

As we resume our messages on the Book of Revelation, we want to develop further the economies of two kingdoms. Sometimes, things that are true are so obviously in front of us that we do not see them. What is the mark of the beast about, really? It is about economies that are designed for control. It is significant that we put this principle back into the Scriptures, because if we do not, you see, we will do what we have traditionally done; we will interpret things willy-nilly. The alternative to interpreting the Scriptures from within the context of Scripture is to simply make it up as we go along. The strength of that is its logical appeal to the mindsets of people in any given age.

So, if we are pulling things out of thin air, the basic proof that we rely on to sell these ideas to the general population is that it is logical; it makes sense to a population at a particular moment in history, and people agree. But nothing is advanced by the agreement of people when it comes to understanding Scripture. When it comes to understanding Scripture, it is revelation from the mind of God, via the Holy Spirit, to the spirit of mankind. It is really why the various conspiracy theories that have racked the church in its present day have been so successful. They basically take the position, “Do you not think that it is like this?”

When this current round began, there was this fellow—I do not know where he is from; he had an English accent—and he talked about his involvement with the development of 5G, the new high-speed internet. I remember hearing this message. In fact, it was sent to me by some folks from South Africa, and then it ended up coming to me via other sources as well, such as people from the Caribbean and lots of people from here in the USA, and it was nearly a momentary panic for people. Shockingly, preachers I know were sending me this recording and asking me, “Well, what do you think?” Well, I laughed it off at the moment, and in my reply, I said, “This is the kind of silliness that passes for the prophetic in our time.” We have watched as thousands of so-called prophets, who may in fact have had a gift of prophecy but it was not informed by the Spirit of understanding, went all in on the Donald Trump fiasco and proclaimed him God’s man for the moment. One of these erstwhile prophets actually dubbed him ‘Cyrus.’ I would not have believed

it but for the fact that I saw it myself. And they all went along with this, “Do you not just think that?” approach.

Here is what the Scriptures say. Verse 18 of the Book of Revelation, the 13th chapter says,

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666 [three sixes] (Revelation 13:18 NKJV, comments added in brackets).

Now, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding go together. They are two of the seven Spirits of God, according to Isaiah, chapter 11, which speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ clothed with the seven characteristics of the Holy Spirit. “A Shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, and from His roots, a Branch will form. The Spirit of the Lord shall be upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, power, and the fear of the Lord.” This is what is said after: “He shall not judge by the seeing of the eyes (the natural eyes) or by the hearing of the ears.”¹ In other words, He is not persuaded by the five senses. Why? Because this form of understanding does not care about consensus among the people—“Do you not all just think that?” or “Do you not just believe that?”

It is this kind of foolishness that has caused the church to come into its present debacle, and it is an unmitigated disaster. Only the most optimistic thinks that there is a chance of recovering from this. So what has happened, of course, is the church has gone silent, licking its wounds as it did after Y2K, and blindness and darkness have descended and replaced the enthusiasm of the mercenary prophetic that once ruled. And that is all good. I am not rejoicing that certain ones fell; I am rejoicing that the corruption they represented has been exposed. Look, this is not about

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All Scripture quotations in the footnotes are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Isaiah 11:1-3: “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;”

speaking ill of these people. This is about getting back to understanding what the Spirit is saying to the church. For the Spirit said, “Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast.” That word ‘calculate’ is related to a way that the Greeks determined who won an election. So, it is not about getting out your sophisticated computer program to calculate. That has been done. It was called *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988*, and this was written by some fellow who claimed scientific credentials.

No, it is not that. The Son of God does not speak by the seeing of the eye or the hearing of the ear. He is not moved by consensus or by rational thought. He is informed by the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding; therefore, counsel flows out of this. We should be exhausted and exasperated by the attempts to cipher what the number of the beast is. I have already laid it out for you, but I want to delve much further into it, to make it impossible to deny that it is so, and that based upon what the Scriptures have to say. So we will put the number of the beast back into the context in which it arises here in the Book of Revelation, the 13th chapter. And that is,

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Revelation 13:16-17 NKJV).

So, you see, it is not just the mark. It is,

1. The number of the name,
2. The name of the beast,
3. And the mark of the beast.

These are the three things—an association with the beast. And this number or name, this mark is on the right hand or on the forehead. I want to come back to that because the right hand, of course, is the strength with which one works, and the forehead is the mind that determines what it is that ought to be pursued.

