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***Jesus' future
return***

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

- The return of Jesus is a recurring theme in the entire New Testament writings.
 - Jesus told many parables about a returning master who judges his servants on their conduct in his absence.
 - One of the questions Jesus' disciples asked him at the Olivet discourse was, "what will be the sign of your coming" (Matt 24:3). In Matthew 24-25 Jesus then refers numerous times to the coming of the Son of Man.
 - At the Last Supper, Jesus promised His disciples "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2)

AREAS OF DEBATE

□ While most Christians believe in the future return of Jesus, there are several areas which are hot items of debate. These include:

- 1) The timing of Bible prophecy
- 2) The timing of the Millennium
- 3) The timing of the rapture



TIMING OF MILLENNIUM

- ❑ We saw in a previous study that the 3 views regarding the timing of the Millennium are:
 - 1) Premillennialism
 - 2) Postmillennialism
 - 3) Amillennialism
- ❑ We also saw how Premillennialism was the original Church view in the 1st – 3rd century. The Premillennial view depends on a consistent literal interpretation of the Scripture.
- ❑ In the 5th century, Augustine popularized the Amillennial view, which he had derived by interpreting Scripture allegorically.

TIMING OF MILLENNIUM

- 1) Amillennialism: The entire Church age (starting at the Cross) is the Millennium (not a literal 1000 years). Christ reigns in heaven and returns after the figurative 'Millennium'. There is no future for Israel; and all the prophecies for Israel are applied to the Church.
- 2) Postmillennialism: The Millennium is a future (or current) literal (or figurative) 1000 years. The Church will reign on earth. Christ returns after the 'Millennium'. The Church replaces Israel.
- 3) Premillennialism: The Millennium is a future literal 1000 years reign by Christ. Christ himself reigns on earth (from Jerusalem) with his Church. Christ returns after the church age (pre, mid or post-tribulation rapture) before the Millennium. God makes a distinction between His dealings with Israel and the Church.

TIMING OF MILLENNIUM



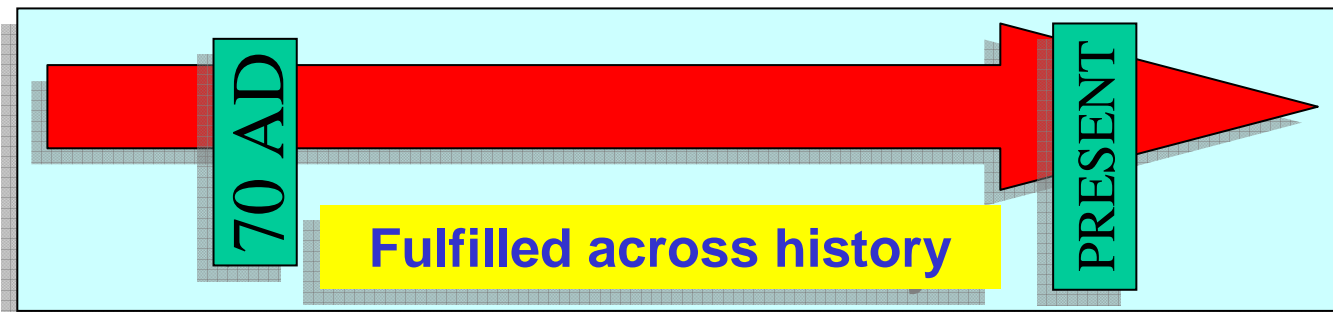
TIMING OF PROPHECY

- The 4 views regarding the timing of prophecy are:
 - 1) Preterism - holds that most or all of the biblical prophecies concerning the End Times refer to events which actually happened in the 1st century AD.
 - 2) Historicism - treats the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation as finding literal earthly fulfillment through the history of the church age.
 - 3) Futurism - places the fulfillment of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation mostly in the future as literal, physical, apocalyptic and global.
 - 4) Idealism - interprets all of the imagery of Revelation as non-literal symbols which are perpetually and cyclically fulfilled in a spiritual sense.

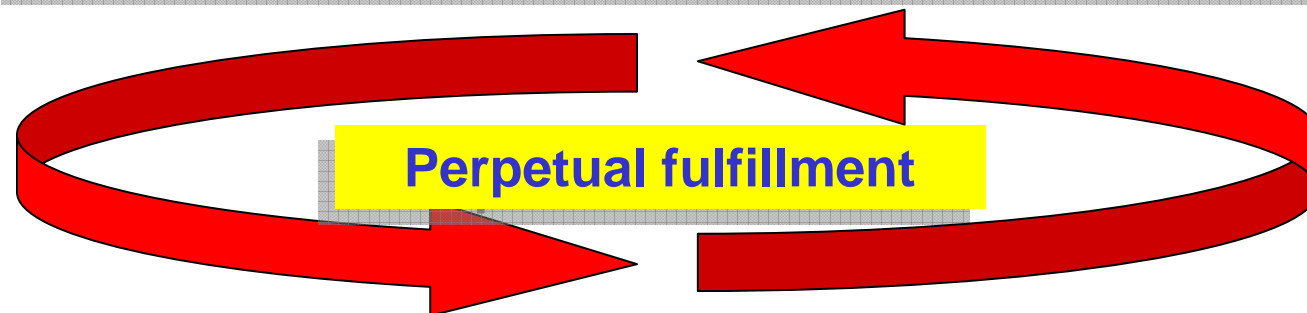
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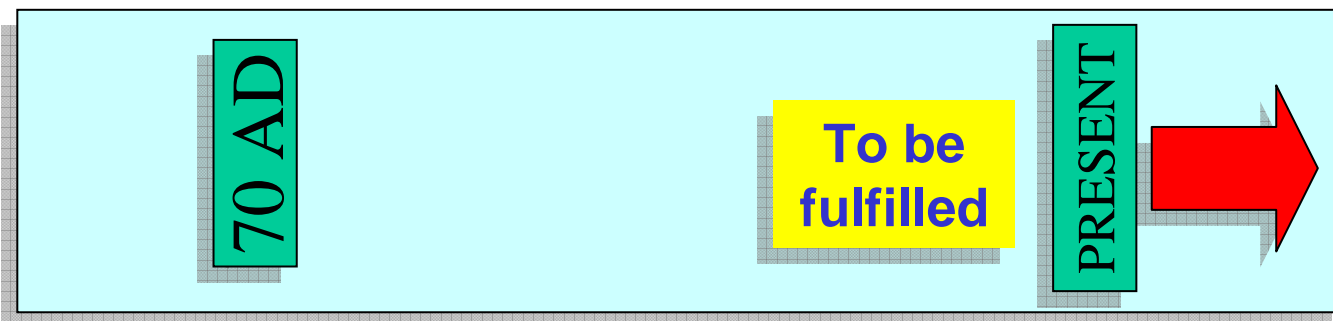
Preterism



Historicism



Idealism



Futurism

PRETERISM

- Preterism ¹ holds that most or all of the biblical prophecies concerning the End Times refer to events which actually happened in 70 AD with the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by Titus.



¹ The term preterism comes from the Latin praeter, meaning 'past'.

PRETERISM

- ❑ Preterists use the following verse to support their claims of a 1st century fulfillment of all prophecy:
 - **Matt 16:28 I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**
- ❑ But we need to remember the rule of context. In all three of the synoptic gospels this statement is immediately followed by three of Jesus' disciples seeing the glorified Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. E.g. Matt 17:1-2
 - After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

THIS GENERATION

- Preterists also use Matt 24:34 to support their claims of a 70 AD fulfillment of prophecy:
 - I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.
- 1) The response is that the generation referred to is the generation of the End Times.
- 2) It is also contested whether the term 'generation' (a translation of the Greek 'genea') means 'race' or 'nation,' as the context of many verses would imply.¹ Thus some believe that Jesus is actually referring to the nation of Israel enduring until the End Times.^{2,3,4,5 & 6}

¹ Wikipedia: Preterism ² Strong's - age, generation, nation, time

³ NAS exhaustive concordance definition: race, family, generation

⁴ Commenting on this, Bede (672-735 AD) wrote, "By generation He either means the whole race of mankind, or specially the Jews."

THIS GENERATION

⁵ Scofield Reference Notes: This generation - Gr. 'genea,' the primary definition of which is, "race, kind, family, stock, breed." ... That the word is used in this sense because none of "these things," i.e. the world-wide preaching of the kingdom, the great tribulation, the return of the Lord in visible glory, and the regathering of the elect, occurred at the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, AD 70. The promise is, therefore, that the generation - nation, or family of Israel - will be preserved unto "these things"; a promise wonderfully fulfilled to this day.

