

DECIPHERING "666"

Revelation says: "the number of his name . . . calculate the number" (13:17-18). Revelation was written in Greek. Each Greek letter has a numerical value. Therefore, it is simple to calculate the number of any name in Greek. The difficult part is finding a name that harmonizes with the other details predicted in Revelation 13. There is no better solution than the following one suggested by Irenaeus, who lived in the second century:

Greek Numerical System

| English equivalent | Greek upper & lower case | Value |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| a | A α | 1 |
| b | B β | 2 |
| g | Γ γ | 3 |
| d | Δ δ | 4 |
| e | E ε | 5 |
| | ς | 6 |
| z | Z ζ | 7 |
| e | H η | 8 |
| th | Θ θ | 9 |
| i | I ι | 10 |
| k | K κ | 20 |
| l | Λ λ | 30 |
| m | M μ | 40 |
| n | N ν | 50 |
| x | Ξ ξ | 60 |
| o | O ο | 70 |
| p | Π π | 80 |
| | ρ | 90 |
| r | P ρ | 100 |
| s | Σ σ,ς | 200 |
| t | T τ | 300 |
| u | Υ υ | 400 |
| ph | Φ φ | 500 |
| ch | Χ χ | 600 |
| ps | Ψ ψ | 700 |
| o | Ω ω | 800 |
| | Ϟ | 900 |

The number of
LATEINOS
is 666.

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|-------|---|---|------------|
| L | Λ | = | 30 |
| a | α | = | 1 |
| t | τ | = | 300 |
| e | ε | = | 5 |
| i | ι | = | 10 |
| n | ν | = | 50 |
| o | ο | = | 70 |
| s | ς | = | 200 |
| total | | = | <u>666</u> |

Latinus (Greek: Lateinos)

Latinus was the reputed founder of the Latins. The Latins were the majority of the population of Rome from its foundation. Latin became the official language of the Roman Empire and later the official language of the Roman Catholic Church.