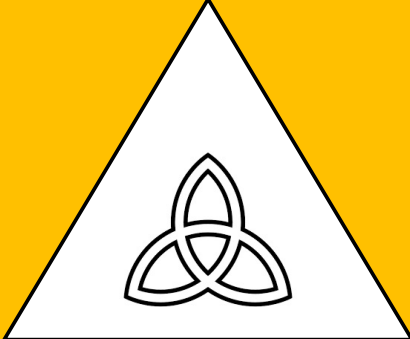


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Chapter 13

Counterfeit Trinity

Father



Son **Holy Spirit**

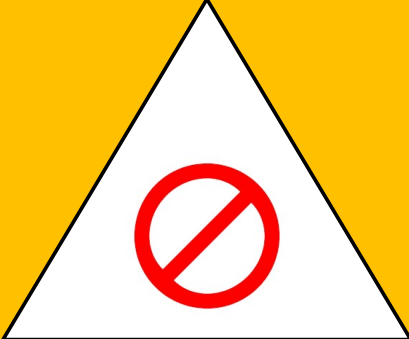
“And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of **the dragon, and out of the mouth of **the beast**, and out of the mouth of **the false prophet**, three unclean spirits like frogs:”**

Revelation 16:13

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The prefix “anti” can mean “against” or “instead of”

Satan



Beast Antichrist (Political) **False Prophet (Religious)**

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Chapter 13

Matthew 24:24-25 (Jesus speaking to His disciples at the Olivet Discourse)

Question: *What shall be the sign of your coming?*

Answer: *For false christs and **false prophets** will arise and will provide great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance.*

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Chapter 13

Verse 11- *Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.*

another- (*allo*, not *heteros*- “a different kind”) another of the “same kind” as the first beast. It takes two imposters to imitate what Christ has done. This second beast is mentioned three times in the book (16:13; 19:20; 20:10).

This is a man- Is it possible to throw a political system into the lake of fire? (Revelation 20:10 “And the devil that deceived them was **cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are**, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”)

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Verse 11- *Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.*

two horns like a lamb- Similar to Daniel 8:3-4. This second beast appears small and inoffensive (young male sheep). He seems harmless, loveable, and attractive but is a wolf in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). He has no crowns (no political authority).

he spoke as a dragon- He imitates the Lamb of God, but his speech betrays him. Two is the number of "witness"- This beast will bear witness of the first beast from the sea.

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Chapter 13

Verse 12- *He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who live on it worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.*

all the authority- God give temporary authority to Satan. Satan gives authority to the beast who then gives authority to the false prophet.

in his presence- The false prophet is under the immediate control of the beast. He builds a global religion which turns into direct worship of the beast at the midway point- the abomination of desolation at the Tribulation temple on the Temple Mount.

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makes the earth and those who live on it worship the first beast-
This reminds us of how Christians in the seven churches of chapters 2-3 were faced with a decision to worship the emperor. Here, there is no dilemma for *"the earth and those who live on it."*

whose fatal wound was healed- the fact that *"one of his heads as if it had been fatally wounded, and his fatal wound was healed"* from verse 3 is repeated.

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GLOBAL RELIGION DURING THE TRIBULATION

Rapture	True believers gone	A billion people?
Revelation 6:7-8	The fourth seal (A Pale Horse)	1/4 th of the world dies (2 billion people of 8 billion- 6 billion left)
Revelation 8:10-11	The third trumpet (Wormwood)	Millions die
Revelation 9:13-18	The sixth trumpet (Four Angels Released)	1/3 rd of the world dies (2 billion of 6 billion people left leaving 4 billion)

HALF OR MORE OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION (4 BILLION + PEOPLE) DIE DURING THE TRIBULATION


CHRISTIANS	2.38 BILLION
ISLAM	1.90 BILLION
SECULAR	1.19 BILLION
HINDU	1.16 BILLION
JEWISH	14.7 MILLION



**United in a
global religion
under the
False Prophet**



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We worship based on how we see the world

Naturalism- *The world is what it is. Only what we can experience.*

Transcendentalism- *god is in everything (a force). Spirituality without Christianity.*

Theism- *We are a special creation of a personal God.*

Romans 1:25- "who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.



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Chapter 13

Verse 13- *He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the presence of people.*

great signs- (semeia megala) Counterfeit miracles that mimic those of Jesus and the Two Witnesses.

makes fire come down out of the sky- Mimics miracles of Moses, Elijah, and Pentecost.

