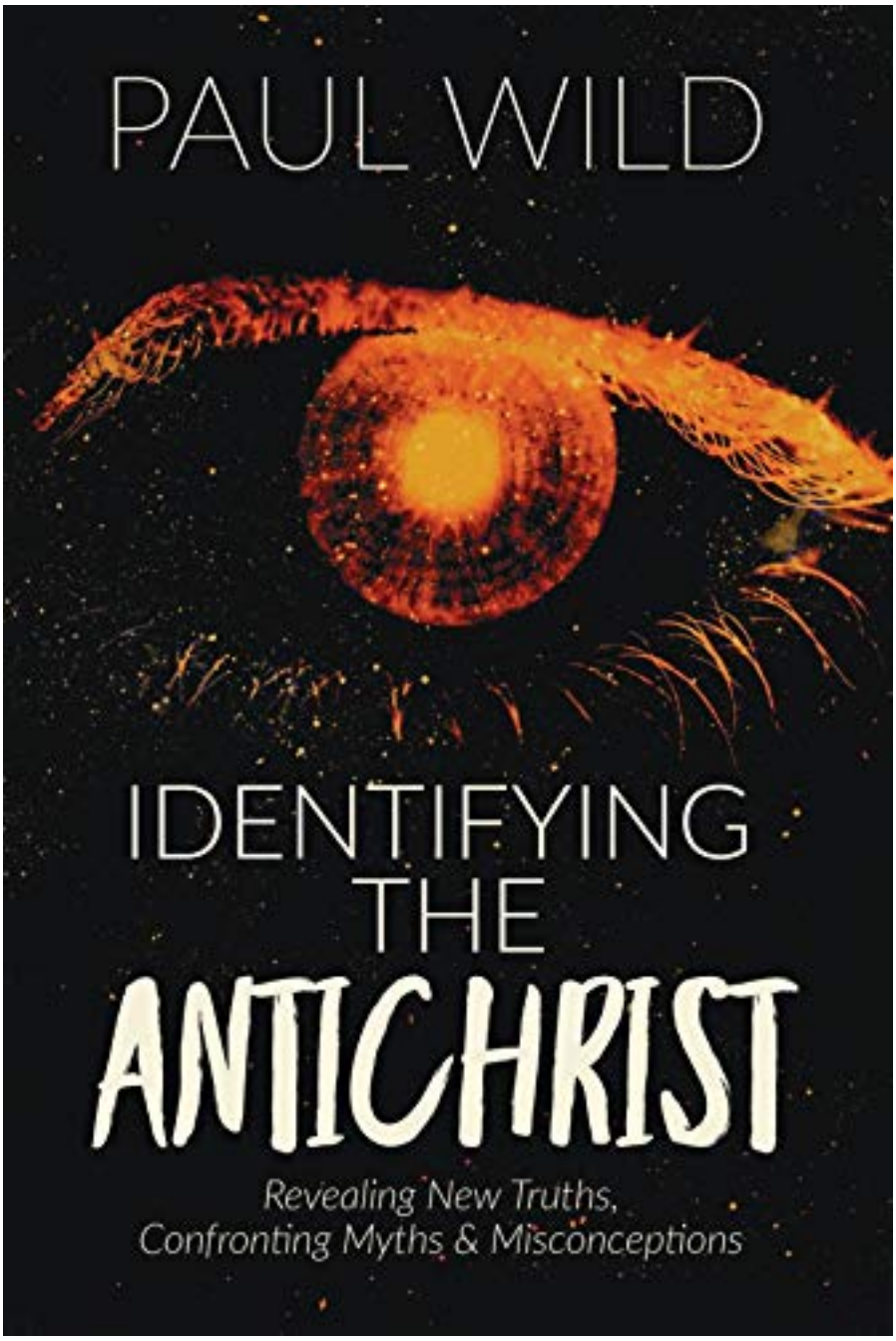

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May this book be worthy of the Lord Jesus, who gives insight into and understanding of prophecy.

> [10] And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**.
>
> Revelation 19:10*

*All Scripture references are from the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible.

Chapter 1

The Statement of the Problem

Considering that the antichrist will be the most evil human to ever exist and the one who will do the most damage to humanity in general and Christians in particular, it is incumbent on the Body of Christ to discover who this man is before he ascends to full power and influence. Why? Since God gave us prophecy to help guide our way and affect the way we conduct our affairs, the primary purpose is for **preparation.** The more prepared we are spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, financially, and perhaps even martially, the more successfully we can weather the storm. God takes no pleasure in His people suffering needlessly; as Peter said in 1 Peter 3:17, "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing," or even for foolish doing, as in failing to heed our Father's warnings. Therefore, I hope to provide in this book the tools for Christians to identify this wicked man for the

purpose of stimulating preparation in all the ways mentioned above before he takes over the world.

Whenever I read books or articles covering the topic of the antichrist, I check to see if the authors provide a name for whom they believe the antichrist is. I suspect that most people who are interested in prophecy do the same. If you are like me, then sadly I must inform you that I have no name to provide, because I have yet to see anyone on the world stage who fits the bill for the antichrist.

Speculation within the Body of Christ on the identification of the antichrist has been ongoing over the last two millennia. From the earliest days after Christ's ascension to heaven, the candidates have run the gamut from Nero, to any number of other Roman emperors, to various Popes, to various European kings, to various presidents of the United States (US). Protestant theologians after the Reformation focused on the Popes, but over time this focus has become less popular, such that the Protestants eventually enlarged their scope to include one or more US presidents, members of the British monarchy, and various European leaders, such as Hitler. This demonstrates the craziness of the shotgun approach for identifying who the reprobate is.