But before we go to that, I want to talk about the word ‘calculate’—“Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast.” This, again, is not about computer programs and

hidden information. It is the word that references the term ‘discern.’ It works like this; the term that is used there to speak of calculating the number of the beast references the manner in which a candidate was selected in an election. It really is the word *arithmos*²—we get the word arithmetic from it. Failing to understand its context, we will think that it is a thing we can calculate by computers, but it is not. The *arithmos* in question there was when an election was being conducted in an everyday Greek context, each of the candidates from whom the selection was to be made had an urn with the name of the candidate by that urn, and the administrator of the election had a stack of pebbles. Everyone qualified to vote would come forward and would be given a pebble. That person would deposit the pebble in the urn with the name of the candidate of his choice. When it was over, when all the voting had been done, the clerk who was attending to and overseeing the electoral process would, in the presence of all, upend each of the urns, in turn, and count the number of the pebbles, and compare them to each other to determine who had the most pebbles. Now what was the process designed to do? The process was designed to have the judge discern what the choice of the voters was. So it was a means for discerning.

Now, no one gets to put pebbles out as to whether it was this person, or this person, or this person. Look, if you are going to go down that road... When I was much younger, the big thing back then was whether or not it was Henry Kissinger or Prince Charles of England or whoever else they would think up. Incredibly foolish things. You see, these conspiracy theories are just constantly morphing. They had their like-kind forty years ago. Before that, they had their like-kind a hundred years ago. This is not the way. When you go about it this way, you are reduced to this: “Do you think that it is so and so? Do you think it is Bill Clinton? Do you think it is Donald Trump? Do you think it is this, or that, or the other? Do you think it is Bill Gates?” This is utter rubbish. It is garbage. This is speculation, and it is not what is meant by “calculate the number of the beast.” *Arithmos* was used here, in this context, to discern what the popular will was. So the meaning of the word ‘calculate’ is discern.

² See *arithmos*, Strong’s Greek 706 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/706.htm>

*Please note: The Greek word associated with ‘calculate’ as used in Revelation 13:18 is the word *psephizo* - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5585.htm>. Sam discusses this matter further in Current Affairs 145 – Counting the Number of the Beast.

But prior to talking about calculating, he had already used two other terms:

1. “Here is *wisdom*,” and
2. “Let him who has *understanding*...” (cf. Revelation 13:18).

So it had to do with those who had wisdom and understanding.

Now there are two types of wisdom, and it gives rise to two different forms of understanding.

1. There is the wisdom that is from below, from the carnal mind, and it is carnal, sensual, and devilish.³ This is the wisdom of the sons of Greece.
2. Then there is the wisdom that is from above, that is pure and delightful because it comes down from the Father and it produces the light of understanding.⁴

Two different sources: one from the people, the other from God.

You can never discern what the meaning of the name, the number, or the mark is based upon a starting point of the will of the people. You cannot. If you do, and those who have are deceivers because they do not have what it takes. It takes wisdom from God and understanding—two characteristics that are of the Holy Spirit. And in that regard, we are like Christ who does not judge by the hearing of the ear or the seeing of the eye—in other words, uninformed by the senses. Think of the stupidity that has attended the prophetic forever, in our lifetime anyhow—and we dealt with this earlier—when it spoke of the locusts and the sound of their wings was like horses preparing for battle.⁵ The folly of carnal men speaking to the understanding of these things was, “That sounds like the biblical version of helicopters.” This is trash prophecy.

I really do not have the language—and I am typically not at a loss for words—to describe the abject folly of approaching Scripture, and prophetic Scripture in particular, this way. And yet, this

³ See James 3:15-16: “This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.”

⁴ See James 3:17: “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

⁵ See Revelation 9:7-9: “The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces *were* like the faces of men. They had hair like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ *teeth*. And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.”

is the garbage you have been fed for so long. Stop. Stop believing this nonsense. It is worse than nonsense. But the language that would shock you, I am not permitted to use, nor am I inclined anyway to use that kind of language, but in the most profound way, I want to awaken you to the fact that so much of what passes for prophecy today is worthless garbage. That is why the people walk around in darkness.⁶ That is why these characters sell books. I remember this one woman, she was always going to conferences, always reading the next book. At one time she owned a bookstore, and she would always run up to me—where so and so had written a new book—and hand me the book and say, “I just think this is so amazing. I want to know what you think.” I would read the thing and think, this is garbage.