⁶ Archer writes that genea ('generation') was sometimes used as a synonym of genos (race, stock, nation, people). According to Archer, "Although this meaning for genea is not common, it is found as early as Homer and Herodotus and as late as Plutarch... Perhaps it should be added that if the Olivet Discourse was originally delivered in Aramaic (as it probably was), then we cannot be certain that the meaning of this prediction hinged entirely on the Greek word used to translate it. Genea and genos are, after all, closely related words from the same root. The Aramaic term that Jesus Himself probably used (the Syriac Peshitta uses sharbata here, which can mean either 'generation' or 'race') is susceptible to either interpretation..." In fact, in almost every instance where Jesus uses the term 'generation', the alternate meaning indicated by the Aramaic, 'people' or 'nation' works just as well. e.g. Matt 12:39 or 23:36.

PARTIAL & FULL PRETERISM

- Partial Preterists advocate, in effect, 2 Second Comings, one at AD 70 and another at the end of the age. ¹ Full Preterists believe that all prophecy was fulfilled with the destruction of Jerusalem, including the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' Second Coming. ¹
- Irenaeus implies that Revelation was written in the last decade of the 1st century. Yet in Revelation the Second Coming and resurrection are still seen as in the future. John writes "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev 21:20).

¹ SOURCE: Wikipedia: Preterism ² Nearly all Partial Preterists hold to Amillennialism or Postmillennialism.



Irenaeus
(c.115-202 AD)

FULL PRETERISM

- ❑ But the suggestion that the coming of the Son of Man is completely fulfilled with the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem in the first century is utterly ridiculous. Jesus stated that his angels would be with him, that they would gather his elect and that all men will see him.
- "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and **all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming** on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory." (Matt 24:30)
- "... men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And **he will send his angels and gather his elect** from the four winds..." (Mark 13:26-27)

PRETERISM

The Full Preterist view (that the resurrection took place in the 1st century while living Christians remained behind) is actually a revival of an old heresy refuted long ago by Paul.

- ❑ The apostle Paul writes, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some." (2 Tim 2:15-17)

PRETERISM

- ❑ Paul also refutes a heresy that the Thessalonians encountered (i.e. that the Day of the Lord had already come) and makes it clear that this event will not come until the antichrist proclaims himself God in the temple.
- ❑ 2 Thess 2:1-4 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed... He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

PRETERISM

- ❑ After the Ascension of Jesus from the Mount of Olives the 2 angels said to the disciples “Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)
- ❑ He went up physically from the Mount of Olives. The alleged ‘return’ of Jesus in 70 AD advocated by Full Preterists could not in any way fulfill this Scripture.



PRETERISM

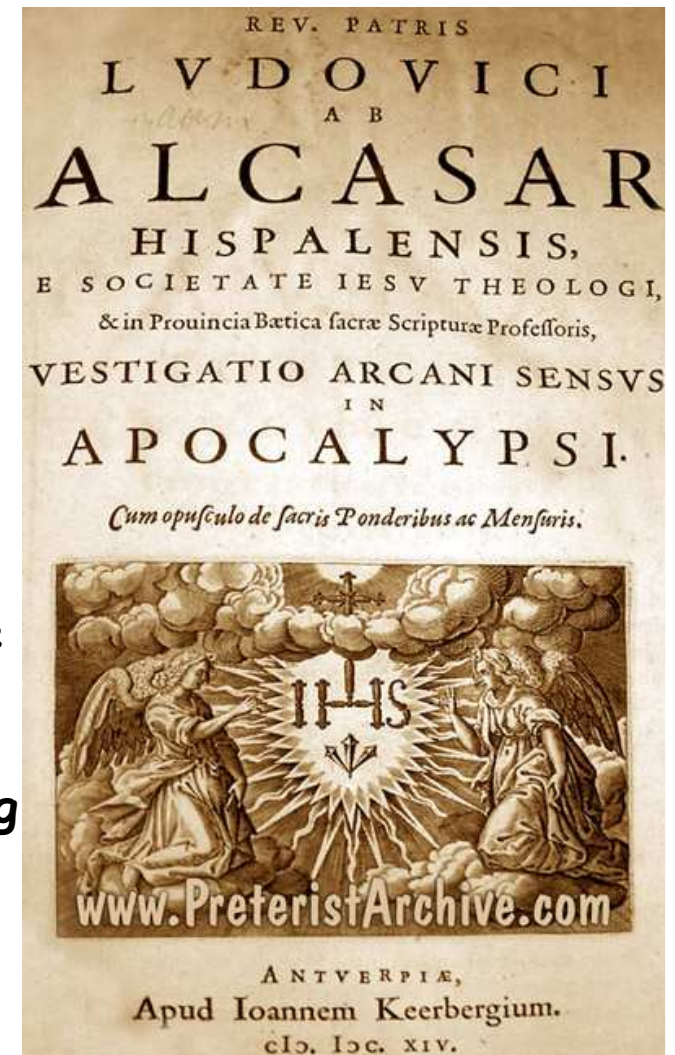
- ☐ Preterists claim that ancient Israel was supplanted by the Christian church at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. ¹
- ☐ In contrast, Paul teaches in Romans 11 that Israel will be restored.

¹ Wikipedia: Preterism

PRETERISM - ORIGIN

- ❑ None of the early Christian writers considered the return of Jesus and the resurrection to have already taken place.
- ❑ There has historically been general agreement that the first systematic Preterist exposition of prophecy was written by the Jesuit Luis De Alcasar during the Counter Reformation. ¹ & ²

¹ Wikipedia: Preterism ² Some Historicists have suggested that Preterism was first advanced in 1604 by De Alcasar to counteract the stigma which Reformers had placed on Rome by teaching that the papacy was the historical Antichrist. The early Jesuits were a conspiratorial organisation whose single goal was to overthrow the Protestant Reformation.



PRETERISM

- ❑ The oldest Church creeds all look to the coming of Jesus and the judgment as future events.

Old Roman creed	Jesus " <u>shall come</u> to <u>judge</u> the living and the dead"
Apostles' Creed	Jesus " <u>shall come again</u> to <u>judge</u> the quick and the dead"
Nicene Creed	Jesus " <u>shall come again</u> with glory to <u>judge</u> the quick and the dead"

As Full Preterism places the return of Christ and the judgment in 70 AD, this means that this position is heterodox or heretical in terms of the earliest creeds of the Church.

PRETERISM

□ Concerning the Lord's Supper, Paul writes that "whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

(1 Cor 11:26)

Thus if Full Preterists are to be consistent in their theology, they should no longer require Communion.



HISTORICISM

- ❑ Historicism treats the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation as finding earthly fulfillment through the history of the church age, and especially in relation to the Protestant-Catholic conflicts of the Reformation. It became a dominant eschatological interpretation during the Reformation and was the approach was taken by Martin Luther and John Calvin.^{1 & 2}
- ❑ The method of interpretation used is not a literal one as the visions in Revelation are seen as symbolic of known historical events.

¹ SOURCE: Wikipedia: Historicism (Christian eschatology)

² Calvin and Luther saw the Antichrist as both the papacy and Islam: The papacy was the Western Antichrist and Islam the Eastern Antichrist. Calvin referred to them as the two 'horns' and Luther called them the two 'legs' of the Antichrist. (Luther's Works, Weimer ed., 53, 394f)

HISTORICISM

- ❑ The day-year principle is a method of interpretation of Bible prophecy in which a day in apocalyptic prophecy represents a year of actual time. It is used principally by the Historicist school. It is not popular today, but was held by most Protestant Reformers and is retained by the Seventh-day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses. Historicist interpreters have usually understood the '1260 days' mentioned in Revelation to represent a period of 1260 years. Historicists usually believe the '1260 days' spanned the Middle Ages and concluded within the early modern or modern era. ¹
- ❑ Using the day-year Historicist approach, Jehovah's Witnesses predicted a series of failed prophecies about the years 1874, 1878, 1914, 1918 & 1925.