The prophet Daniel was told by his angelic visitor in Chapter 12 that "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," suggesting that as we come closer in time

to the return of Jesus, we should be able to get more clarity on who the antichrist is, because our knowledge of prophecy should increase. After all, Jesus told us that we should be able to see the signs of His return, so it follows that we should be able to get a better handle on comparing the somewhat cryptic, ancient prophecies to modern events, thus leading to some "Aha! Eureka! Now I get it!" moments. As an example of comparing the ancient prophecies to modern events to gain an understanding of the prophecies, I proposed in my book, Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy?: With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars, that the four symbolical beasts of Daniel 7 have been attributed incorrectly to ancient nations instead of modern nations, specifically the Anglo-American Alliance (lion with eagle's wings); the Russians with their Turkish, Syrian, and Iranian allies (bear with three ribs in its mouth); the Asians (leopard with four wings and four heads); all leading up to the antichrist (lion/bear/leopard amalgamation), who is "diverse" from the others in that he is a hybrid. These modern nations, with their jockeying for power and their geographic locations, match the Daniel 7 narrative far better than the ancient nations proposed by most theologians, namely the Babylonians, Medo-Persians, Greeks, and Romans, thus giving illumination to what Daniel saw.

In the same vein, modern students of prophecy are looking at current events to see if these events give insight into the ancient prophecies about the antichrist. The rise of genetic

engineering has fueled speculation that he might be a clone of a previous Bible personality or a genetically engineered super human, thus giving a literal meaning to Genesis 3:15 in that Satan will beget his physical seed, the antichrist, just as the Father begot His physical Seed, the Messiah. The emphasis on multiculturalism and ecumenism, not only within cultural Christianity (I say "cultural," because I suspect many of the people pushing this agenda are lost souls) but between religions, has caused many prophecy buffs to propose that the antichrist also will be multi-cultural and ecumenical. The current Pope is certainly setting the stage for a multicultural, ecumenical beast as he reaches out to Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, and Mormons, as well as trying to mend fences between Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox. But, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) Not likely.

Alright, so, rather than pontificating more on how modern students of prophecy are interpreting prophecy in light of current events, let's just cut to the chase and discuss some of the candidates who are being proposed. For this exercise, I am defining "modern" as the 19th Century to now.

The "Son of Perdition," Judas Iscariot

We will begin with A.W. Pink, the great British theologian of the late 19th to mid-20th Centuries. His theory is that the antichrist will be a revivified or reincarnated Judas Iscariot. The basis of this theory is that both Judas Iscariot and the

antichrist are termed "the son of perdition" in John 17:12 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3, respectively. "Perdition" in its archaic use meant "destruction," but in current vernacular it's just another name for hell.

The problem with this view is that Scripture teaches it is appointed unto men to die once, after which comes the judgment (Hebrews 9:27), with obvious exceptions where God revivified people in the Biblical narrative. I say revivified rather than resurrected, because resurrection is not only revivification but revivification into an eternal, glorified body. In the Biblical narrative, God always revivified people who were believers or who would become believers to bring glory to Himself and to further His purposes, something that will not be the case for the antichrist. Revivification never occurred to unbelievers in the Biblical narrative; remember this point for the discussion below about Nimrod. Furthermore, we shouldn't get too worked up over the "son of perdition" epithet. The Old Testament (OT) identifies several people as sons or children of Belial. Paul identifies Belial as Satan in 2 Corinthians 6:15, and Jesus in John 8:44 accused the Pharisees of being of their father, the devil. Most of humanity from the Fall to now have been children of destruction/hell/devil, so no special consideration should be given to Judas Iscariot for that pejorative.

Nimrod and the Nephilim

Another interesting but fringe proposition is that the antichrist will be a revivified or cloned Nimrod, considered by many, perhaps most, Bible scholars as the founder of all the pagan, pantheistic, ungodly religions after the Flood. The story here is that Nimrod's perfectly preserved body was found within the ruins of the ancient city of Uruk, from whence Iraq gets its name, the grave having been found beneath where the Euphrates once coursed. Allegedly, in 2003 German archaeologists found the tomb of Gilgamesh, the protagonist of the *Gilgamesh Flood Epic* (ancient Sumerian Flood myth) who is also equated by some with Nimrod, after which the US military took the body while there for the second Gulf War and whisked it away for top secret research; a competing story is that Turkish researchers found the body in Nimrud Mountain in Bitlis, Turkey.

Regarding the Iraqi story, the body was allegedly red-haired, gigantic in proportion, and of interest to the US military for producing super soldiers. Web-based stories on this theory usually show a photo of unknown origin portraying a red-haired male in a crypt or coffin, resplendent with a crown and other regalia. The Scriptural proof text cited by the Nimrod proponents is Revelation 17:8, which says, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder… when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and

yet is." The stories typically morph into claims of proof for the return of the Nephilim (variably translated as "giants," "fallen ones," or "violent ones"), or those half-human, half-fallen-angel giants of Genesis 6, based on Jesus's proclamation in Matthew 24:37 that the time leading up to His return will be "as the days of Noah were"; recall that in the days of Noah, giants roamed the earth. An alternate theory is that the antichrist may also be from among the satanically revivified race of the Nephilim rather than Nimrod himself.

Before we move on to other candidates for the antichrist, more should be said about Nimrod. Why is he so important to the Nimrod-is-the-antichrist theorists? Nimrod is described in Scripture as "a mighty hunter before the Lord." Some claim that he became a Nephilim through some unknown means, citing the phrase in Genesis 10:8 that "he **began** to be a mighty one in the earth," similar to the Nephilim who "**became** mighty men which were of old, men of renown" from Genesis 6:4. Jewish rabbis and modern theologians have suggested that the true meaning of "mighty hunter" is that he was a hunter of men standing against or opposing the Lord. If the Book of Jasher is to be believed, Nimrod tried to kill Abraham and did kill his brother Haran but was in turn killed by Esau; Jasher is a book with dubious provenance allegedly printed in Hebrew in 1613 that supposedly fills in missing parts of the Genesis narrative. Nimrod generally is believed to be the instigator of the Tower of Babel debacle that led to God's confusion of the languages.

