

After explaining that the rude mode of reckoning time was 30 days to a month, and 360 days to the year, he shows that the 1260 prophetic years would be 1268 Julian, Gregorian, or common years with us—He says,

"To apply this, therefore, to our design. If we may suppose that Antichrist began his reign in the year 606, the additional one thousand two hundred and sixty years of his duration, were they Julian or ordinary years, would lead us down to the year 1866, as the last period of the seven-headed monster. But seeing they are prophetic years only, we must cast away eighteen years in order to bring them to the exact measure of time that the Spirit of God designed in this book. And thus the final period of Papal usurpation (supposing that he did, indeed, rise in the year 606) must conclude with the year 1848."

Again, as to the closing scenes of the fifth prophetic era he says—

"The fifth vial, Rev. XVI. 10, 11, which is to be poured out on the seat of the beast, or the dominions that more immediately belong to, and depend upon the Roman see; that, I say, this judgment will probably begin about the year 1794, and expire about A.D. 1848; so that the duration of it upon this supposition, will be the space of fifty-four years. For I do suppose that seeing the pope received the title of supreme bishop, no sooner than A.D. 606, he cannot be supposed to have any vial poured upon his seat immediately (so as to ruin his authority so signally as this judgment must be supposed to do) until the year 1848, which is the date of the twelve hundred and sixty years in prophetic account, when they are reckoned from A.D. 606. But yet we are not to imagine that this vial will totally destroy the papacy (though it will exceedingly weaken it,) for we find this still in being and alive, when the next vial is poured out."

If this interpretation be correct, and few who have traced the events transpiring in Italy and Rome, during the past year (1848) can doubt it. the night of Romish darkness and corruption—all the alliances of political power with the professed Church of Christ, must soon be destroyed and pass away, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." "THE MAN OF SIN," is to be "revealed, the Son of Perdition,"—2nd Thess. II. 1—12. Are any of my readers doubtful of the general accuracy of the above interpretation, as to the Beast—the term of his power—and his coming doom? If so, I direct them to "a more sure word of prophecy," to evidence which cannot be denied by any honest mind. "Let him that readeth understand THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME."

THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST.—A SIGN GIVEN FROM HEAVEN.

THE SIGN POINTING TO HIS DESIGNATION—HIS KINGDOM—HIS CITY—HIS HOUSE—his CHARACTER.—"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 THREE SCORE AND SIX.—Rev. XIII. 18.

The Spirit of God, in the above passage of Holy Writ, gives to men a sure index to find THE BEAST or MAN OF SIN—the great enemy of God's people in this world:—it says his number is 666.

1. What then is his designation?—We answer it is ROMAN, for Lateinos (Latin or Roman) when written in Greek, and the numerals are summed up, gives the index. Thus—

Greek λ' α' ς' ε' ι' ς' ο' ο' Lateinos Latin, or Roman.
Numbers 30 1 300 5 10 50 70 200 Total 666.