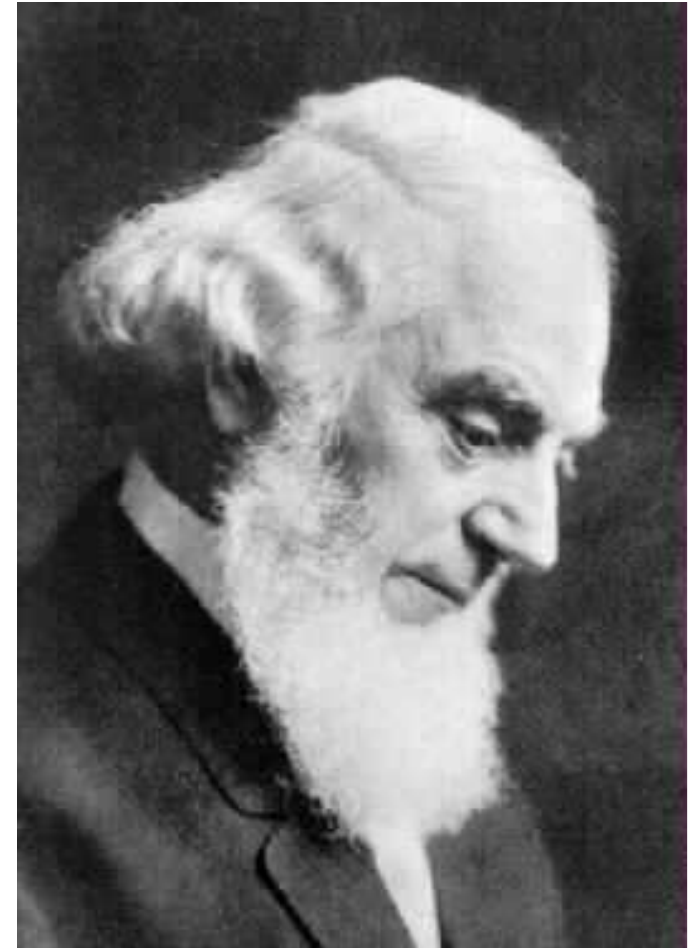
¹ SOURCE: Wikipedia - Day year principle

HISTORICISM

- ❑ Charles Taze Russell, first president of the Watchtower Society, predicted Armageddon for 1914: "... the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty', which will end in AD 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership, is already commenced." ¹
- ❑ After 1914, Russell revised his dates stating that the end would not be later than 1918: "Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by millions..." ²

¹ 'The Time Is At Hand' (1911)

² 'The Finished Mystery' (1917)



**Charles Taze
Russell (1852–1916)**

HISTORICISM

- The end came, but only for Russell - he died in 1916. 'Judge' Rutherford succeeded Russell as president and predicted that post-Armageddon reconstruction would begin in 1925, marked by the resurrection of the patriarchs: "Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old..." ¹

¹ "Millions Now Living Will Never Die" (1920). 'The Way To Paradise' (1924) also states, "No doubt many boys and girls who read this book will live to see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Daniel, and those other men of old come forth in the glory of their better resurrection, of perfect in mind and body. It will not take long for Christ to appoint them to their post of honor and authority as his earthly representatives. The world and all the present conveniences will seem strange to them at first, but they will soon become accustomed to the new methods. They may have some amusing experiences at first; for they never saw telephones, radios, automobiles, electric lights, aeroplanes, steam engines, and many other things so familiar to us."

HISTORICISM

- When 1925 also passed uneventfully, meeting attendance among the Bible Students dropped dramatically in some congregations in France and Switzerland. Attendance at the annual Memorial, which had been steadily increasing since 1919, also plummeted, dropping from 90,434 in 1925 to 17,380 in 1928. ¹

¹ SOURCE - Apocalypse Delayed: The Story of Jehovah's Witnesses by M. James Penton, professor emeritus in the Department of History at the University of Lethbridge and former Jehovah's Witness



**Joseph Franklin
'Judge' Rutherford
(1869-1942)**

HISTORICISM

- Historicism also continues to be taught in the Adventist movement. ¹

¹ According to Seventh-Day Adventist Historicism the 7 seals and 7 trumpets of Rev 6-9 are generally taken to represent events which took place during the Christian era up to 1844. E.g. the first 4 trumpets have traditionally been identified with the pagan invasions of Western Christendom in the 5th century (by the Visigoths, Vandals and Huns), while the 5th and 6th trumpets have been identified with the assault on Eastern Christendom by the Muslim armies and Ottoman Turks during the Middle Ages. Rev 6:12-13 was fulfilled in the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, the dark day of May 19, 1780, and the Leonids meteor shower of Nov 13, 1833. The vision of the angel and little book (Rev 10) represents the Millerite movement; the 'bitterness' of the book (Rev 10:10) represents the Great Disappointment. The vision of 2 witnesses (Rev 11) corresponds to the events of the French revolution. (However some Adventists today are cautious about these identifications, and many either omit or reject them.) Rev 12-13 contains a prophecy about the forces of evil in the middle ages and end times. The dragon represents both Satan and pagan Rome. The Remnant church is mentioned in Rev 12:17. (SOURCE: Wikipedia: Historicism: Christian eschatology)

HISTORICISM

- ❑ Like the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Adventists use of the day-year Historicist approach led to failed prophecies about the date of Jesus' return.
- William Miller prophesied that Jesus would return to the earth during the year 1844. A more specific date, 22 Oct 1844, was preached by Samuel S. Snow. Although thousands of followers, some of whom had given away all of their possessions, awaited expectantly, Jesus did not appear as expected on the appointed day and as a result 22 Oct 1844 became known as 'the Great Disappointment'. Both Millerite leaders and followers were left generally bewildered and disillusioned. ¹

¹ Wapedia - Wiki: Great Disappointment

HISTORICISM

- ❑ Some attempted to revise the proposed dates but many simply gave up their beliefs and rejoined their previous denominations or the Shakers. ¹
- ❑ In the confusion that followed the Great Disappointment it seemed that almost every Millerite had an opinion—all of them different. Miller said that in one week he received 16 different papers advocating different views, all claiming to be Advent papers. ¹

¹ Wikipedia: The Great Disappointment



William Miller
(1782–1849)

DAY YEAR PRINCIPLE

- This passage in Revelation 12 shows us that 1260 days are equivalent to a time, times and half a time.

$$(1 + 2 + \frac{1}{2} = 3\frac{1}{2})$$

- Rev 12:6 The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1260 days.
- Rev 12:14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.
- Now 1260 literal days do equal $3\frac{1}{2}$ literal years. If 1260 years is meant, what possible valuable meaning would the $3\frac{1}{2}$ unit period have?

IDEALISM

- Idealism (also called the spiritual approach, the allegorical approach, the non-literal approach, and many other names) is an interpretation of the Book of Revelation that sees all of the imagery of the book as non-literal symbols which are perpetually and cyclically fulfilled in a spiritual sense during the conflict between the Kingdom of God and the forces of Satan throughout the time from the first advent to the Second Coming of Christ. As such it is distinct from Preterism, Futurism and Historicism in that it does not see any of the prophecies (excepting the Second Coming, and Final Judgment) as being fulfilled in a literal, physical, earthly sense either in the past, present or future. ¹

¹ Wikipedia: Idealism (Christian eschatology)

LITERAL OR ALLEGORICAL?

J.D. Pentecost lists 3 dangers of allegorical interpretation:

- 1) It does not actually interpret Scripture and there is “unlimited scope for fancy”.
- 2) The basic authority ceases to be the Scripture, but the mind of the interpreter.
- 3) One is left without any means by which the conclusions of the interpreter may be tested.

□ “Thus the great dangers inherent in this system are that it takes away the authority of Scripture, leaves us without any basis on which interpretations may be tested, reduced Scripture to what seems reasonable to the interpreter, and, as a result, makes true interpretation of Scripture impossible.” ¹

¹ J. Dwight Pentecost (Things to Come)

FUTURISM

- ❑ With the rise of dispensationalist theology in the nineteenth century, Historicism was supplanted by Futurism as the dominant eschatological viewpoint among conservative Protestants.
- ❑ The Futurist believes that, while parallels may be drawn with historical events, Revelation is **chiefly referring to events which as yet have not come to pass**, but which will come to pass at the end of the age when Christ returns to establish his kingdom. ¹
- ❑ Futurist interpretations generally predict a **resurrection of the dead and a rapture of the living**, wherein all true Christians and those who have not reached an age of accountability are gathered to Christ at the time God's kingdom comes on earth. ²

¹ Wapedia: Christian eschatology ² Wikipedia: Book of Revelation

FUTURISM

- ❑ They also believe a 7 year tribulation will occur - a period of time when the antichrist will persecute saints and God will judge the rebellious inhabitants of the earth.
Futurists differ on the timing of the Rapture of believers (the event when believers are caught up to be with Jesus), but there are 3 main views:
 - 1) before the tribulation
 - 2) in the middle of the tribulation
 - 3) at the end of the tribulation.
- ❑ We will cover this aspect in a later study.

FUTURISM

- ❑ Some Historicists have tried to link the origin of Futurism to a Jesuit plot, claiming that it was inspired by the writings of Francisco Ribera.
 - While the book of Ribera (in 1585-1590) did have the perspective of Futurism, Ribera did not invent this viewpoint. It was the view held by all the early Church Fathers.
 - And it is far more logical to equate the prophetic terms of "time, times and half a time", 1260 days and 42 months as $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of 1260 literal days than as 1260 years. It is the natural and obvious conclusion when reading the texts.

