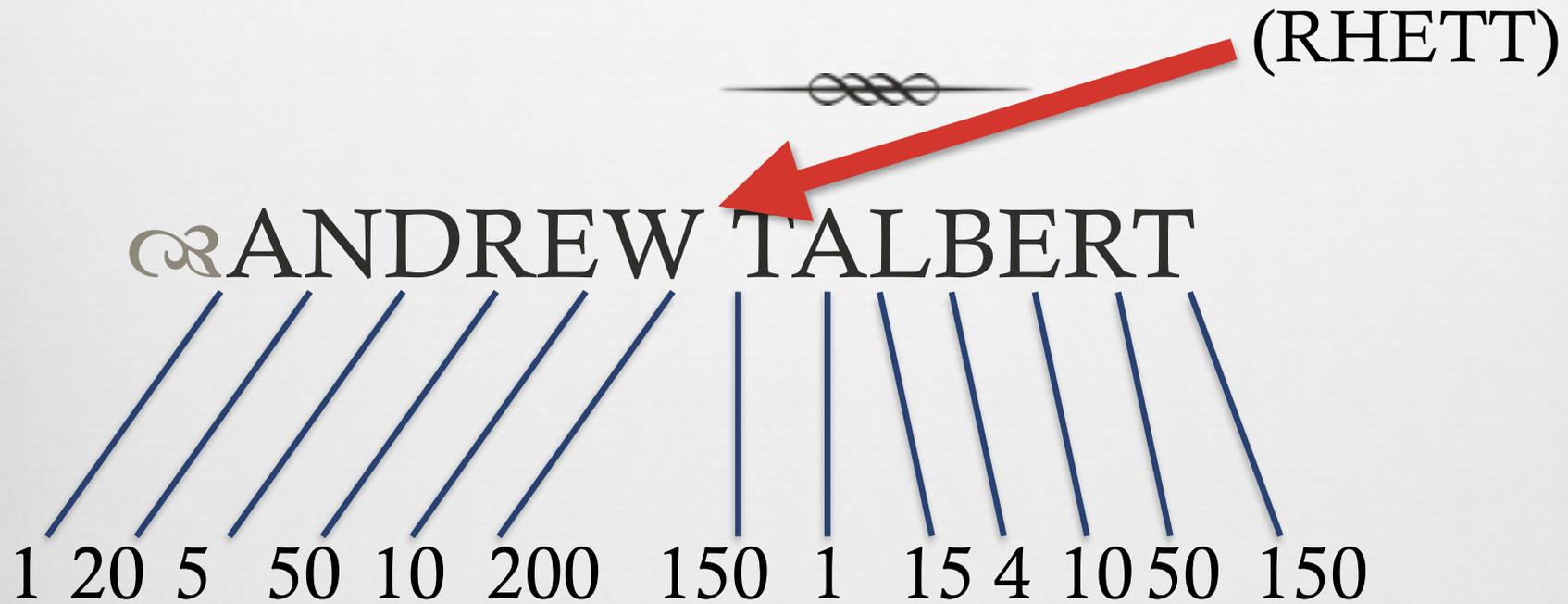


# Revelation Numbers



**An Interlude: Nero and First-Century  
Mathematics**

# The Usual Suspects



$$= 666$$

# Number Words?



Much of the world used letters for counting  
until AD 1200

Latin– I, V, X, L, C, M

Greek & Hebrew– Ditto

CXVI?

Natural connection between numbers and  
words

# Number Words



- ❧ **Gematria-** numerical value of words that have some significance
- ❧ **Isosephy-** a riddle or method that places two words or phrases near each other that have the same numerical value and invites the reader to figure it out.