He is hypothesized as the protagonist Gilgamesh in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, an Akkadian and Sumerian flood myth that is a highly distorted, perverse version of the actual Biblical Flood story. Gilgamesh is a profane and evil man in the story and seeks to attain immortality.

Some commentators also equate Nimrod to Amraphel, one of the Mesopotamian kings who kidnapped Abraham's family and stole all his goods. Still others equate him to Enmerkar, a Sumerian king who allegedly built the Sumerian city of Uruk, a.k.a. Erech (Iraq), noting that the suffix *-kar* at the end of Enmerkar's name means "hunter."

Nevertheless, no matter what the source is regarding Nimrod's life, whether real or fanciful, he was a truly foul ruler and the first post-diluvian to engage in open rebellion against the Lord. He is thus etched in history as the prototype for all godless rulers to follow, with emphasis on the final ruler, the antichrist. More about Nimrod is stated at the back of this chapter under a section entitled *The Nimrod Conundrum* to avoid disrupting the flow of the main text, and more about Nimrod will be said in Chapter 7.

These stories about Nimrod and the Nephilim are usually accompanied by the Giant of Kandahar story, which is that US soldiers during a mission in the Kandahar province of Afghanistan were attacked by a 12-ft to 15-ft tall, 1200-lb, red-haired giant that lived in a cave and stank to high heaven. After

spearing a soldier, as the story is told, the soldiers killed him and flew him away in a helicopter, allegedly for top secret research into his genome.

The Alien Conspiracy

Adding more to the complexity of identifying the antichrist is the meteoric rise across the spectrum of humanity of the belief in extraterrestrial aliens – the Greys, the Greens, the Anunnaki, the Reptilians, the Pleiadians, the Arcturians, and on and on and on. Do some simple internet and YouTube searches and see for yourself. While non-believers attribute these alien encounters with true aliens, select Christian prophecy authors and online theorists see this as demonic deception that Satan will use to deceive the nations, one theory being that when the antichrist arrives on the scene, these "aliens" will come forward to endorse him. It is instructive to note that when the observations of Satan worshippers who claim to have encountered demons and those who say they've encountered aliens are compared, the creatures both parties describe sound very much the same. The narrative the prophecy theorists promote is that the stories of human abductions and experimentation by aliens are real and that Satan is trying to understand human physiology and genetics in order to produce his "seed," specifically the seed mentioned in Genesis 3:15, and to revivify the Nephilim to wreak havoc during the Tribulation. Furthermore, the theorists postulate that these demonic entities will say something to the effect that

they have been watching us for millennia and feel that now is the time to reveal their chosen one to lead us into the future and save us from destroying ourselves. The theorists see Jesus's warning of signs and wonders in the heavens from Matthew 24 and John's recording of signs and wonders in the heavens from Revelation as allusions to these demonic "aliens" and their activities.

The Turkish Hypothesis

I previously made mention of Turkey. Regarding Turkey, a new theory has surfaced over the last ten to fifteen years or so that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38 and 39 are Turkish rather than Russian (the dominant theory), and that Turkey will be the birthplace of the antichrist. In this theory, the antichrist is Muslim and will have his headquarters in Mecca, which is proposed as the real location of the Mystery Babylon of Revelation. Following these lines of thought, Recep Erdogan, the current President, is identified as a candidate for the antichrist. Further to the Turkish proposition, some propose that Istanbul is the location of Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17:5 as opposed to the usual suspect, Rome, since Istanbul also allegedly has seven hills. Regarding those theories, Mecca, Istanbul, and Rome are incorrect candidates for the center of the antichrist's power, since Revelation 17:9-10 equates seven mountains to seven kings or kingdoms, not a geographic location. The proper place for the future Babylon

the Great (Revelation 18:2,10,21) will be in Iraq, i.e., the "land of Shinar" of Zechariah 5:11. More on that later.

The Turkish Muslim proponents offer Revelation 13:18 as another piece of evidence.

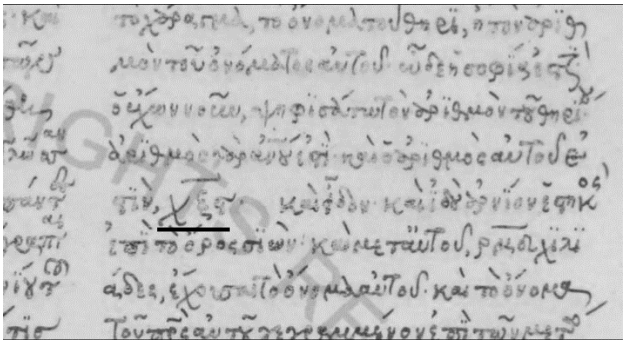
> 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.
>
> Revelation 13:18

They state that the original Greek text for Revelation 13:18 has the appearance of the Islamic basmala/bismillah creed in a corrupt Greek text, Codex Vaticanus (CV), which is an uncial (written in capital letters) manuscript from ~350 A.D. in the Vatican Library. The basmala creed is the Arabic بِاسم **اللهِ**, meaning "In the name of God," with the full creed stated as bi-smi llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, بِسْمِ **اللهِ** الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ, "In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful." The Arabic word for Allah is in the bold, underlined text above. The argument is made that the Greek text for 666 in the CV appears similar to the Arabic text for "the Name of Allah" in the basmala, followed by the Islamic symbol of two crossed swords for jihad, or holy war. The Greek letter chi is supposed to symbolize the two crossed swords. Furthermore, they argue that the English word "count" should be translated as "reckon" or "decide" and that the English word "number" should be translated as "multitude." Without further belaboring the

details, their resultant translation roughly means that the antichrist can be identified through the multitudes that will follow him and who use the phrase "in the name of Allah and jihad."