When 9/11 came, some particularly witless fellow wrote this book about all the symbols in 9/11—the bombing of the World Trade Center. He wrote a book about it, yet nobody goes back and says, “You know, you were wrong.” Hagee’s blood moons, for example. Who holds people like this accountable? Absolute garbage, you know. Eventually you find them in sale bins in Christian bookstores. I am making a mockery, intentionally so, of these works because they are not based on Scripture; they are based on conjecture. And they depend upon an uneducated people to run after them and buy them. They come to nothing, and nobody follows up and says, “Hagee’s ‘blood moon’ was garbage. It ought to be thrown in the wastebasket because it has no greater value than that.” Or so much of the...what was his name? His wife’s name was Rexella—sold millions, perhaps, of copies of this foolishness. He always had some configuration of the European Union—Jack Van Impe, that is the fellow.

Are not our stomachs sick of this prophetic garbage? What of any of it has come to pass? And by now it should all have come to pass. Yet, that is what is in the way. It is blocking people’s minds from the understanding of what is true. I would say, based on Scripture, that the god of this world has blinded their minds.⁷ Otherwise, they would hear and see. But it is because, by and large, the

⁶ See Psalm 82:5: “They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.”

⁷ See 2 Corinthians 4:3-4: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

present church is biblically illiterate. I understand that when we say these things, we are not trying to gain friends and influence people. I am just wishing to sound an alarm. You are going in the wrong direction. Stop. If you do not, these things will be right in front of you—biblical things will be right in front of you—and you will not be able to see them.

Like right now, for example, there is a great falling away. It is not that people are stopping going to church; it is that the church is going in the wrong direction. It is actually that the truth is being revealed, and whenever the truth is revealed, it always judges the error. Broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be that find it.⁸ But they will turn and rend you if you tell them the truth. So in truth, I am only speaking to a remnant of people, people who have eyes to see and ears to hear⁹—five of ten virgins. I am not really speaking to the foolish ones; they are still sleeping.¹⁰ They cannot be awakened out of this slumber of folly.

So ‘calculate’ means discern. You discern by the Spirit of wisdom, and you discern by the Spirit of understanding—characteristics unique to the Holy Spirit; and not the wisdom of this age,¹¹ like unto the wisdom of Greece that opposes the sons of Zion.¹² But let’s move on. The model is one of economics. The small and great, rich and poor, slave and free, in order to buy or sell, must receive the mark of the beast. That is one of two planks that I wish to develop going forward, as we understand exactly what is implied in the number of the beast. The intent here is to create an economic system to entrap, without exception, small or great, bond or free, rich or poor. Everybody is caught up in this beast at the end of Revelation, chapter 13, except those, in chapter 14, who

⁸ See Matthew 7:13: “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.”

⁹ See Matthew 13:16-17: “But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.”

¹⁰ See Matthew 25:1-13.

¹¹ See 1 Corinthians 2:6: “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.”

¹² See Zechariah 9:13 BSB: “For I will bend Judah as My bow and fit it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against the sons of Greece. I will make you like the sword of a mighty man.”

have the name and the mark of the Father on their foreheads.¹³ Which is to say their mindsets are different.

Here, at the very end of this broadcast, I want to reintroduce something that I said when we left last, and that is, there are two economies:

1. One economy of the seventh day,
2. And another economy of the sixth day.

Because the conflict is between economies, economy is the weapon. The weapon of the enemy is to inveigle, it is to intimidate, it is to threaten with survival, with participation in an economic system. And you will notice that this economy wages war against the saints.¹⁴ So here is the tension, then, going forward. Those with a mindset that can be intimidated, whose labor has been co-opted, who live by the sweat of their brow, receive and acknowledge the supremacy of this economic system and live in it. This economic system and those who are in it, and primarily the beast whose weapon it is, then wages war against the saints. As we conclude this message, is this a new thing, or is this the oldest of things?

Let us go back to Cain and Abel, and the economy of the sixth day and the economy of the seventh day, and see what happens when the two economies are on the earth at the same time.

I am Sam Soleyn. Let us continue to unpack the mystery. I will see you then. Bye-bye.

¹³ See Revelation 14:1: “Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads”

¹⁴ See Revelation 13:6-7a: “Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.”