The History of Eschatology

Apostolic Era
32AD - 96AD

Premillennial
Ephesus

Pagan Rome
96AD - 313AD

Premillennial
Smyrna

Byzantine Era
313AD - 426AD

Amillennial
Pergamos

Papal Era
600AD

Amillennial
Thyatira

Amill./Historicist
Sardis

Reformation Era
1517AD

Premillennial

Postmillennial
Philadelphia

Evangelical Era
1700AD

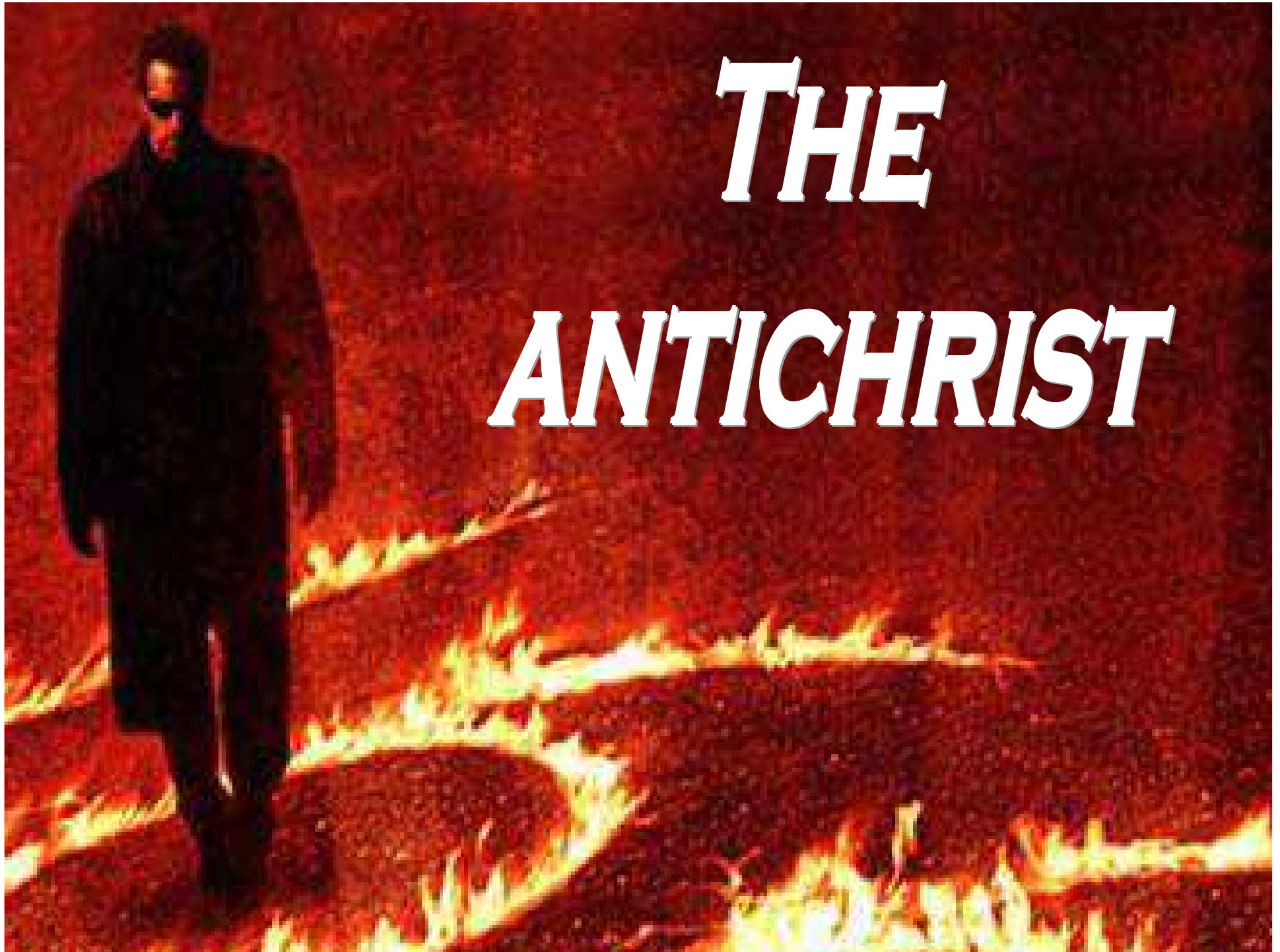
Premillennial
Postmillennial
Amillennial & Preterist
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Charismatic Era
1900AD

NOTE:

The seven stages are prophetically described in Revelation chapters 2 & 3.

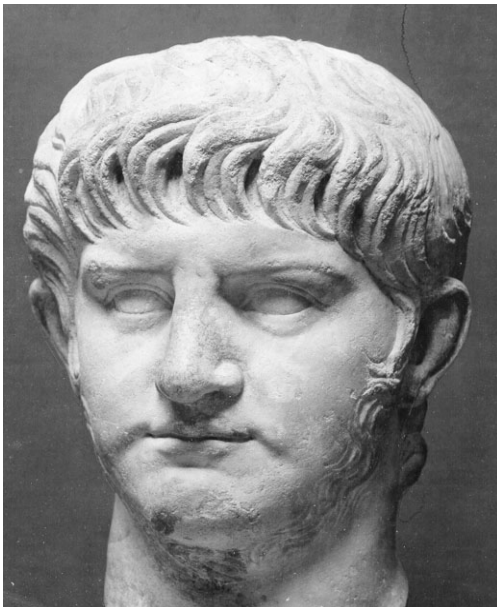
THE ANTICHRIST



THE ANTICHRIST

- ❑ Preterist: a 1st Century emperor (Pagan Rome).
- ❑ Historicist: the medieval Roman Catholic church or Pope.
- ❑ Futurist: a future (man) political & religious leader of a future revived Roman Empire.

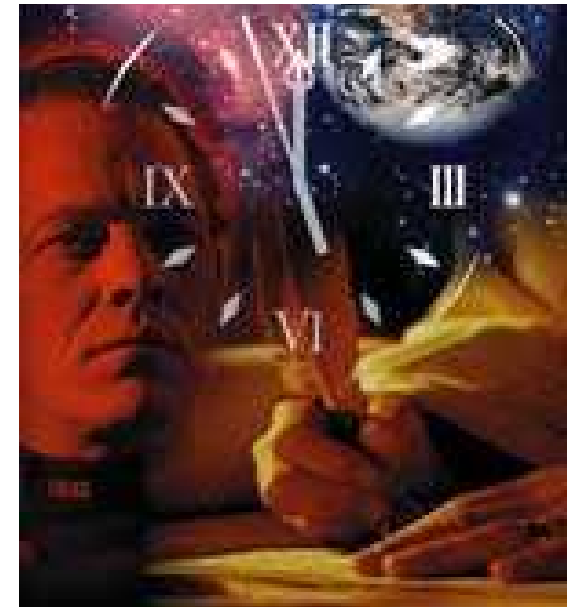
Preterist



Historicist



Futurist



PRETERIST ANTICHRIST

- ❑ The concept of Nero as the Antichrist is often a central belief of Preterist eschatology.¹
- ❑ While this view is 'popular' in some circles today - namely among liberal theologians, and is often presented as the 'predominant' view "held by most scholars" on pseudo-documentaries on the History Channel, the Christian apologists who lived close to these times never made this link, but saw the antichrist as a future man. At best, Nero was seen as a **"type of the antichrist"**.
- E.g. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407 AD) in his 'Homilies on Second Thessalonians' writes, "For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work." He speaks here of **Nero, as if he were the type of Antichrist."**

¹ Wikipedia: Nero

PRETERIST ANTICHRIST

- Amongst many others, Irenaeus ¹ in the late 2nd century still refers to the antichrist as a future person. In addition, Irenaeus says that John wrote the Revelation "towards the end of Domitian's reign" ² (81-96 AD), which was long after Nero's (54-68 AD) reign. John refers to his book as "this book of prophecy" (Rev 22:19) not "this book of history" so the events were not reflections on events that had already happened, but a glimpse into the prophetic future.

¹ Irenaeus was a disciple of Polycarp who was, in turn, a disciple of John. His teachings are considered among the most important of early Christianity and provide important insight into John's teachings. ² Against Heresies, Book 5, Ch. XXX v3 "We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of Antichrist; for if it were necessary that his name should be distinctly revealed in this present time, it would have been announced by him who beheld **the apocalyptic vision**. For **that was seen** no very long time since, but almost in our day, **towards the end of Domitian's reign.**"

HISTORICIST ANTICHRIST

- ❑ A distinct feature of Historicism, which makes it very controversial, is the identification of the Antichrist, the Beast, the Man of sin or Man of Lawlessness and the Whore of Babylon with the Roman Catholic Church, the Papal system and each successive Pope himself (a common position held by Protestants in the Reformation, which is not prevalent today).¹
- ❑ According to SDA Historicism... the first beast of Revelation 13 (from the sea) symbolizes the Papacy, and the second beast (from the earth) symbolizes the USA.¹

¹ Wikipedia: Historicism
(Christian eschatology)



HISTORICIST ANTICHRIST

- ❑ Is the Pope or the Catholic Church the antichrist?
- ❑ 2 John 7 Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.
 - Neither the Papal church nor the Pope ever denied the incarnation (i.e. that Jesus came physically in flesh). This was the heresy of the Gnostics - rejected by the church in the 2nd and 3rd century.
- ❑ 1 John 2:22 Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son.
 - Likewise the Catholic Church and the Pope have never denied that Jesus is the Christ (Greek for Messiah).