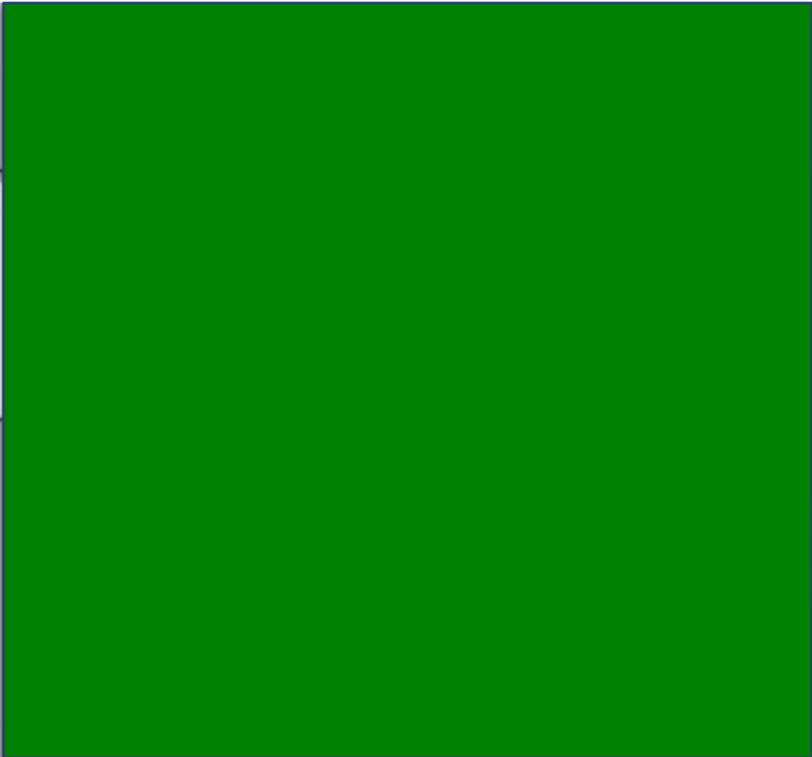
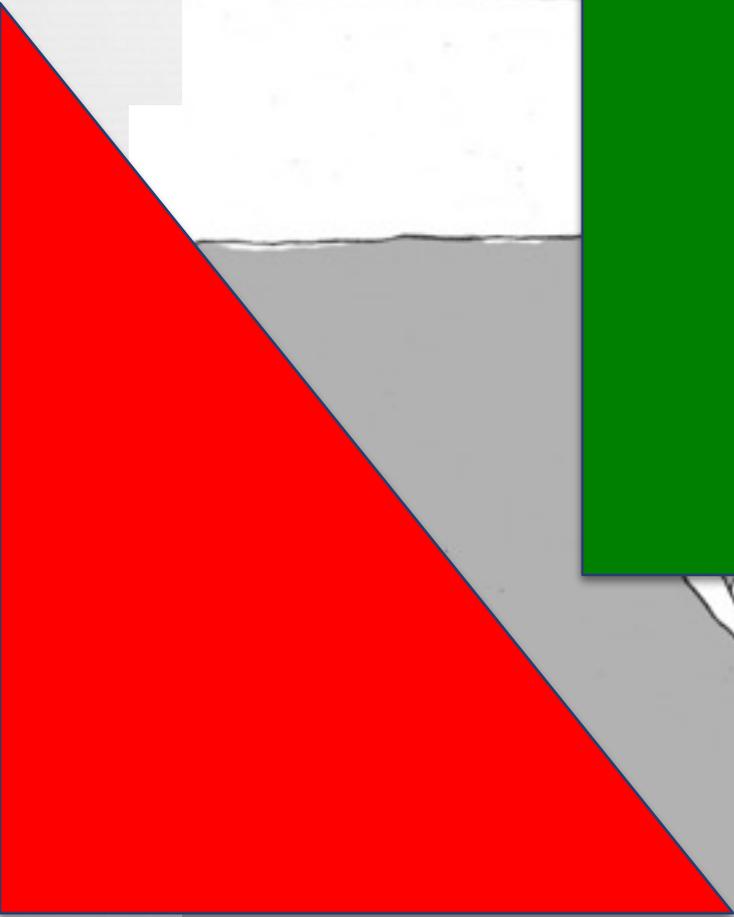
*“I love her whose number is 545”* – Pompeii graffiti, ca. 79 AD

Barnabas 9:7–9 explains 318 in Gen 14:14

“If you compute from one to seventeen, it adds up to 153... calculate it like this, one and two and three and four are ten...” – Augustine on the miraculous catch 153 in John 21:21

4 gospels; 14 letters of Paul; 7 OT quotes in Romans to show Jews and Gentiles are under sin