Regarding the CV that the Turkish Muslim proponents use to make their argument, liberal scholars claim this manuscript is one of the "oldest and best" Greek manuscripts of the NT available, but the CV is corrupt because it omits large sections of Genesis, Psalms, and Hebrews; entirely omits Revelation and Paul's pastoral letters, such as 1 and 2 Timothy, which is against God's prohibition in Revelation 22:19 to not detract or subtract from His word; and includes the non-canonical Apocryphal books (e.g., Ecclesiasticus, Judith, Tobit), which is against God's prohibition in Revelation 22:18 to not add to His word. Revelation was added to the CV by an unknown person in the 15th Century using a miniscule (written in lower case Greek letters) text; therefore, the text used by the Turkish Muslim proponents to make their argument was not even part of the original CV. There are many other errors in the CV beyond these, very notably the absence of the Johannine Comma of 1 John 5:7-8 that is one of the strongest passages supporting Trinitarianism, indicating the first mistake of the basmala proponents was to cite the CV. The portion of the CV from Revelation 13:18 showing the Greek gematria for 666 is underlined below (https://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS_Vat.gr.1209)

For those unfamiliar with gematria, it is a system in Hebrew and Greek in which letters equate to numbers.

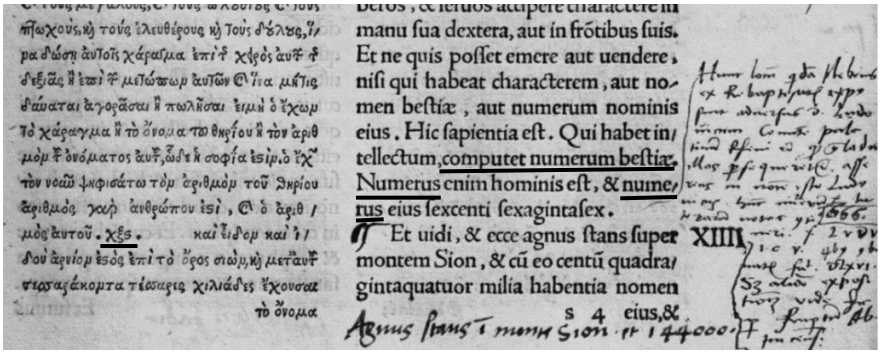


Revelation 13:8 Greek text from CV, Vat. Gr. 1209, p. 1530, 2019, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana (reproduced by permission, all rights reserved)

I consulted the Textus Receptus (TR, Received Text, as in the one received from God) to see another example of the Turkish Muslim proponents' miniscule 666 citation in a widely-accepted manuscript that is not corrupt (https://www.originalbibles.com).[1]

[1]The debate rages on between the KJV-only proponents who support the TR and the scholars of the liberal seminaries and denominations supporting the CV. The term "Textus Receptus" was not coined until 1633 when the Elzevir brothers published their version of the TR, which for all practical purposes refers to a body of texts compiled by Erasmus, Robert Estienne (a.k.a. Stephanus), and Beza. The TR forms the basis of the KJV, whereas the Revised Standard Version (RSV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), New International Version (NIV), and essentially all versions published after the Anglicans' 1881 English revision are based on corrupt Greek texts (e.g., CV and Sinaiticus Aleph) rather than the TR; the liberal scholars vigorously defend the corrupt texts. The New King James Version (NKJV) is based largely on the TR and is much closer in translation to the KJV than the others but still lets some errors from the corrupt versions slip in. Side-by-side comparisons of the newer versions to the KJV and NKJV show degradations of basic orthodoxy related to the deity of Jesus, such as 1 Timothy 3:16 wherein "God was manifest in the flesh" in the KJV is degraded in later versions by supplanting "God" with "He"; numerous deletions of words and entire verses are rampant in the later versions. Outright historical errors also occur in the later versions, such as in Hebrews 9:2-4 where the altar of incense is confused with the golden censer and is described as located within the Holy of Holies when it was not, thereby incorrectly describing the layout of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. This author has studied extensively from the KJV, NKJV, NASB, RSV, and NIV and found the KJV far superior to later versions, although the NKJV can be useful if used with caution.

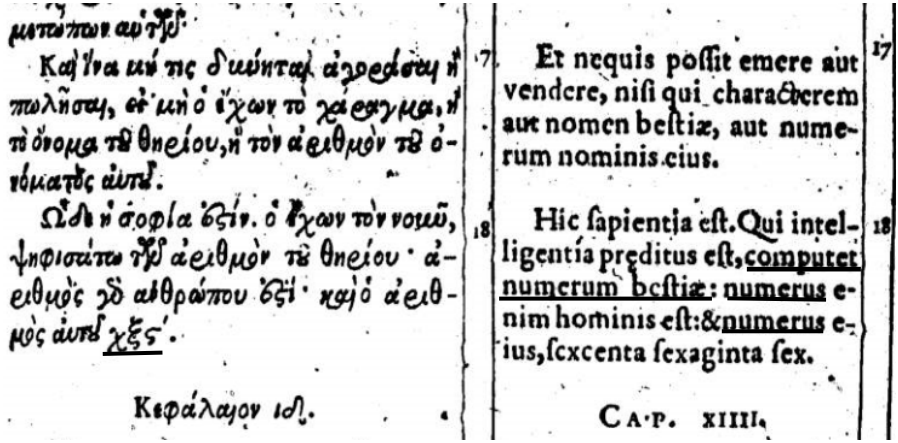
The TR is the basis of the KJV. The inspired Greek text is shown below, taken from Erasmus's 1516 TR and Beza's 1598 TR, with their respective Latin translations. Two examples are shown based on the principle of "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." (2 Corinthians 13:1)