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- The view of a literal future man fulfilling the prophecies of the antichrist was understood from the Scriptures by the early Church Fathers such as Justin Martyr, Irenaeus,¹ Tertullian (2nd century), Hippolytus & Cyprian (3rd Century). They interpreted Daniel's 70th week as a future event, with a future antichrist coming during a final period of tribulation.

¹ Irenaeus writes, "And not only by the particulars already mentioned, but also by means of the events which shall occur in the time of Antichrist is it shown that he, being an apostate and a robber, is anxious to be adored as God; and that, although a mere slave, he wishes himself to be proclaimed as a king. For he (Antichrist) being endued with all the power of the devil, shall come, not as a righteous king, nor as a legitimate king, [i.e., one] in subjection to God, but an impious, unjust, and lawless one; as an apostate, iniquitous and murderous; as a robber, concentrating in himself [all] satanic apostasy, and setting aside idols to persuade [men] that he himself is God, raising up himself as the only idol, having in himself the multifarious errors of the other idols." [Against Heresies: Ch XXV:1]

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- ❑ Irenaeus declares that the Antichrist's future $3\frac{1}{2}$ year reign, when he sits in the temple at Jerusalem, will be terminated by the second advent, with the resurrection of the just, the destruction for the wicked, and the millennial reign of the righteous. The general resurrection and the judgment follow the descent of the New Jerusalem at the end of the millennial kingdom.¹ This is clearly a Futurist Premillennial interpretation.
- ❑ Like the other early church fathers, Irenaeus interpreted the three and one-half 'times' of the Little Horn of Daniel 7 as $3\frac{1}{2}$ literal years. Antichrist's $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of sitting in the temple are placed immediately before the Second Coming of Christ.²

¹ www.newworldencyclopedia.org: Irenaeus ² Wikipedia: Irenaeus

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- ❑ Irenaeus identified the Antichrist, another name of the apostate Man of Sin, with Daniel's Little Horn and John's Beast of Revelation 13. He sought to apply other expressions to the Antichrist, such as "the abomination of desolation," mentioned by Christ (Matt 24:15) and the "king of a most fierce countenance," in Gabriel's explanation of the Little Horn of Daniel 8.¹
- ❑ Not only does Irenaeus believe that the Antichrist is a single individual but he proposed that he might be of Jewish origin and more specifically from the tribe of Dan.

¹ www.newworldencyclopedia.org: Irenaeus



FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- ❑ Justin Martyr (c.100 - 165 AD) connects Christ's second coming with the climax of the prophecy of Daniel 7.
- ❑ Daniel's "time, times, and a half", Justin believed, was nearing its consummation, when Antichrist would speak his blasphemies against the Most High. And he contends with Trypho over the meaning of a 'time' and 'times'. Justin expects the time to be very short, but Trypho's concept is interesting.^{1 & 2}

¹ Wikipedia: Justin Martyr ² Justin says to Trypho the Jew, "The times now running on to their consummation; and he whom Daniel foretells would have dominion for a time, and times, and an half, is even already at the door, about to speak blasphemous and daring things against the Most High. But you, being ignorant of how long he will have dominion, hold another opinion. For you interpret the 'time' as being a hundred years."

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- Like Irenaeus, Tertullian (c.160 - c.220 AD) identifies the Antichrist with the Man of Sin and the Beast. On the one hand he speaks of many antichrists - as indeed John himself does - men who rebel against Christ at any time. Yet on the other hand he expects the specific Antichrist just before the resurrection... ^{1 & 2}
- Cyprian (200-258 AD) pupil of Tertullian also believed in a literal Antichrist... ³

¹ SOURCE: Wikipedia (quoting 'On the Resurrection', ch 24)

² In 'Against Marcion' Ch XVI - "Well, but who is the man of sin, the son of perdition, who must first be revealed before the Lord comes; "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; who is to sit in the temple of God, and boast himself as being God? According indeed to our view, he is Antichrist; as it is taught us in both the ancient and the new prophecies, and especially by the Apostle John..." ³ www.biblefacts.org/history/carthage.html

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- Hippolytus of Rome (c.170 - c.236 AD) was a disciple of Irenaeus. He saw the Antichrist as a literal future man. He sees the coming of Jesus and judgment as future events (after the Antichrist) and also expects a kingdom where the saints reign with Christ". ¹

¹ In 'Treatise on Christ and Antichrist' he writes, "... it is proper that we take the Holy Scriptures themselves in hand, and find out from them what, and of what manner, the coming of Antichrist is; on what occasion and at what time that impious one shall be revealed; and whence and from what tribe (he shall come); and what his name is, which is indicated by the number in the Scripture; and how he shall work error among the people, gathering them from the ends of the earth; and (how) he shall stir up tribulation and persecution against the saints; and how he shall glorify himself as God; and what his end shall be; and how the sudden appearing of the Lord shall be revealed from heaven; and what the conflagration of the whole world shall be; and what the glorious and heavenly kingdom of the saints is to be, when they reign together with Christ; and what the punishment of the wicked by fire."

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

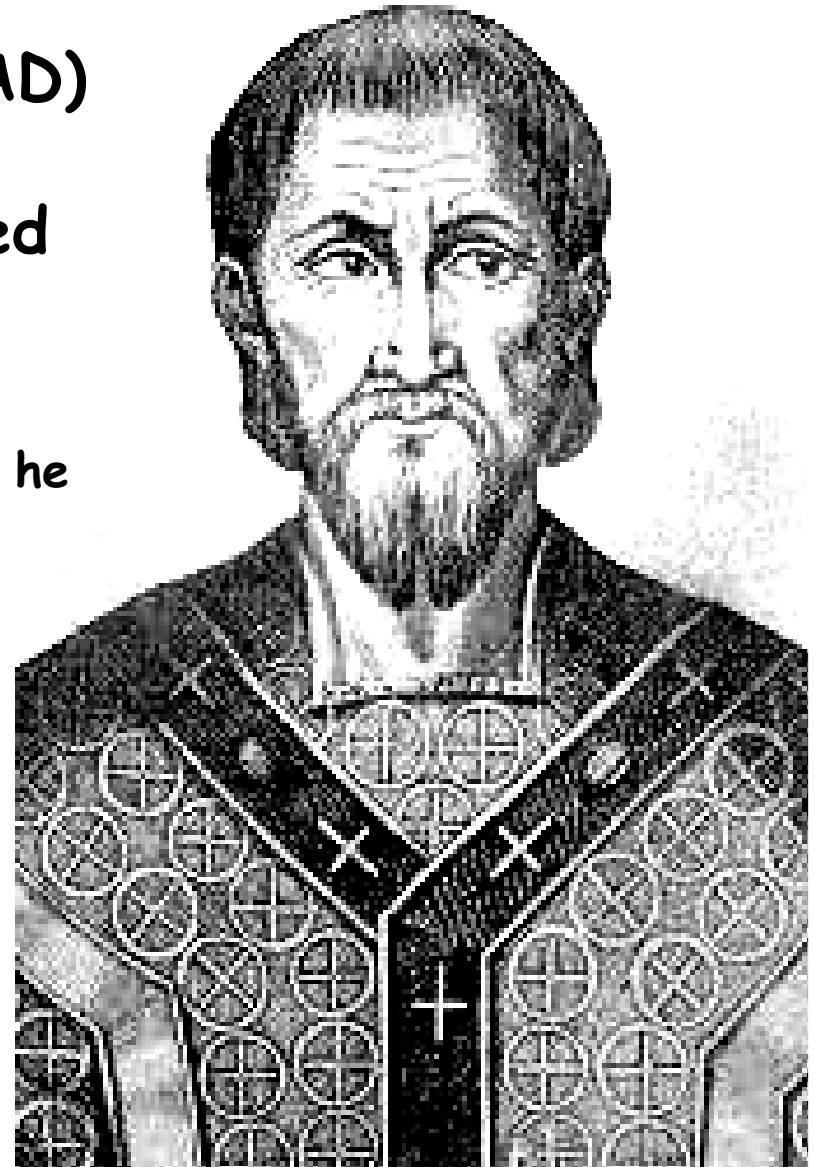
- Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315-386 AD) speaks of the antichrist as a literal future man ¹ who comes near "the end of the world" ² and who beguiles "the Jews as though he were the expected Christ". ³ He is destroyed at Christ's future coming ⁴ after a 3½ year rule. ⁵

In his 'Catechetical Lectures' he writes, "But this aforesaid Antichrist is to come when the times of the Roman empire shall have been fulfilled, and the end of the world is now drawing near ² ... At first indeed he ¹ will put on a show of mildness... and by the lying signs and wonders of his magical deceit having beguiled the Jews, as though he were the expected Christ, ³ he shall afterwards be characterized by all kinds of crimes of inhumanity and lawlessness, so as to outdo all unrighteous and ungodly men who have gone before him displaying against all men, but especially against us Christians... And after perpetrating such things for three years and six months only, ⁴ he shall be destroyed by the glorious second advent from heaven of the only-begotten Son of God, ⁵ our Lord and Saviour Jesus, the true Christ..."