Revelation 11:5 *And if anyone wants to harm them, **fire flows out of their mouth** and devours their enemies; and so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.*

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Chapter 13

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Acts 2:2-3 *And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **And tongues that looked like fire appeared to them,** distributing themselves, and a tongue rested on each one of them.*

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in the presence of people- These counterfeit miracles serve as a public-relations performance intended to enhance the worship of the false trinity.

A test of a false prophet is if they use prophetic power for self-aggrandizement (to be seen and worshiped by the people).

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FALSE PROPHETS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

2 Timothy 3:8- *"Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, worthless in regard to the faith."*

Jannes and Jambres were Pharoah's magicians

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| • Staff to Serpent | Jannes and Jambres mimicked the miracle, but Aaron's snake (staff) ate their snakes |
| • Plague 1- Water to blood | Jannes and Jambres mimicked the miracle with a small amount of water |
| • Plague 2- Frogs | Jannes and Jambres mimicked the frogs coming on land |
| • Plagues 3-10 | Jannes and Jambres couldn't replicate the miracles of: lice or gnats, wild animals or flies, pestilence of livestock, boils, thunderstorm of hail and fire, locusts, darkness for three days, death of firstborn |

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FALSE PROPHET IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 8:9-24 *"Now a man named Simon had previously been practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; and all the people, from small to great, were paying attention to him, saying, 'This man is the Power of God that is called Great.'"*

Simon the Magician (*Simony*- the buying or selling of a spiritual office, act, or privilege)

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| • Philip preached the gospel to the Samaritans | Acts 8:12 |
| • Simon "believed" and was baptized | Acts 8:13 |
| • The apostles laid hands on the Samaritans, and they received the Holy Spirit (a sign they were part of the church) | Acts 8:17 |
| • Simon offered money for the power to lay on hands | Acts 8:19 |
| • Peter rebukes Simon and states he is unsaved | Acts 8:21 |

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FALSE PROPHETS TODAY

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 *But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name, a word which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'* And if you say in your heart, 'How will we recognize the word which the Lord has not spoken?' *When the prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, and the thing does not happen or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you are not to be afraid of him.*

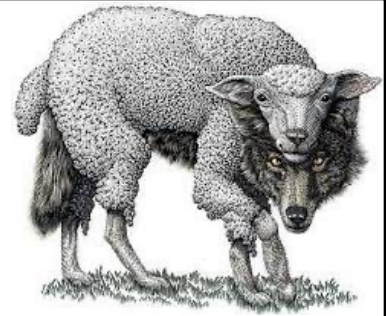
A TRUE PROPHET:

1. Will urge service, worship, and obedience to the one, true God.
 2. Won't lie about sin (redefined, minimized, or excused).
 3. Won't lie about the gospel. It's by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ alone!
 4. Won't lie about the person of Christ. He is the God-man!
 5. Won't lie about the Word of God. It is perfect and sufficient!
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 - Theological liberalism-
The nature of Scripture
 - Sociological liberalism-
The sufficiency of Scripture

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"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." Matthew 7:15



Genuine vs. Counterfeit



1. The Son of God- John 1:18

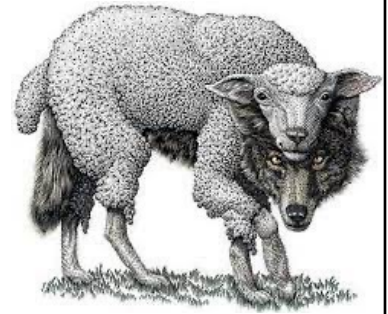
No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

The son of destruction- 2 Thessalonians 2:3

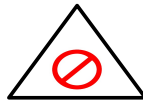
Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.

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Genuine vs. Counterfeit



2. The Trinity- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- Matthew 28:19

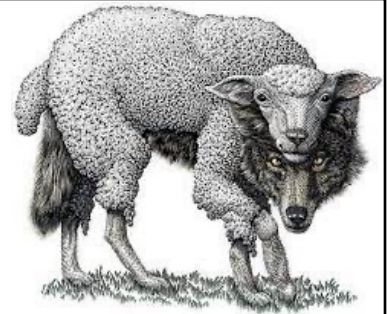
“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit** . . .”**

The unholy trinity- Satan, Beast, False Prophet- Revelation 20:10

And the **Devil** that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and sulfur, where are also the **beast** and the **false prophet**; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

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3. God’s children- John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them gave he the right to become **children of God**, even to them that believe on His name.

