Sabbath to the Lord. You shall not sow your field, and you shall not prune your vineyard; **read ›**

48 **Leviticus 25:8** You shall count for yourself seven rests of years, seven times seven years; and the seven weeks of years shall be for you forty-nine years. **read ›**

49 **Leviticus 26:34** Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths all the days of its desolation, **read ›**

50 **Numbers 1:25** the count of them from the tribe of Gad was forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. (Septuagint Numbers 1:37 (Numbers 1:25 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

51 **Numbers 1:39** the count of them from the tribe of Dan was sixty-two thousand seven hundred. **read ›**

52 **Numbers 1:46** six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty. **read ›**

53 **Numbers 2:4** His forces, those numbered, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. **read ›**

54 **Numbers 3:34** Their count by number, every male from a month old and upward, was six thousand and fifty. **read ›**

55 **Numbers 26:51** This is the count of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty. **read ›**

56 **Numbers 28:25** And the seventh day shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall do no regular work on it. **read ›**

57 **Numbers 29:35** On the eighth day there shall be a closing festival for you; you shall do no regular work on it. **read ›**

58 **Numbers 31:34** donkeys, sixty-one thousand; **read ›**

59 **Numbers 31:37** and the tax for the Lord from the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five; **read ›**

60 **Numbers 31:38** oxen, thirty-six thousand, and the tax for the Lord, seventy-two; **read ›**

61 **Numbers 31:44** oxen, thirty-six thousand; **read ›**

62 **Deuteronomy 4:30** All these words shall find you at the end of the days, and you shall turn to the Lord your God and obey his voice. **read ›**

63 **Deuteronomy 5:14** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall do no work—you, your son, your daughter, your servant, your maidservant, your ox, your beast of burden, any of your cattle, or the resident foreigner who lives among you—so that your servant and your maidservant and your beast of burden may rest, as you do. **read ›**

64 **Deuteronomy 6:8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and it shall be immovable before your eyes. **read ›**

65 **Deuteronomy 11:18** So you shall lay up these words in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and it shall be immovable before your eyes. **read ›**

66 **Deuteronomy 15:1** Every seven years you shall make a release. **read ›**

67 **Deuteronomy 16:8** For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a closing festival, a feast to the Lord your God. You shall do no work on it, except what must be done to sustain life. **read ›**

68 **Deuteronomy 19:21** Your eye shall not spare him: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. **read ›**

69 **Deuteronomy 25:12** you shall cut off the hand; your eye shall not spare her. **read ›**

70 **Deuteronomy 27:15** “Cursed is the man who makes a carved or a molten image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of craftsmen, and puts it in a secret place.” And all the people shall answer and say, “So be it.” **read ›**

71 **1 Kings 10:14** And the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, **read ›**

72 **2 Chronicles 9:13** And the weight of the gold that was brought to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, **read ›**

73 **2 Chronicles 29:33** And the consecrated offerings were six hundred calves and three thousand sheep. **read ›**

74 **Nehemiah 2:13** I went out by the gate of Golela, toward the mouth of the spring of the figs, and to the Dung Gate; and I was breaking at the wall of Jerusalem, which they are tearing down, and its gates were devoured by fire. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 12:13 (Nehemiah 2:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

75 **Job 11:7** Will you find the track of the Lord? Or have you come to the farthest limits of what the Almighty has made? **read ›**

76 **Psalms 90:2** Before the mountains came into being, and the earth and the world were formed, even from age to age, you are. (Septuagint Psalm 89:2 (Psalm 90:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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77 **Psalms 90:4** For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, which has passed, and as a watch in the night. (Septuagint Psalm 89:4 (Psalm 90:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

78 **Ecclesiastes 6:6** And though he has lived through the circuits of a thousand years and has not seen goodness, do not all go to one place? **read ›**

79 **Ecclesiastes 7:18** It is good that you hold fast to this; and indeed from this do not defile your hand; for to those who fear God all things will come forth. **read ›**

80 **Isaiah 14:7** All the earth cries out with gladness, **read ›**

81 **Isaiah 14:8** and the trees of Lebanon have been glad over you, and the cedar of Lebanon: ‘Since you were laid to rest, no one has come up to cut us down.’ **read ›**

82 **Daniel 2:40** and a fourth kingdom, which shall be strong as iron; just as iron crushes and subdues all things, so it shall crush and subdue all things. **read ›**

83 **Daniel 7:3** And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. **read ›**

84 **Daniel 7:6** After this I was looking, and behold, another beast like a leopard; and it had four wings of a bird upon it, and the beast had four heads, and authority was given to it. **read ›**

85 **Daniel 7:7** After this I was looking, and behold, a fourth beast, fearful and terrifying and exceedingly strong; and its teeth were of iron; it was devouring and crushing, and it trampled the rest with its feet; and it was exceedingly different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. **read ›**

86 **Daniel 7:17** “These four beasts are four kingdoms that will arise on the earth, **read ›**

87 **Daniel 7:19** Then I inquired exactly about the fourth beast, because it was different from every beast, exceedingly fearful; its teeth were of iron and its claws of bronze; it was devouring and crushing, and it trampled the rest with its feet; **read ›**

88 **Daniel 7:23** And he said, “The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will surpass all the kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth, and trample it down and cut it to pieces. **read ›**

89 **Daniel 8:19** and he said, “Behold, I am making known to you what will be at the latter end of the anger; for the vision is still for the end of a time. **read ›**

90 **Hosea 10:2** They have divided their hearts; now they shall be destroyed. He himself shall dig down their altars; their pillars shall be in misery. **read ›**

