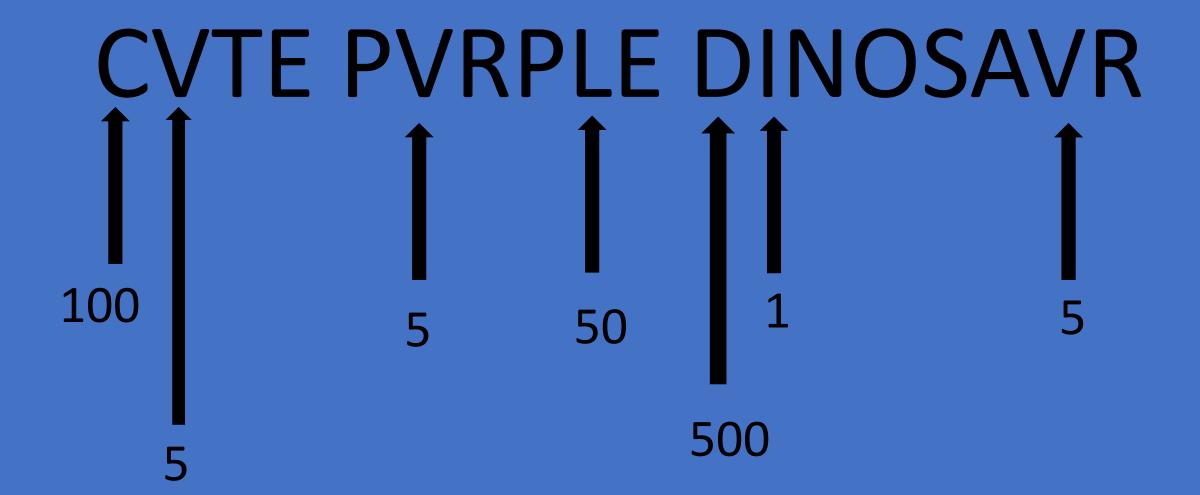
Bible Extra 2019

Week 6 – Revelation 13 & 14

Part 1
The Beasts from the Sea and Earth





$$100+5+5+50+500+1+5 = 666$$

Let A = 100, B = 101, C = 102, D = 103, etc

H = 107

I = 108

T = 119

 $\mathsf{L} = 111$

E = 104

R = 117

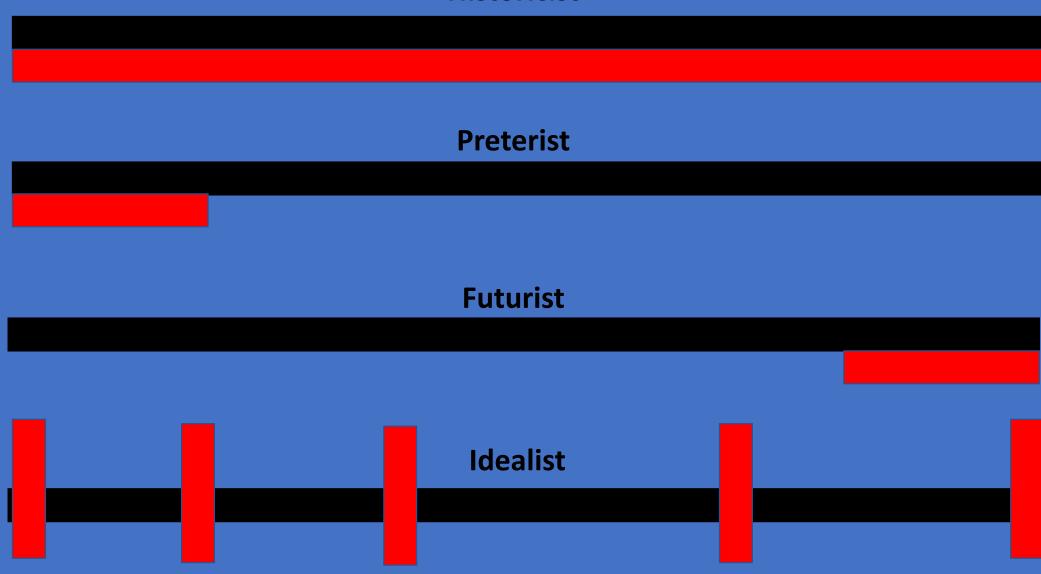
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Historicist



Preterist view of the Beast

The Beast is Nero specifically and the Roman State in general



Reasons to think The Beast is Nero

- 1. He was called a "Beast" at the time.
- 2. 1st emperor to make state persecution official
- 3. There was widespread fear that he would return from death
- 4. His persecution of the church lasted 42 months almost exactly (AD 64-68)
- 5. In Hebrew, the letters of Neron Caesar add to 666
- 6. The Latin form would make 616 and this number is found in later manuscripts.
- 7. You needed a certificate of emperor worship to trade

Reasons to think The Beast is Nero

- 8. Local state religion did exactly what the second beast does in the text i.e. built statues and enforces emperor worship
- 9. He called himself God and "saviour of the world" on Roman coinage
- 10. 7 heads and 10 horns can be made to fit with fist century Roman emperors

Futurist understanding of the Beast

On this view the Beast is a future individual who will impose oppressive world rulership during the last 7 years of history. He will sign a deal with Israel and then break it half way through the 7 years. He will only be overthrown by Christ's final return in Glory.



Babylonian = Roman 5 + 1 =

The idealist interpretation of the Beast

The Beast is a symbol of corrupted State power in ANY age, whenever and wherever the State moves beyond being God's servant and starts to say, "I am GOD".

The False Prophet is the religious/ideological apparatus which the State uses to promote allegiance.

Dear BIGOTS,

division seems to be what you believe in. We don't want your religious hate on our buses, on our streets and in our communities. We don't want you spreading your intolerance. Or making people's lives a misery because of their religious dress. You may not have faith in respect and love, but we do. That's why if we see or hear your hate, we're reporting you. End of sermon.

Yours, Scotland

Hate crime. Report it to stop it.





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Summary

1. PRETERIST VIEW

2. FUTURIST VIEW

3. IDEALIST VIEW

The Beast is NERO

The Beast is a future world leader we must identify

The Beast is any human government when it starts to act like God