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- John Chrysostom (c. 347-407 AD) sees the Antichrist as a literal future man who will be destroyed at the coming of Christ.¹

¹ In his 'Homilies on Second Thessalonians' he writes, "... he will attack the anarchy, and endeavor to seize upon the government both of man and of God. For as the kingdoms before this were destroyed, for example, that of the Medes by the Babylonians, that of the Babylonians by the Persians, that of the Persians by the Macedonians, that of the Macedonians by the Romans: so will this also be by the Antichrist, and he by Christ, and it will no longer withhold. And these things Daniel delivered to us with great clearness."



John Chrysostom

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST

- Even Jerome (c. 340-420 AD) sees the man antichrist coming “at the end of the world.” ¹
- He does not see Jesus' words “Woe unto them that are with child” as being fulfilled in 70 AD as Preterists believe, but sees them as still future. ²

¹ In his 'Commentary on Daniel' he writes, “... We should therefore concur with the traditional interpretation of all the commentators of the Christian Church, that at the end of the world, when the Roman Empire is to be destroyed, there shall be ten kings who will partition the Roman world amongst themselves. Then an insignificant eleventh king will arise, who will overcome three of the ten kings...”

² In his letter to the widow Ageruchia in 409 AD he writes “He that letteth is taken out of the way, and yet we do not realize that Antichrist is near. Yes, Antichrist is near whom the Lord Jesus Christ 'shall consume with the spirit of his mouth.' 'Woe unto them,' he cries, 'that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days.'”

FUTURIST ANTICHRIST



- Gregory I (540-604 AD), the Bishop of Rome, adapted a view common among Futurists today i.e. that the man Antichrist, as a false or substitute Messiah to Israel, will mimic Jesus' resurrection. ¹

¹ "What else can I call these but preachers of Antichrist, who, when he comes, will cause the Sabbath day as well as the Lord's day to be kept free from all work. For, because he pretends to die and rise again, he wishes the Lord's day to be had in reverence; and, because he compels the people to Judaize that he may bring back the outward rite of the law, and subject the perfidy of the Jews to himself, he wishes the Sabbath to be observed." [Source: Gregory I, Selected Epistles, bk. 13, Epistle 1, trans. in NPNF, 2d series, Vol. 13, pp. 92, 93.]



***THE
MARK
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BEAST***

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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

- ❑ Rev 13:16-17 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark...
- ❑ Preterist:
 - the emperor's image on Roman coins
 - the certificate of sacrifice to the emperor.
- ❑ Historicist:
 - the practice of making the sign of the cross
 - SDA: an international Sunday law
- ❑ Futurist: Mark of commerce - most likely a credit facility in the form of a microchip implant or RFID tag.

PRETERIST MARK

- The Preterist idea that the mark is the emperor's image on Roman coins at least acknowledges that a mark of commerce is being referred to.

"No one could buy or sell unless he had the mark..."

- But by identifying the mark with coins (a form of cash) - what kind of a prophetic sign is that???

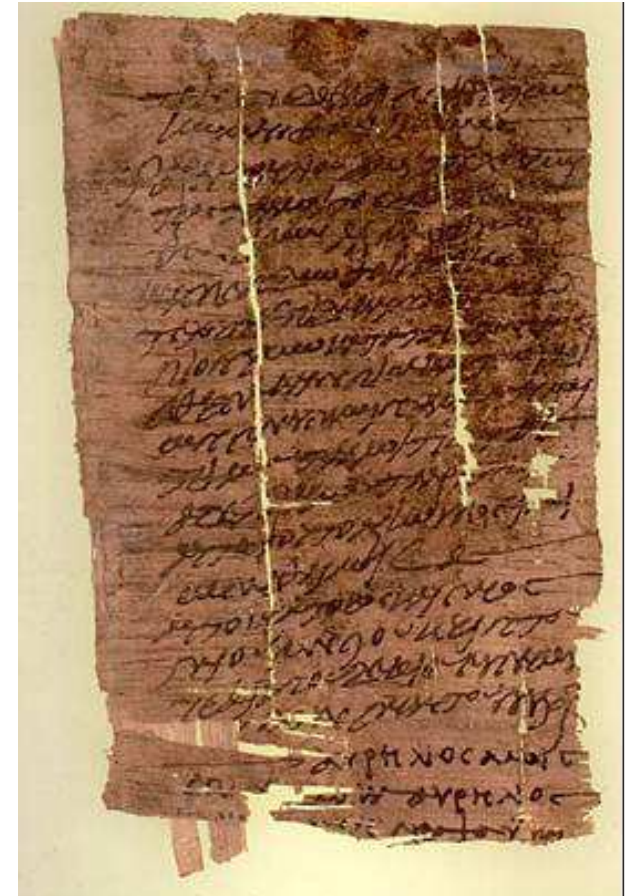
Throughout most of human history, you couldn't buy or sell unless you had money.



PRETERIST MARK

- ❑ Identifying the mark with the certificate of sacrifice to the emperor is slightly more sensible. At one stage in history Christians were compelled to obtain a certificate proving that they had participated in Emperor worship. But this happened long after 70 AD, certainly not in Nero's time! (To be exact - it occurred in the persecution by Decius in 250 AD.¹)

¹ In January of 250, Decius issued an edict requiring all citizens to sacrifice to the emperor in the presence of a Roman official and obtain a certificate (libellus) proving they had done so. [www.ReligionFacts.com: Persecution in the Early Church] ² 46 such certificates have been published, all dating from this same year (250 AD). ['Certificate of pagan sacrifice: Jun-Jul, AD 250', Oxyrhynchus Papyri Project, Oxford Univ.]



Libellus from the Decian persecution, found in Oxyrhynchus in Egypt.

HISTORICIST MARK

- ❑ Some believe that the mark of the beast refers to the practice of making the sign of the cross, common to many branches of Christianity including Roman Catholicism.
 - Just exactly when were people unable to buy or sell without making the sign of the cross?



HISTORICIST MARK

- ❑ In SDA eschatology the 'image to the beast' represents Protestant churches which will form an alliance with the Papacy, and the 'mark of the beast' refers to a future universal Sunday law legally enforcing Sunday-worship. Just how likely is that? ¹
- ❑ In JW eschatology the beast represents human government and the mark "is a symbol that identifies its bearer as one who gives worshipful support to the beastlike political systems of the world." ²

¹ Who is going to enforce Sunday worship on the two billion Friday-worshipping Moslems? What about the two billion Hindus, Buddhists, and other eastern religions? Who is going to make them start observing Sunday? What about the hundreds of millions of people who are secularists, agnostics, and atheists? Who is going to make them worship anything at all? [<http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com> - What are the Odds of a National Sunday Law?]

² www.watchtower.org

FUTURIST MARK

- ❑ The Futurist position which interprets the verse literally makes far more sense.
- ❑ Buying and selling refers to a form of commerce.
 - This is most likely a credit facility in the form of a microchip implant or RFID tag.
 - It cannot be cash because the mark is on the right hand or on the forehead. How many people do you know who carry their cash on their forehead?



Letter	Name	Value	Letter	Name	Value
α	alpha	1	ι	iota	10
β	beta	2	κ	kappa	20
γ	gamma	3	λ	lamda	30
δ	delta	4	μ	mu	40
ε	epsilon	5	ν	nu	50
ζ	zeta	7	ξ	xi	60
η	eta	8	ο	omicron	70
θ	theta		π	pi	80

Letter	Name	Value
ρ	ro	100
σ	sigma	200
τ	tau	300
υ	upsilon	400
φ	phi	500
χ	chi	600
ψ	psi	700
ω	omega	800

Value	Hebrew	Value	Hebrew	Glyph
	Lamed	3		ל
	Mem			מ, ם
	Nun			נ, ן
	Samekh			ס
	Ayin	70		ע
6	Waw	80		ו, װ
7	Zayin	90		ז, ם
8	Heth	100		ח
9	Teth	200		ט
10	Yodh	300		י
20	Kaph	400		כ, ך

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- ❑ Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.
- ❑ Unlike English, many ancient languages like Hebrew, Greek & Latin had no separate numeral system but letters had corresponding numbers.
- ❑ Gematria uses the sum of these numbers to give a numeric value to a word or name.
- ❑ John calls the mark "the number of his name" so it is quite likely that the Gematria (numerical value) of the Antichrist's name will be 666. But in which language - Hebrew, Greek, Latin or English?