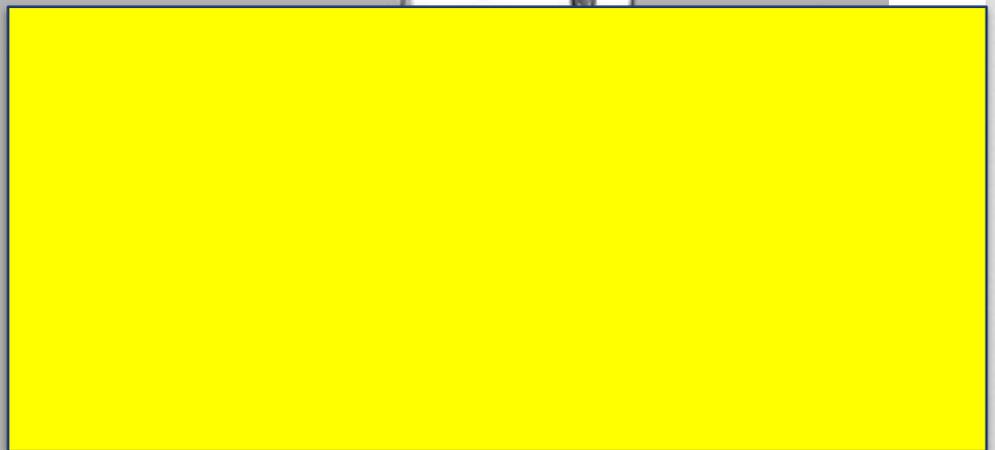
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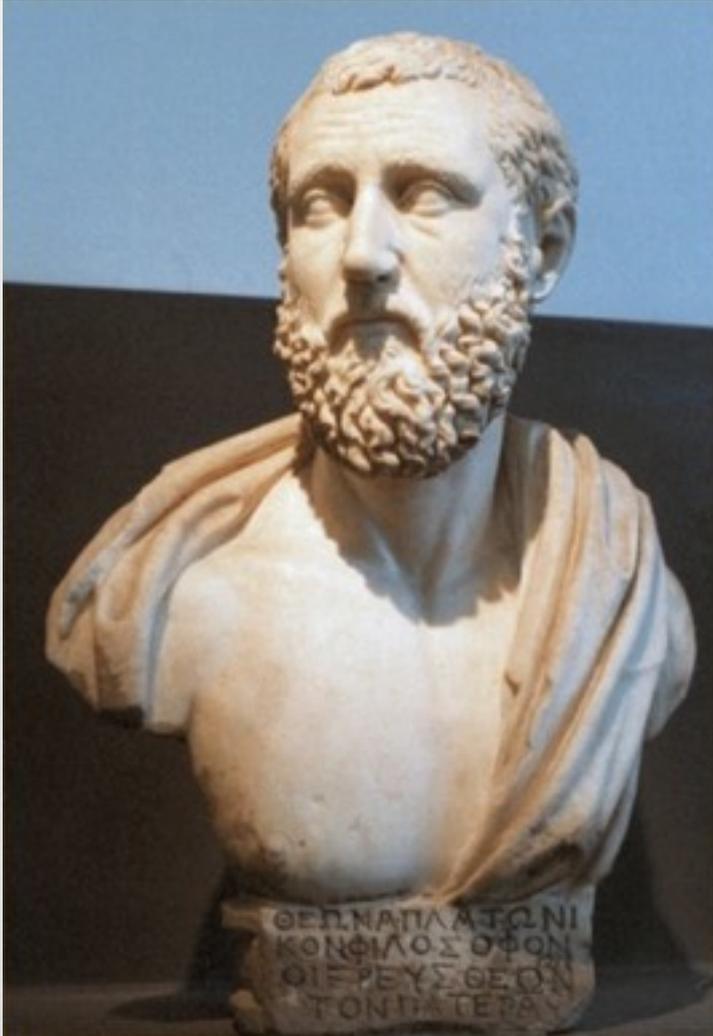
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# Theon of Smyrna