91 **Micah 6:3** O my people, what have I done to you? Or how have I grieved you? Or how have I troubled you? Answer me. **read ›**

92 **Habakkuk 3:4** And his brightness will be like light; horns are in his hands, and he has established the mighty love of his strength. **read ›**

93 **1 Esdras 1:58** until the land has enjoyed its Sabbaths; all the time of its desolation it shall keep Sabbath, until the completion of seventy years. **read ›**

94 **Judith 11:7** For as Nebuchadnezzar king of all the earth lives, and as his power lives, who has sent you to set every living soul in order: not only do men serve him because of you, but also the wild beasts of the field and the cattle and the birds of heaven shall live through your strength under Nebuchadnezzar and all his house. **read ›**

95 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:19** for the end of an unrighteous generation is harsh. **read ›**

96 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:9** The number of a man’s days, if many, is a hundred years. **read ›**

97 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:10** Like a drop of water from the sea and a grain of sand, so are a few years in the day of eternity. **read ›**

98 **Wisdom of Sirach 33:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:25** The life of a man is in a number of days, but the days of Israel are without number. **read ›**

100 **Wisdom of Sirach 49:11** How shall we magnify Zerubbabel? He too was like a signet ring on the right hand; **read ›**

101 **Baruch 3:16** Where are the rulers of the nations, and those who ruled over the beasts on the earth, **read ›**

102 **Bel and the Dragon 1:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

103 **Bel and the Dragon 1:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

104 **Bel and the Dragon 1:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **Bel and the Dragon 1:24** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

106 **Bel and the Dragon 1:27** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

107 **Bel and the Dragon 1:32** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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108 **Bel and the Dragon 1:40** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

109 **2 Maccabees 7:18** After him they brought the sixth. When he was about to die, he said, “Do not deceive yourself in vain. For we are suffering these things because of ourselves, since we sinned against our own God; therefore astonishing things have happened. **read ›**

110 **4 Maccabees 14:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

111 **4 Maccabees 14:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

112 **1 Enoch 1:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

113 **1 Enoch 1:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

114 **1 Enoch 27:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

115 **1 Enoch 41:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

116 **1 Enoch 50:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

117 **1 Enoch 52:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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130 **1 Enoch 100:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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132 **Matthew 1:15** Eliud became the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan became the father of Jacob. **read ›**

133 **Matthew 24:24** For false christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. **read ›**

134 **Matthew 24:29** “Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon will not give her light; the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. **read ›**

135 **Mark 1:15** and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand! Repent, and believe in the gospel.” **read ›**

136 **Mark 13:22** For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. **read ›**

137 **Acts 2:2** Suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **read ›**

138 **Acts 13:9** But Saul, also called Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked intently at him **read ›**

139 **Acts 24:17** After several years I came to bring alms to my nation and offerings. **read ›**

140 **Acts 24:21** unless it is for this one thing that I cried standing among them, ‘Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you today!’” **read ›**

141 **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? **read ›**

142 **Ephesians 1:10** for an administration when the times reach their fullness, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth— **read ›**

143 **Philippians 1:19** For I know that this will turn out for my salvation through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, **read ›**

144 **Philippians 2:26** for he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. **read ›**

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145 **Philippians 3:1** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not tiresome for me, and for you it is safe. **read ›**

146 **Philippians 3:6** as to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness that is in the law, found blameless. **read ›**

147 **Philippians 4:16** for even in Thessalonica you sent to me for my need once and again. **read ›**

148 **Philippians 4:18** But I have received everything in full, and I abound; I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a pleasing aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. **read ›**

149 **Philippians 4:22** All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. **read ›**

150 **Philippians 4:23** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. **read ›**

151 **2 Thessalonians 2:3** Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not be unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction. **read ›**

152 **2 Timothy 3:1** But know this: in the last days difficult times will come. **read ›**

153 **Hebrews 4:4** For he has spoken somewhere of the seventh day in this way: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his works"; **read ›**

154 **Hebrews 4:9** There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. **read ›**

155 **2 Peter 3:3** knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts **read ›**

156 **2 Peter 3:8** But do not forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **read ›**

157 **1 John 2:18** Little children, it is the last hour; and as you heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen. From this we know that it is the last hour. **read ›**

158 **Revelation 9:13** The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard one voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, **read ›**

159 **Revelation 9:16** The number of the armies of horsemen was tens of thousands of tens of thousands. I heard their number. **read ›**

160 **Revelation 11:7** When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. **read ›**

161 **Revelation 13:1** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads, blasphemous names. **read ›**

162 **Revelation 13:3** One of his heads appeared to have been fatally wounded. His fatal wound was healed, and the whole earth followed the beast in wonder. **read ›**

163 **Revelation 13:5** A mouth speaking great things and blasphemy was given to him. Authority to make war for forty-two months was given to him. **read ›**

164 **Revelation 13:6** He opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, those who dwell in heaven. **read ›**

165 **Revelation 13:9** If anyone has an ear, let him hear. **read ›**

166 **Revelation 13:14** He deceives my own people who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast who had the sword wound and lived. **read ›**

167 **Revelation 13:16** He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given marks on their right hands or on their foreheads; **read ›**

168 **Revelation 13:17** so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name. **read ›**

169 **Revelation 13:18** Here is wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six hundred sixty-six. **read ›**

170 **Revelation 14:9** Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, **read ›**

171 **Revelation 15:1** I saw another great and marvelous sign in the sky: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them God's wrath is finished. **read ›**

172 **Revelation 16:2** The first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth, and it became a harmful and painful sore on the people who had the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image. **read ›**

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173 **Revelation 19:20** The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked the signs in his sight, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. **read ›**

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