666

- ❑ Calculations using a contrived “English” Gematria (e.g. A=6, B=12, C=18, etc) are unconvincing, as historically English speakers used the Latin alphabet and numeral system, before moving to the separate Arabic numeral system sometime after 1000 AD.
- ❑ Latin was the language of the Romans and the antichrist will rule the revived Roman Empire. However not all of the Latin letters had numerical values.
- ❑ Some claim that Hebrew is the “heavenly language”, and so any calculation should be done with a transliteration of the name in Hebrew.
- ❑ However the Revelation was written in Greek, so it is more likely that this is the most important language for calculating the 666.

PRETERIST 666

Hebrew	Glyph	Decimal
Nun	נ	50
Resh	ר	200
Waw	ו	6
Nun	נ	50
Qoph	ק	100
Samech	ס	60
Resh	ר	200
TOTAL		666

- ❑ Preterists see 666 as the code for Nero (r. 54-68 AD), Caligula (r. 37-41 AD) or Domitian (r. 81-96 AD).
- ❑ It is claimed that the Greek spelling of Nero Caesar (Nerōn Kaisar) transliterates into Hebrew as "נרון קסר" or 'nrwn qsr'. Adding the corresponding values yields 666.

PRETERIST 666

- ❑ The Hebrew Gematria used by Preterists uses some inventive gymnastics by relying on a Greek variant of Nero's name (adding an 'n' to make it fit) and then still transliterating into Hebrew. Nero was a Roman and the Latin title for Nero is simply spelt "Nerō Caesar," which transliterates to "נרו קסר" in Hebrew (or "nrv qsr") and has a value of 616.

Hebrew	Glyph	Decimal
Nun	נ	50
Resh	ר	200
Waw	ו	6
Qoph	ק	100
Samech	ס	60
Resh	ר	200
TOTAL		616

- ❑ The NT and Revelation were written in Greek. The **Greek Gematria for Nero is 1337.**

PRETERIST 666

- ❑ However there is another more serious problem with the Hebrew Gematria for the Greek 'Neron Kaisar'.
- ❑ The rules of Gematria dictate that when the letter Nun appears a second time in a word, it is known as a 'Final', and takes the value of 700.¹

Hebrew	Glyph	Decimal	Hebrew	Glyph	Decimal
Kaf	כ	20	Kaf (final)	ך	500
Mem	מ	40	Mem (final)	ם	600
Nun	נ	50	Nun (final)	ן	700
Peh	פ	80	Peh (final)	ף	800
Tzady	צ	90	Tzady (final)	ץ	900

¹ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gematria>

PRETERIST 666

Hebrew	Glyph	Decimal
Nun	נ	50
Resh	ר	200
Waw	ו	6
Nun	נ	700
Qoph	ק	100
Samech	ס	60
Resh	ר	200
TOTAL		1316

- ❑ So to be precise, even NRVN QSR actually adds up to 1316 and not 666.

PRETERIST 666

- ❑ The Gematria for Caligula is 616. Identifying Caligula as the antichrist relies on a variant value of 616 mentioned by Irenaeus (whom Preterists otherwise choose to ignore when he mentions the timing of the writing of John's Revelation).
- Although Irenaeus knew several cases of the 616-variant he regarded them as a scribal error and affirmed that the number 666 stood "in all the most approved and ancient copies" and was attested by "those men who saw John face to face".¹

¹ Against Heresies Book V, Chapter XXX



Caligula (12 - 41 AD)

PRETERIST 666

- ❑ Domitian - using the short form of Domitian's 5 titles ... Domitian's official title in Latin was Imperator Caesar Domitianus Augustus Germanicus.¹ The abbreviated form renders a value of 666.
- ❑ But like many 666 schemes, this is very inventive to make Domitian 'fit'. In any event he ruled from 81 to 96 AD, long after the alleged Preterist return of Jesus in 70 AD.

¹ Source: Wikipedia - Number of the Beast



Domitian (51–96)

HISTORICIST 666

- ❑ According to the SDA Church, the alleged title of the Pope, Vicarivs Filii Dei (Vicar of The Son of God), totals 666 in Roman numerals (disregarding letters that had no numerical value for Romans - such as the A,R and S in Vicarivs).
- This title is not recognized by Catholics as an official title of the Pope. The title was contained in the Donation of Constantine, a document recognized as a forgery by both Protestants and Catholics.
- The beast number 666 some Historicists claim is engraved in the Pope's tiara has never been proven to exist. ¹



¹ Wikipedia : Antichrist (historicism)

FUTURIST 666

- ❑ Futurist: 666 = the Gematria of the antichrist's name and a link to the numerical form of the credit facility.
- ❑ The VISA Card is interesting when considering the number 666. Some have alleged that the word 'VISA' (from the VISA card) comprises of the number 6 in the languages of three former world empires (Rome, Greece and Babylonia). 'VI' is of course the number 6 in Roman numerals, 'S' is claimed as the English equivalent of the Greek 'Stigma' whose value is also 6, and lastly it is claimed that "A in the Babylonian culture is 6". Thus it follows that VI-S-A is an acronym for 6-6-6.

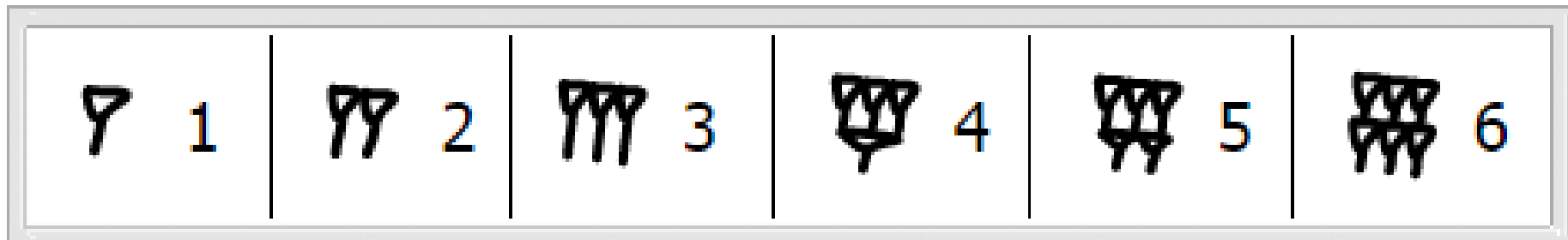


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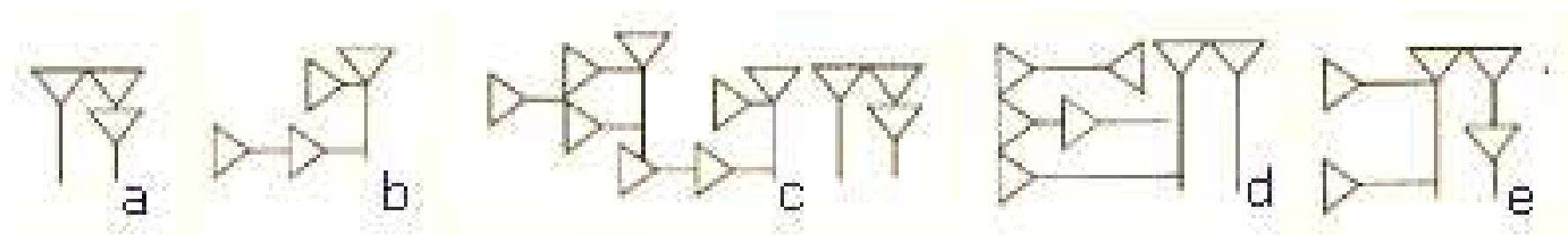
- ❑ But while the claims about the Latin alphabet check out because 'VI' is indeed 6, the last two claims do not.
- ❑ The equivalent of the English or Latin 'S' is not stigma but sigma, which had a numerical value of 200. Stigma is a now obsolete Greek character, but it was used in New Testament times and did represent the number 6. But stigma was a continuation of the old letter digamma which was the ancestor of the Latin letter 'F'.
- ❑ While one can see how sigma and stigma may get confused, it's totally unclear to me how anyone arrived at the last claim regarding the Babylonian alphabet. The Babylonians had a separate numerical system and they did not have to use the letter 'A' from their alphabet to represent the number '6'.

FUTURIST 666

- ❑ Rather their alphabet was cuneiform and utilised a series of wedge shaped characters. The Babylonian cuneiform shape for "A" is quite distinct from the cuneiform number '6'.



Babylonian number system showing the numbers 1 to 6.