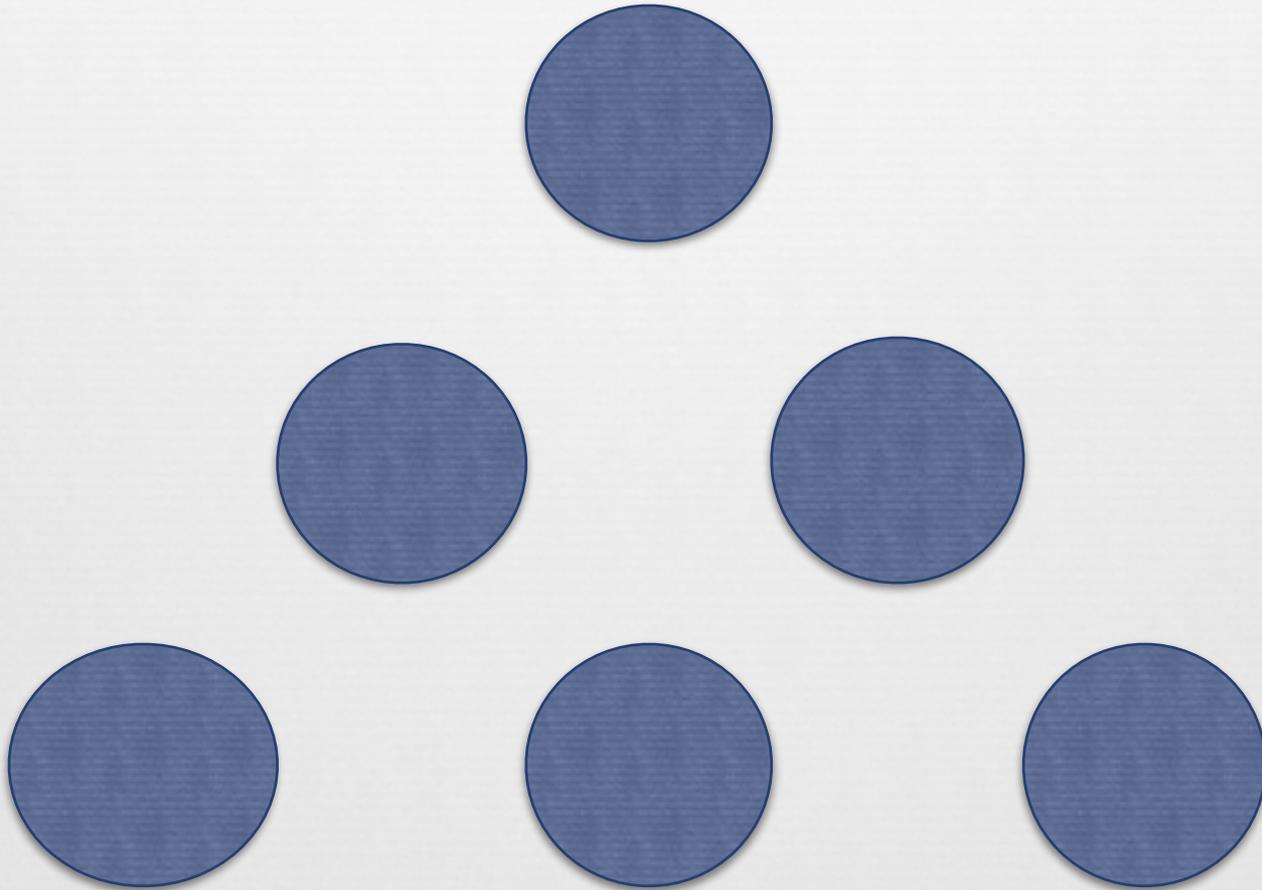
Philo of Alexandria

# Series Number

	1st <sup>so</sup>	2nd	3rd	4th
triangles	1	3	6	10
squares	1	4	9	16
rectangulars	2	6	12	20

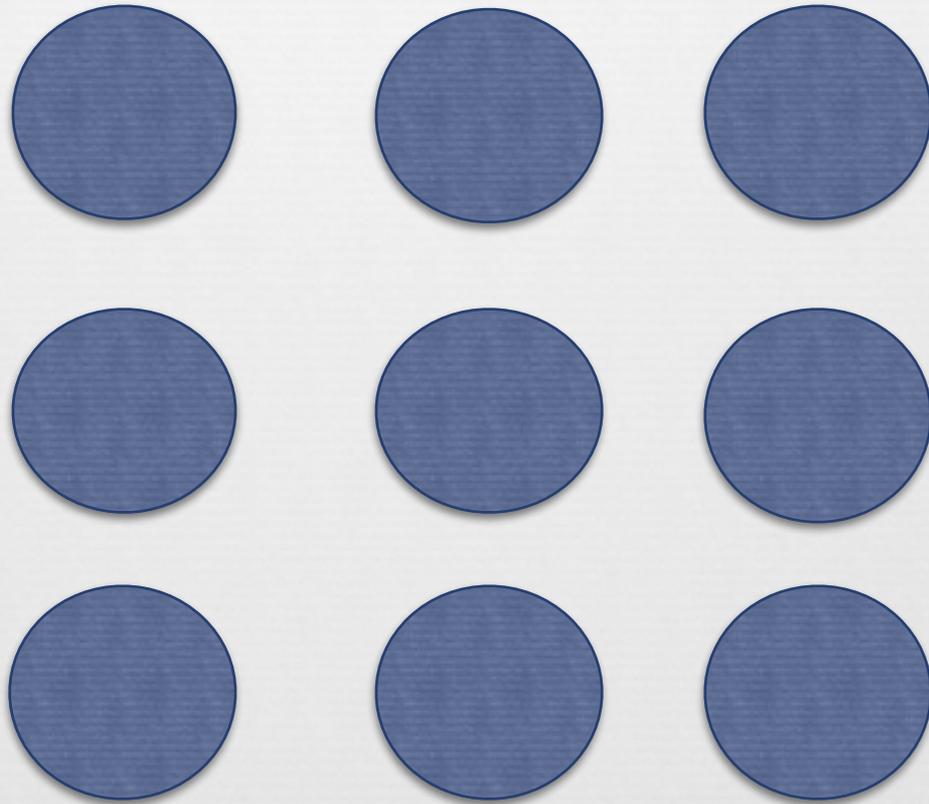
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# Triangular Numbers