manu ſua dextera, aut in frõtibus ſuis.
Et ne quis poſſet emere aut uendere, niſi qui habeat characterem, aut nomen beſtiæ, aut numerum nominis eius. Hic ſapientia eſt. Qui habet intellectum, computet numerum beſtiæ. Numerus enim hominis eſt, & numerus eius ſexcenti ſexaginta ſex.
Et uidi, & ecce agnus ſtans ſuper montem Sion, & cũ eo centũ quadraginta quatuor milia habentia nomen
s 4 eius, &

Greek Latin

Text of Greek NT compiled by Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus with Latin translation



Καὶ ἵνα μή τις δύνηται ἀγοράσαι ἢ πωλῆσαι, εἰ μὴ ὁ ἔχων τὸ χάραγμα, ἢ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ θηρίου, ἢ τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ.

Ὧδε ἡ σοφία ἐστίν. ὁ ἔχων τὸν νοῦν, ψηφισάτω τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ θηρίου· ἀριθμὸς γὰρ ἀνθρώπου ἐστί· καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτοῦ χξς'.

Κεφάλαιον ιδ'.

17 Et nequis poſſit emere aut vendere, niſi qui characterem aut nomen beſtiæ, aut numerum nominis eius. 17

18 Hic ſapientia eſt. Qui intelligentia præditus eſt, computet numerum beſtiæ: numerus enim hominis eſt: & numerus eius, ſexcenta ſexaginta ſex. 18

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Greek Latin

Text of Greek NT compiled by Theodore Beza with Latin translation

The underlined Greek text on the left is the Greek gematria 666, where the Greek letters chi (χ), xi (ξ), and stigma (ϛ) equate to 600, 60, and 6, respectively.

There is more to refute their position. You will note underlined on the right of the TR texts the Latin words that translate as "compute (or count) the number of the beast." I have underlined the Latin word "numerus" three times which, when combined with the idea of computing or counting, emphasize that numbers are in mind here. It is evident that Erasmus and Beza believed that the gematria for 666 really did equate to a number, not an Arabic word for Allah. Context is everything.

More to that, how would a Greek-reading Christian of the 1st or 2nd Centuries know to apply the gematria for 666 to the god of a religion 500+ years in the future? How would the average Jew or Christian know to do it now? The written Word must have a plain meaning to the first readers as well as to us, even if neither group understands the prophetic meaning. With respect to translations of the original languages, I am leery of new translations that greatly deviate from generally accepted translations that have stood the test of time. This is to say that I reject the Turkish Muslim antichrist theorists' position and their translation of Revelation 13:18, though I believe Islam will be a component of the antichrist's background but not the full story, as will be explained in Chapter 11.

The British Royals

With the discussion of Turkey, we've moved west a bit out of the Middle East into Europe. We now need to work our way still further to the west to address a theory with a sizeable number of adherents, namely that the royals of England form the breeding pool from whence the antichrist arises. Charles has been the primary candidate, but because he's relatively old, his son, William, has become the new candidate. This theory was partially spawned from the British Israelism movement that was first proposed in the 1500's. This will be dealt with in more detail in following chapters, but suffice it to say that these folks believe a daughter of King Zedekiah escaped Babylonian captivity and sailed to the British Isles to become the progenitor of the Irish, British, Scottish, and Welsh kings. Thus, the claim is made that the royals are descendants of King David, allowing the alleged antichrist King of England to lay claim to the throne of Israel. The royals are frequently cited by conspiracy theorists as being associated with the thirteen Illuminati bloodlines, and the Merovingians, and the Black Nobility, and the Freemasons, and whatever else; these groups allegedly also include the Rothschilds, the Du Ponts, the Rockefellers, etc., who are purported to be Luciferians behind the push for a one-world government. Borrowing from my book, The Timing of the Rapture, below is a summary of points about the royals that the British monarchy proponents cite:

Another view that has gained traction in some circles is that the antichrist is Prince Charles of Wales or his son, William. They make their case based on several points, such as Charles is a literal prince; he claims to be descended from King David; he is part Greek through his father and therefore descended from one of the ancient kingdoms that will comprise part of the antichrist's kingdom; England was part of the Roman empire, thus making him of the "people of the prince who is to come"; he has embraced Islam to some extent (thus rejecting the God of his fathers); he defines himself as "the defender of faith" rather than "the defender of **the** faith (Christianity)," the moniker that his predecessors used; he claims to have had a revelatory, mystical experience in the late 1970's that redefined his mission in life; his coat of arms contains a red dragon, ten lions (heraldic beasts), and other symbols that seemingly have Biblical corollaries; and he has aligned himself with the power brokers of the EU.

Again, we need to concentrate on the Scriptures at hand rather than an unsubstantiated lineage to David or other conspiratorial claims. Maybe the conspiracy folks are right about some of their claims, but I don't put much stock in the monarchy-as-antichrist angle, for reasons elucidated later.