The devil’s children- Matthew 13:38

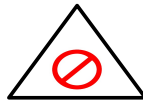
...the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the **children of the evil one**.

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4. The apostles of Jesus- Matthew 10:1-2

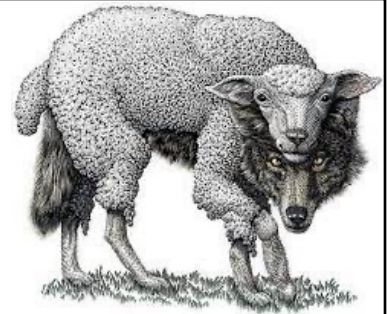
*And He called unto Himself His **twelve disciples**, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease and all manner of sickness. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these.*

The apostles of the devil- 2 Corinthians 11:13

*For such men are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ.*

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Genuine vs. Counterfeit



5. The mark of God- Revelation 7:3

*Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put **a seal on the foreheads** of the servants of our God .*

The mark of the Beast- Revelation 13:16

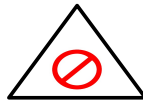
*And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them **a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead.***

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Genuine vs. Counterfeit



6. The resurrection of Jesus- Matthew 28:5-6

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; **he has risen**, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."*

The "resurrection of the Beast"- Revelation 13:3

*I saw one of his heads as if it had been fatally wounded, and **his fatal wound was healed**.*

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Chapter 13

Verse 14- *And he deceives those who live on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.*

he deceives - This is a person, not a system. Lying and deception is the very core of how this unholy trinity behaves.

those who live on the earth- This is used repeatedly (at least 10 times) for those who see earth as their only and final home.

in the presence of the beast- Repeated from verse 12.

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to make an image to the beast- Examples in history:

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| • Nebuchadnezzar | Golden image |
| • Antiochus Epiphanes | Altar of Zeus in the temple |
| • Caligula | Attempt to place statue in temple |
| • Domitian | Statue in the temple of Ephesus |
| • Hitler | Swastika in Nazi Germany |
| • Communism | Hammer and Sickle |

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Chapter 13

Verse 15- *And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*

to give breath- (*pneuma*, not *zoe*) The false prophet gives this image animation- false life. This mimics the resurrection of the Two Witnesses and God creating Adam:

Revelation 11:11- *And after the three and a half days, **the breath of life** (*zoe*) **from God came into them**, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.*

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Genesis 2:7- *Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and the man became a living person.*

The Greek translation of this verse uses "zoe"

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all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed- This reminds us of Daniel 3:6- *"But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into the middle of a furnace of blazing fire."*

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Chapter 13

Verse 16- *And he causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,*

all- Not every person on the earth, but people from all walks of life.

mark- (charagma) A brand seared into an animal as opposed to a *sphragis*, a symbol of value God places on His people.

This mark will not be disguised. People will wear it proudly, and no one will not take the mark of the beast by accident.

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Verse 16- *And he causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,*

right hand- The right hand is a symbol of friendship and working together for a common cause (In this case, to oppose God).

Galatians 2:9- *...and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas **the right hand of fellowship**, so that we might go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.*

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Chapter 13

Verse 17- *and he decrees that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.*

be able to buy or to sell- This will be accomplished by instituting a cashless, centralized global economy.

the name of the beast or the number of his name- The name of the beast or the number representing him will be visibly and willingly displayed on his followers.

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Chapter 13

Verse 18- *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.*

calculate the number- By the use of gematria?

six hundred and sixty-six- Man was created on the sixth day (Genesis 1:31). Six is the number of man, and seven is the number of perfection. Six tripled is in homage to the false trinity of man. Seven is perfect and heavenly, and six represents all that falls short of this ideal.