The alphabet (a-e) in Babylonian cuneiform

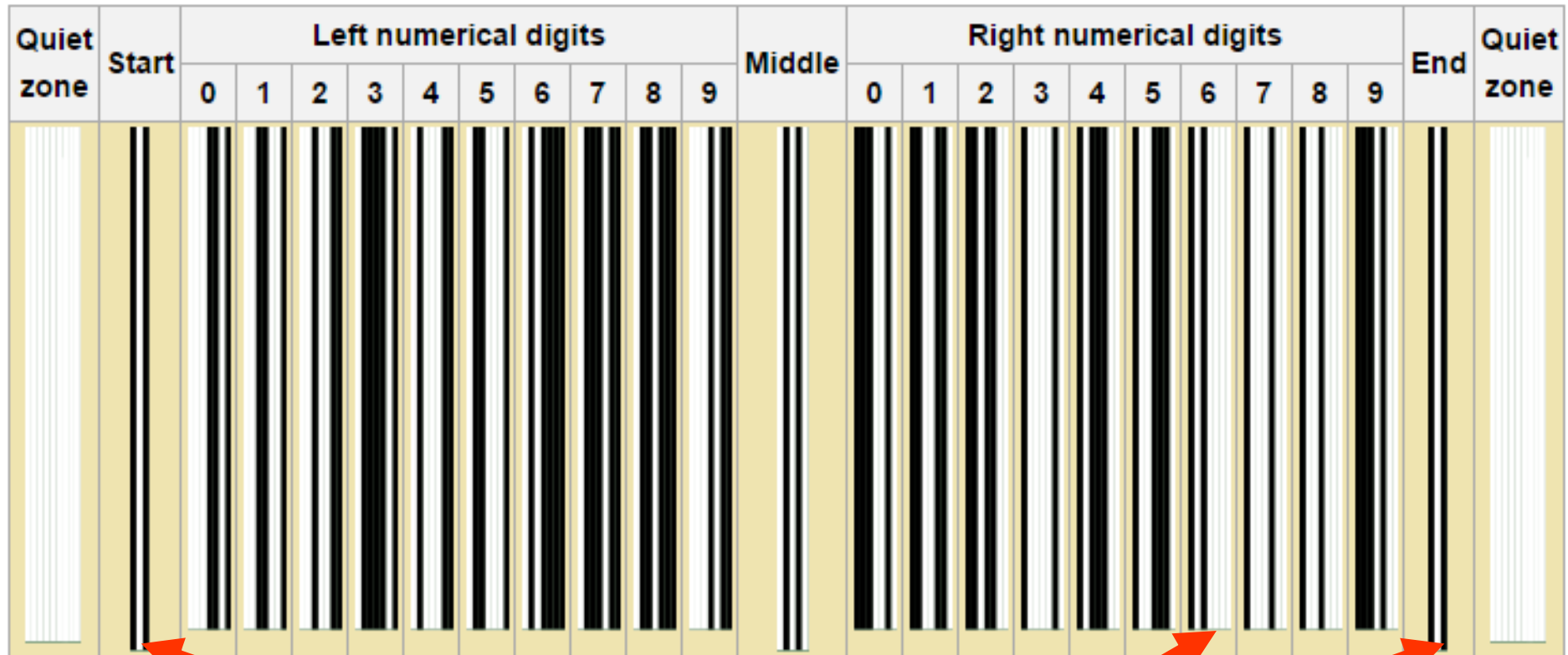
FUTURIST 666

- ❑ UPC (Universal Product Code) bar codes were instituted in the 1970s and today all products in large grocery stores will have a UPC imprinted on them. It is claimed by some that all UPC bar codes have the number 666 encoded within them. These bar codes are made up of numerous lines of various widths and distances apart. Each number is represented by a 2-line code. The code for the number 6 on the right segment is 2 thin lines, a short distance apart.
- ❑ The 3 elongated end and middle "guard bars" on every barcode are visually identical to the symbol used to represent the number 6 on the right hand segment of a barcode. Thus 6-6-6 appears to form a template for the barcodes.

6

6

6



Note guard bars and right segment 6

FUTURIST 666

- ❑ Now let's look at the three guard bars located at the beginning, middle and end which allow the scanner to know when the codes start and finish.

B			M					6						
1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
101			01010					1010000						

- ❑ The beginning and ending guard bars are encoded as a binary number 101, while the middle guard bar is encoded as 01010. The beginning and ending guard bars have only three units, the middle guard bar has only five units, but the number 6 has seven units with the binary code 1010000.
- ❑ So while visually the barcode does appear to be in a '666' template, in reality from the perspective of the computer software that reads it, it is not.

FUTURIST 666

- ❑ The Internet plays a major role today in eCommerce and financial transactions.
- ❑ The Hebrew Letter waw/vav is commonly pronounced 'w'. In Hebrew, the letter waw is used to represent the number 6.
- ❑ The common abbreviation for "World Wide Web" is www.
- ❑ In Hebrew, this abbreviation would be spelled waw waw waw.
- ❑ Numerically, this Hebrew abbreviation would be 6-6-6.

Decimal	Hebrew	Glyph
1	Aleph	א
2	Bet	ב
3	Gimel	ג
4	Daled	ד
5	He	ה
6	Waw	ו
7	Zayin	ז
8	Heth	ח
9	Teth	ט
10	Yodh	י
20	Kaph	כ, כּ
30	Lamed	ל
40	Mem	מ, מּ
50	Nun	נ, נּ
60	Samekh	ס
70	Ayin	ע
80	Pe	פ, פּ
90	Tsadi	צ, צּ
100	Qoph	ק
200	Resh	ר
300	Shin	ש
400	Taw	ת

FUTURIST 666

- ❑ However, while it is significant that barcodes, credit cards and the Internet are playing a major role in commerce (buying and selling), Revelation specifically calls it man's number and refers to a compulsory mark on the right hand or forehead. This cannot apply to the Internet, credit cards or product bar-coding.
- Rev 13:16-18 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; and that no one would be able to buy or to sell, unless he has that mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name. 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.
(WEB)

FUTURIST 666

- ❑ The 'man' here in Greek is 'anthropos' (ανθρωπου). ¹ Man was created on the 6th day. Thus 6 is man's number.
- ❑ In addition the number is not 6-6-6, but six hundred and sixty six. In the Greek John says the number is χξς (chi xi stigma ²): denoting respectively 600, 60 and 6; 666 as a numeral - six hundred threescore and six. ³
- ❑ 7 is the number of perfection & 777 represents the triune perfection. 888 (Jesus' number) surpasses the perfect number 777 by one in each case, while 666 falls short of the divine perfection in each case.

¹ a genitive (expressing possession) noun: man-faced, i.e. a human being.

² Stigma is a now obsolete Greek character, but it was used in the NT times and represented the number 6.

³ Thus the actual total of 'www' is actually 18 (6+6+6) — not 666.

FUTURIST 666

- 8 is the number of the new creation. Christ (Cristos) is 1680 (8 x 210). Kurios (Lord) has the value 800 (8 x 100). Saviour (Soter) is 1408 (8 x 8 x 22).
- The name Jesus (Iesous in Greek) adds up to 888 (8 x 111). In similar fashion the Greek name for the antichrist may equate to 666.

Jesus		8 x 111	ιησους	ι	η	σ	ο	υ	ς	
888	8	111.00	Iesous	10	8	200	70	400	200	
Christ		8 x 210	χριστου	χ	ρ	ι	σ	τ	ο	υ
1680	8	210.00	Cristos	600	100	10	200	300	70	400
Lord		8 x 100	κυριος	κ	υ	ρ	ι	ο	ς	
800	8	100.00	kurios	20	400	100	10	70	200	
Saviour		8 x 176	σωτηρ	σ	ω	τ	η	ρ		
1408	8	176.00	soter	200	800	300	8	100		

The number of Jesus' names and titles in Greek.

NOTE: ς is an end-of-word lowercase sigma (σ), which equates to 200.

AN UNEXPECTED RETURN

- ❑ So we not only expect a future man antichrist, but an imminent future return of Jesus in person.
- ❑ But Jesus' return will be unexpected:
 - Matt 24:36-42 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away."

HOW SOON IS "SOON"?

- ❑ Preterists point out that Jesus said in Revelation, "Behold, I am coming soon!" (Rev 22:7) and that this vindicates their position of a 1st century 'return'.
- Jesus said these words in about 95 AD, which was after this supposed coming of Jesus in 70 AD. This forces Preterists to try and move the date of Revelation 3 decades earlier (without any historical evidence and by dismissing the highly regarded writings of Irenaeus).



HOW SOON IS "SOON"?

- 2 Peter was written in the 60's of the 1st century. Yet Peter indicates that the eminence of the coming of the Lord must be viewed in the light of God's perspective on time. He also indicates that the seeming delay is due to God's desire for more to be saved.
- 2 Pet 3:3-9 ... in the last days scoffers will come... They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised?" ... But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

AN UNEXPECTED RETURN

- "That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."
(Matt 24:39-42)



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