A Cornucopia of Candidates

Regarding other candidates who have received mention over the last 40 to 50 years, I'll simply list them:

- Whichever Pope holds the office, currently Pope Francis
- Lord Maitreya, a man who allegedly revealed himself to be the Buddha/Christ/Mahdi at a 2009 conference in London and promoted by New Age promoter Benjamin Creme
- Ronald Reagan
- Henry Kissinger
- Boutros Boutros-Ghali
- Mikhail Gorbachev
- Bill Gates
- Bill Clinton
- Barack Obama
- Vladimir Putin
- Emmanuel Macron
- Jared Kushner
- George H.W. Bush – he has been given dishonorable mention as a previous candidate by some prophecy

speculators because of his "new world order" comment in one of his speeches

No doubt there are others, but these are just the ones I know of. As with many of the prospects for the antichrist down through the ages, the inclusions of the above-referenced men on the list have been based more on their perceived wickedness and access to power than on consistency with attributes of the antichrist described in Scripture. Some are on the list because someone used the Greek and/or Hebrew gematria to calculate the number of their names and apparently came up with 666 as the value of their names. In any case, the Body of Christ needs to move away from this sloppy approach and use Scripture as the lens through which we see the antichrist.

Satan's Seed

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not introduce a new theory, at least new to me, and one in which I must give credit to my good friend, Michael Morrison. Mike is frequently my sounding board for exploring various doctrines, tenets of the faith, and theories on various issues of prophecy, and we have spent hundreds of hours examining Scripture, particularly those passages of the prophetic type, from various angles. Mike suggested that the following verse be taken quite literally rather than figuratively; the Church has taken the figurative approach the last two millennia.

> [15] And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
>
> Genesis 3:15

Mike suggested employing a straight-forward approach to interpreting Satan's "seed." I would liken this to employing Occam's razor, the theory that the simplest solution to a problem is usually the correct one. If the Father intended to bring forth His Son through the seed of a woman, as conceived by the Holy Spirit, then why not interpret the verse literally that Satan will spawn a child of his own body in the same way that the "sons of God," i.e., fallen angels, of Genesis 6 did in their liaisons with "daughters of men" to produce the giant Nephilim? Instead of going down a rabbit hole that will slow down our progress, I think it is better to reserve this theory for a standalone discussion entitled *Satanic Sexuality* that is presented after *The Nimrod Conundrum* at the back of this chapter.

A Proposed Description

I want to reiterate that I can't give a name for the antichrist, but I will take a crack at describing him according to appearance, race, ethnicity, culture, birthplace, and personality, among other attributes. My theory for his description is based on Scriptural references that are cited in subsequent chapters, but I think it is best to place the

description right up front to avoid frustrating the reader by dragging it out. That being said, it is now time to describe him. Here goes:

I believe the antichrist could be described as…

…exceptionally handsome, physically imposing, 30 years old, brilliant, skilled communicator; multicultural, black or dark-skinned Jew of the Tribe of Dan from Iraq; of Muslim upbringing and Christian cultural influence; with no regard for what women think, want, or hold in high esteem; and **utterly evil**.

In the following 14 chapters, I will present the Scriptural evidence for these attributes. My hope is to provide the Body of Christ a description accurate enough to help watchful members of the Body identify the antichrist before he ascends to power, the end goal being to spur the Body into preparation for the coming storm. This is in line with something that has been burning in me for many years, which is to wake the Church up, and in line with the wisdom described by Solomon, to wit:

> [3] A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself:
> but the simple pass on, and are punished.
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> Proverbs 22:3

The Nimrod Conundrum

The Nimrod-Nephilim connection requires further investigation. It hinges on understanding a verse that has given fits to theologians for generations.

> 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
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> Revelation 17:8

How can you have a being that existed once, does not exist now, and yet will ascend out of hell to exist again, only to be cast into hell once more? The Nimrod-is-the-antichrist theorists claim the key to understanding the Nimrod conundrum is understanding the relationship of Nimrod to the Nephilim. The points of connection between Nimrod and the Nephilim are exceptionally strange, so hold on for a wild ride.

We will begin with the Nephilim, but before plowing into them, we must first resolve the issue of whether they are (1) children of fallen angels and women or (2) children of women of the ungodly line of Cain and men of the godly line of Seth, Adam's first and third sons, respectively. I am squarely in the fallen angel-women camp, since the "sons of God" term used in Genesis 6:1-4 is, with one exception, used only in the OT to

describe beings that originated directly from God without human involvement through natural birth, Adam being one of them (Luke 3:38) and the others being the angelic host. The exception in the OT is that the term is used in Hosea 1:10 to describe the redeemed Israelites **after** their acceptance of Jesus as Messiah just before and during His Millennial reign. In that way, they become sons of God in the way that all Christians become sons of God, as the first verse of the New Testament (NT) that uses that term, John 1:12, indicates:

> 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God [you see, we **become** the sons of God through faith in Jesus], even to them that believe on his name:
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> John 1:12

The fallen angel-women approach then gives illumination to the strange phrase in Genesis 6:9, that "Noah…was perfect in his generations." This means he was a pure-blood, untainted by Nephilim DNA, and not a reference to his high moral character, although he is called a "just man" in Genesis 6:9. Should anyone want to contest my position, I recommend finding Chuck Missler's teachings on the issue through his YouTube videos or on the Koinonia House web site, since I don't want to get bogged down and sidetracked from the main topic of this section.

Returning to the main topic, a relatively new theory has been proposed by various non-mainstream students of prophecy, meaning those who are not products of the Protestant seminaries, Protestant denominational leadership, or Protestant mega-churches, that the demons of the NT that Jesus encountered were not fallen angels in league with Satan but rather the disembodied spirits of Nephilim. No offense intended against the Roman Catholic and Orthodox factions, but they don't seem to have as much interest in apocalyptic studies as the Protestants, so I feel that the bulk of the adherents of this new theory are Protestants. In any case, this theory is slowly gaining more wide-spread acceptance in the Body of Christ. Assuming that the bulk of my reading audience came from a traditional church background of Roman Catholic, Protestant, or Orthodox origin, it is likely that the demons described in Sunday school, from the pulpit, and in Christian literature were defined as fallen angels; therefore, the concept of disembodied Nephilim being the demons of the NT would be a very foreign concept to Roman Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox taught in old-school orthodoxy.