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Gematria:

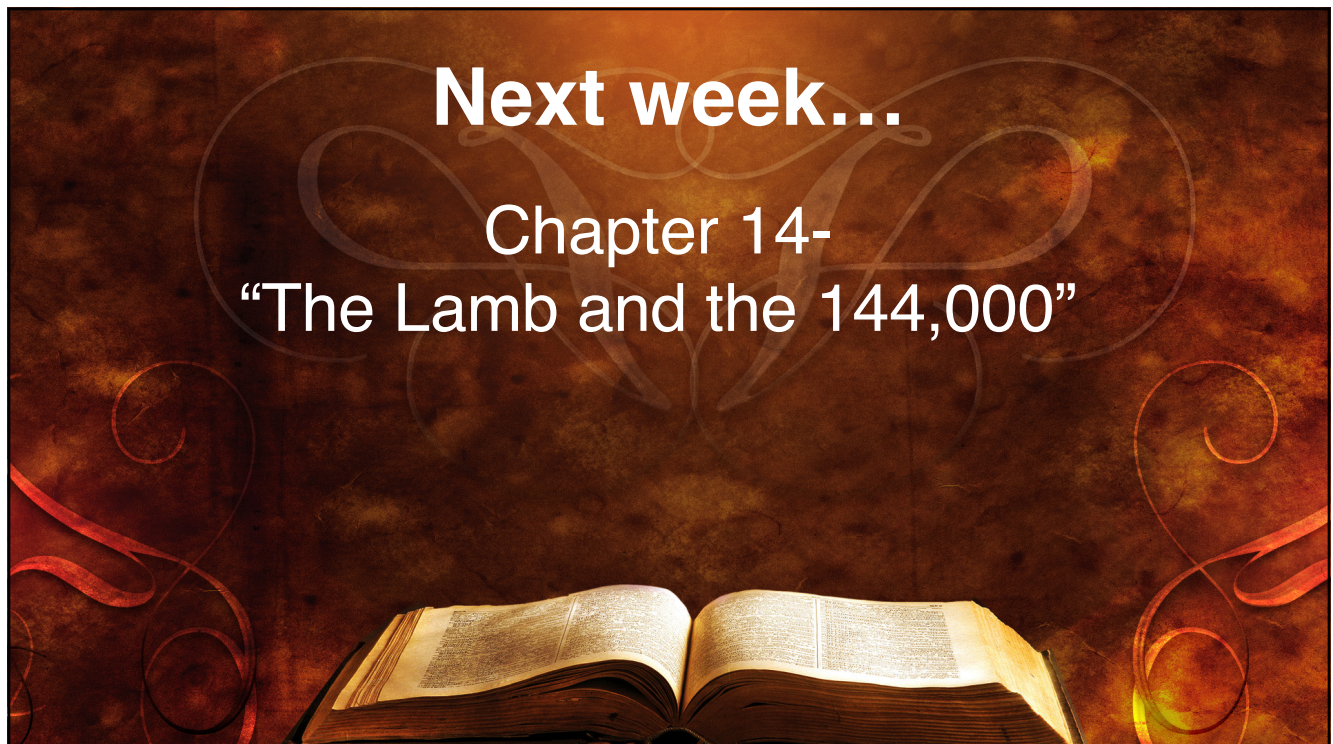
A form of numerology in which the letters of an alphabet are substituted with corresponding numbers.

Roman Numerals			English Letters		
1 I	11 XI	50 L	A=1	J=10	S=19
2 II	12 XII	100 C	B=2	K=11	T=20
3 III	13 XIII	500 D	C=3	L=12	U=21
4 IV	14 XIV	1000 M	D=4	M=13	V=22
5 V	15 XV		E=5	N=14	W=23
6 VI	16 XVI		F=6	O=15	X=24
7 VII	17 XVII		G=7	P=16	Y=25
8 VIII	18 XVIII		H=8	Q=17	Z=26
9 IX	19 XIX		I=9	R=18	
10 X	20 XX				
Hebrew Letters			Greek Letters		
Aleph א = 1	Yod י = 10	Koph כ = 100	Αα Alpha = 1	Ιι Iota = 10	Ρρ Rho = 100
Beth ב = 2	Kaph כּ = 20	Resh ר = 200	Ββ Beta = 2	Κκ Kappa = 20	Σσς Sigma = 200
Gimel ג = 3	Lamed ל = 30	Shin ש = 300	Γγ Gamma = 3	Λλ Lambda = 30	Ττ Tau = 300
Daleth ד = 4	Mem מ = 40	Tau ת = 400	Δδ Delta = 4	Μμ Mu = 40	Υυ Upsilon = 400
He ה = 5	Nun נ = 50	Koph כּ = 500	Εε Epsilon = 5	Νν Nu = 50	Φφ Phi = 500
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Teth ט = 9	Tsaddi צ = 90	Tsaddi צ = 900	Θθ Theta = 9	(Q) = 90	

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Next week...

Chapter 14- “The Lamb and the 144,000”



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