

Q. What was the beast with the ten crowned horns?

A. The Roman Empire as divided into ten kingdoms.

Q. What was the beast with the two horns like a lamb?

A. The Roman Empire now become ecclesiastical as well as civil.

Q. How did the beast in its new form exercise the same power as before?

A. By despotism and persecution it became the image of its predecessor.

Q. Why did it profess to work signs and wonders?

A. In order to increase its wealth and influence.

Q. What are we to understand by the apocalyptic, symbol 666?

A. It is the numerical symbol of earth power.

Q. Can you illustrate and prove this?

A. When Solomon, in his heart, began to depart from God, he multiplied to himself a yearly revenue of 666 talents of gold, beside wives and horses, (2 Chron. ix., 13; Deut. xvii., 14-20), all of which were forbidden by God, the true King of Israel.

Q. Describe in Scripture language the man whose number or mark is 666?

A. See Psalm xlix., 20.

Q. What good quality had Solomon before his fall?

A. A wise and understanding heart.

Q. How did he regard himself in the presence of God?

A. He said, "I am but a little child."

Q. What does Jesus, a Greater than Solomon, say of this?

A. Of such is the Kingdom of God.—Solomon fell from this Divine symbol to the earth-brand.—See *Ecclesiastes*.