Under this new theory, the 2,000 demons of Matthew 8, Mark 5, and Luke 8 that Jesus cast out of the possessed men and into a herd of pigs were disembodied Nephilim, not fallen angels. Remember that Jesus said in Luke 11:24-26 that the demons seek to inhabit people rather than wander the "dry places," a euphemism for hell. Contrast that to the fallen angel

"stars of heaven" of Revelation 12:4 and the "sons of God" who appeared before God – Satan being one of them – of Job 1:6, 2:11, and 38:7. Satan is a fallen angel whom Paul calls "the prince of the power of the air"; he and his fellow fallen angels do not wander the dry places seeking to inhabit humans but still have access to the throne room of God, as Job 1 and Revelation 12:3-10 indicate. It's a bizarre thought, yet true, that the demons and fallen angels inhabit different realms and have different functions, yet all of it for nefarious purposes.

The next step in evaluating the Nimrod-is-the-antichrist theory is to deal with the theology of the origin of the human spirit. Isaiah says the following:

> [5] Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; **he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein**:
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> Isaiah 42:5

Zechariah says:

> [1] The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and **formeth the spirit of man within him**.
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> Zechariah 12:1

And Hebrews says:

> [9] Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the **Father of spirits**, and live?
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> Hebrews 12:9

What is the significance of this? Simply put, if Nimrod's body or a Nephilim body were to be revivified through cloning or some other demonic, genetic manipulation to become the antichrist, it would mean that God would have to put a spirit within him, which seems utterly preposterous, and it would seem to violate the passage from Hebrews 9:27 that says humans only die once and after that comes judgment. Remember from the discussion above that Scripture records that only believers were revivified, never unbelievers. Perhaps God will allow one exception to Hebrews 9:27 and permit Satan to bring Nimrod's spirit out of hell, since God frequently allowed Satan to do outrageous things, only to use Satan's actions against God to bring glory to Himself and to further His purposes. If you don't believe me, then I invite you to read the book of Job.

Make no mistake about it, the spirit of the original Nimrod is suffering in hell, just as all other lost souls are, or is wandering between earth and hell, if the alternate theory proposed by some is true that Nimrod's spirit was altered into

a demonic Nephilim spirit as he "began to be a mighty one in the earth." If God allows no exceptions to Hebrews 9:27 (people die once, then judgment) for unbelievers and no exceptions to the accompanying prohibition against unbelievers being revivified, then the Nimrod-is-the-antichrist theorists must find another explanation for how the body of Nimrod gets a spirit to live because, recall, James 2:26 says, "…the body without the spirit is dead…" How can you provide a revivified Nimrod body which cannot be revivified spiritually for the reasons stated above, but provide a spirit in order to live, because James 2:26 says human flesh must have a spirit to live? You do it by possessing that body with a disembodied Nephilim, i.e., a demon.

If my proposition is true that the antichrist will be born of a Jewish woman (see Chapter 8), and if the Nimrod-is-the-antichrist theorists' position is true that the antichrist is Satan's seed through genetic manipulation, then logically it leads to the conclusion that a Jewish woman will have to be impregnated by other than human means to bear the antichrist. A strange thought, yet not beyond the delusional schemes of the enemy.

The idea of a surrogate mother for the antichrist is not novel, for even Hollywood took that approach back in the 1970's with *The Omen*, a movie starring Gregory Peck in which the antichrist is born of a jackal. This is an early form of "predictive programming," the phenomenon wherein Hollywood, functioning as a tool of Satan, presents satanic

concepts, such as genetically modified super humans and aliens, to acclimate us and prepare us to accept deception.

Add to the mind-blowing concept of the Jewish surrogate mother the theory that the selected Jewish woman will be married to a Muslim man (see Chapter 11), who will not be the biological father. What if the Jewish woman is a virgin still untouched by her Muslim husband? What if a hellish creature disguised as an angel of light makes proclamation to this deceived couple of the coming Messiah/Mahdi? Can you see where this could lead? Can you see the possibility of mimicry and mockery by Satan of the method used by the Father to bring the Son into the world? In this manner, the antichrist could falsely claim divine origin and, in one more way, attempt to duplicate the plans of God for the purpose of deceiving humanity. Bizarre, crazy, outlandish, but absolutely in line with the perverse ways of the serpent.

Let's summarize: the Nimrod-is-the-antichrist theorists claim that Nimrod's body or a Nephilim body will be revivified with modern technology and indwelled either by Nimrod's spirit or by a disembodied, Nephilim demon, thereby fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 17:8. In this manner, the antichrist would then touch all the points of that verse, that (1) he is the beast that was, meaning he existed in a time before the Apostle John's time, (2) he is not, meaning he did not exist in John's time and does not exist now, (3) he will ascend out of hell by way of his spirit being released from hell or possessed by a

demon coming from that domain, and (4) he will again suffer the fires of hell. In this way, it literally could be said of the antichrist that he is the seed of Satan and the son of perdition. I can't say that I endorse these theories; nevertheless, since Jesus said things will get exceptionally weird just before He returns, neither can I say that I dismiss these theories. Still, I think it is better to focus on what Scripture says about the antichrist, as I do in following chapters, rather than tenuous, unsubstantiated claims.

Satanic Sexuality

If you were to explore the topic of the sexual interactions of the angelic host with women by going online to do various internet and YouTube word searches, you would be overwhelmed with the websites and accounts that deal with this topic. Conventional books from conventional publishers covering this issue, combined with blogs, websites, and YouTube channels, are available by the reams. If you explore the topic long enough, eventually you will encounter the theory that the real story behind the Garden of Eden forbidden fruit account is not one of eating the fruit but of a sexual encounter between Eve and the serpent, i.e., Satan. The proponents of the Eve-Satan tryst say that Satan "beguiled" Eve (2 Corinthians 11:3), applying a sexual connotation to the word when it simply means "tricked," as it obviously means in other passages of Scripture (e.g., Joshua 9:22) where no sexual connotation can be construed. The proponents then posit that

Cain was the fruit of that encounter. I would say that these people violate the Occam's razor principle cited previously in that they highly contort the direct statements that Adam and Eve ate a piece of fruit from a tree that God said was *verboten*. They would argue that Adam stood idly by while this tryst occurred, since the Biblical narrative clearly indicates that Adam was there when Satan deceived Eve. Silly. Allegorizing run amok.

We can ignore the Satan-Eve liaison theory as a figment of some very creative imaginations, but we cannot ignore the Genesis 6 narrative of the liaisons of fallen angels with women, since Scripture simply states it plainly.

> [1] And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, [2] That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. [3] And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. [4] There were giants [Hebrew *Nephilim*] in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
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> Genesis 6:1-4

If you continue your research into satanic sexuality, you will discover that many, many students of this topic are firmly convinced that the fallen angels and Nephilim form the basis of the Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Indian, and Norse god and demi-god mythologies, as well as those of other ancient cultures. In their minds, when Odysseus (Ulysses) had his run-in with the cyclops in Homer's Odyssey, Homer may well have meant that a literal giant with one eye once existed. The stories of the Titans and their war against the gods are viewed as romanticized versions of actual events carried down over time through oral transmission until someone finally recorded them.

It is not without a Biblical basis that these theorists make their claims. They cite the extra-Biblical but Biblically-endorsed Book of Enoch, referencing the following passages as proof that at least some portions of this non-canonical book are historically accurate, since the Apostle Peter and Jude the half-brother of Jesus reference it.

> [4] For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; [9] The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
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> 2 Peter 2:4,9

> 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
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> Jude 6-8,14-15

Enoch describes in detail 200 fallen angels intermingling with women to produce the Nephilim and the resultant fallout leading to the Flood. Peter does not reference Enoch directly but rather indirectly, because the canonical OT that he had at his disposal does not describe the fate of the fallen angels who intermingled with women in the way that Enoch does, specifically in Chapters 53 and 54. Also, Peter indirectly references Enoch by referring to "chains of darkness," similar to Jude's "chains under darkness," and Jude directly ascribes

historical veracity to Enoch by referencing "Enoch also, the seventh from Adam…" (Jude 14) Peter states that the angels "sinned." Jude tells us how they sinned – sexually – for he indicates that the angels did not remain in the state that God had created for them but pursued sexual gratification, "even as Sodom and Gomorrha" did. Logic dictates that they must have done something very egregious to be confined to a place that the rest of their fallen angelic brethren are not now confined to, since one-third of the angelic host will not lose their current residency in the heavenly realm until Satan gathers them up and casts them to earth when he finally is thrown out of heaven (Revelation 12:4,9).

Many scholars now believe that Peter, Jude, and their compatriots ascribed historical validity to Enoch, even though it is not considered canonical nor worthy of final authority in matters of Christian orthodoxy. Not a problem – an ancient book that is not part of Scripture should not be construed as having no historical accuracy, for if that were the case, we would have to ignore the works of Josephus, Herodotus, Tacitus, Manetho, ad infinitum. Enoch is consistent with the OT in that the OT plainly records the races of the giants with names such as the Anakim and the Rephaim, in addition to the Nephilim. The 12 spies sent from Moses into Canaan said the giants were as tall as cedar trees and that the spies seemed like grasshoppers in comparison. King Og of Bashan and Goliath of the Philistines were giants.

Enoch records and is supported by Peter and Jude that the 200 fallen angels are consigned to the lowermost portions of hell until the final judgment, which I interpret to mean the Great White Throne judgment of Revelation 20:11 in which all accounts are paid in full and settled for all eternity for all beings, whether angelic, demonic, or human. What is the significance of this for our discussion on Satan's seed and satanic sexuality? For one thing, it provides another nail in the coffin of the silly theory that Satan violated Eve, for had he done that, he would have suffered the same fate as those fallen angels who did cavort with women. Stated plainly, he would have been tossed into the brig, yet he is not in the brig and is free to roam the earth.

But what if Satan, in a Hail Mary, last-ditch effort germinated in his self-deceived mind, with the knowledge of his inevitable fate at the end of Tribulation (he can read Scripture, too, you know, as demonstrated by his temptation of Jesus during His 40-day wilderness test), made a final attempt to thwart God's plan by doing what the Genesis 6 fallen angels did? What would he have to lose, since he knows he already has lost everything and is simply waiting for God's other shoe to drop? What if God was being utterly literal in His Genesis 3:15 statement to Satan, that Satan would produce his own seed to engage in a losing war with God's Seed? Even more so than the revivified Nimrod/Nephilim-Jewish woman hypothesis of the previous section, the antichrist could falsely claim divine

origin and, in one more way, more closely adhere to the virgin birth story of Christ's first advent in an attempt to duplicate the plans of God for the purpose of deceiving humanity. Well, this theory is more in keeping with our Occam's razor discussion and far more simplistic than the Nimrod/Nephilim-Jewish woman angle stated above. Wouldn't it be mind-blowing if the one idea for the antichrist's origin that seems the most outrageous is the correct one? A difficult idea to wrap your head around, yet not without some Scriptural support.