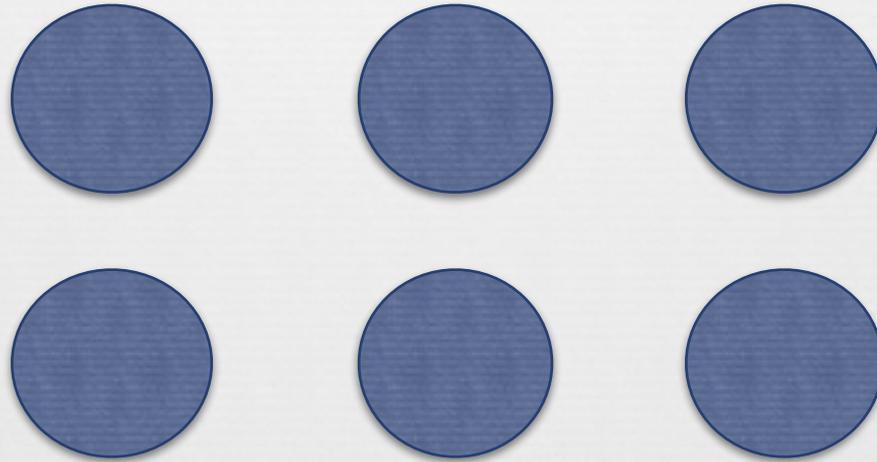


$$T = (n)(n+1)/2$$

# Square Numbers



# Rectangular Numbers



$$R = n * (n + 1)$$

	1st <sup>30</sup>	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
triangles	1	3	6	10	15	21	28	36	45
squares	1	4	9	16	25	36	49	64	81
rectangulars	2	6	12	20	30	42	56	72	90

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“...the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.” (13:18)

“He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by the counting of a man, which is (also) the counting of an angel.” (21:17)

# Beast

666=

ו	ו	י	ך	ת
50	6	10	200	400

# Angel

144=

ס	ל	ג	נ	א
60	30	3	50	1

This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. (Rev 13:18-14:1)

"Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for **forty-two** months. And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for **1,260** days, clothed in sackcloth." (Rev 11:2-3)

"She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for **1,260** days." (Rev 12:6)

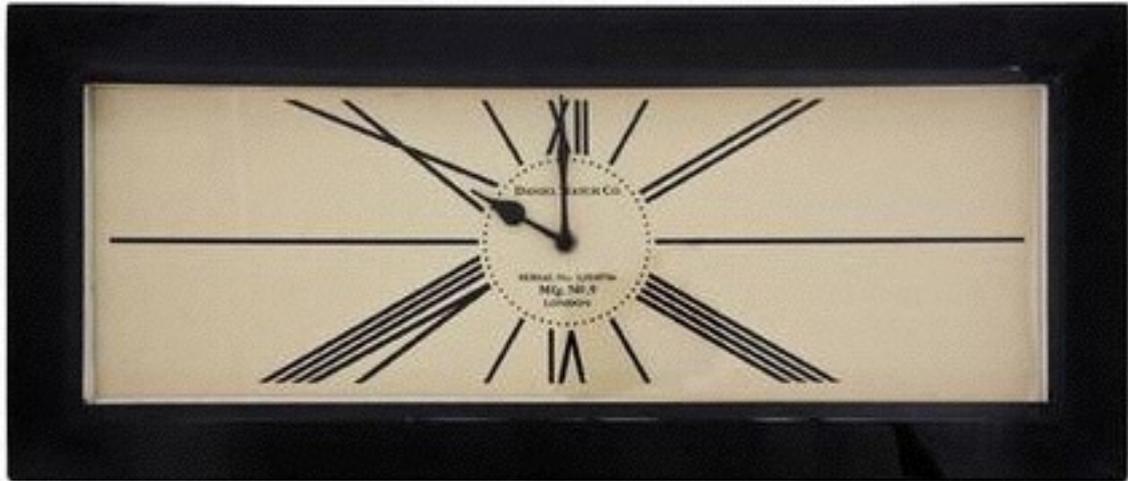
(Compare with 1290 days, Dan 12:11)

"And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for **forty-two** months." (13:5)

Triangle=Evil



Square= Good



Rectangle= time period

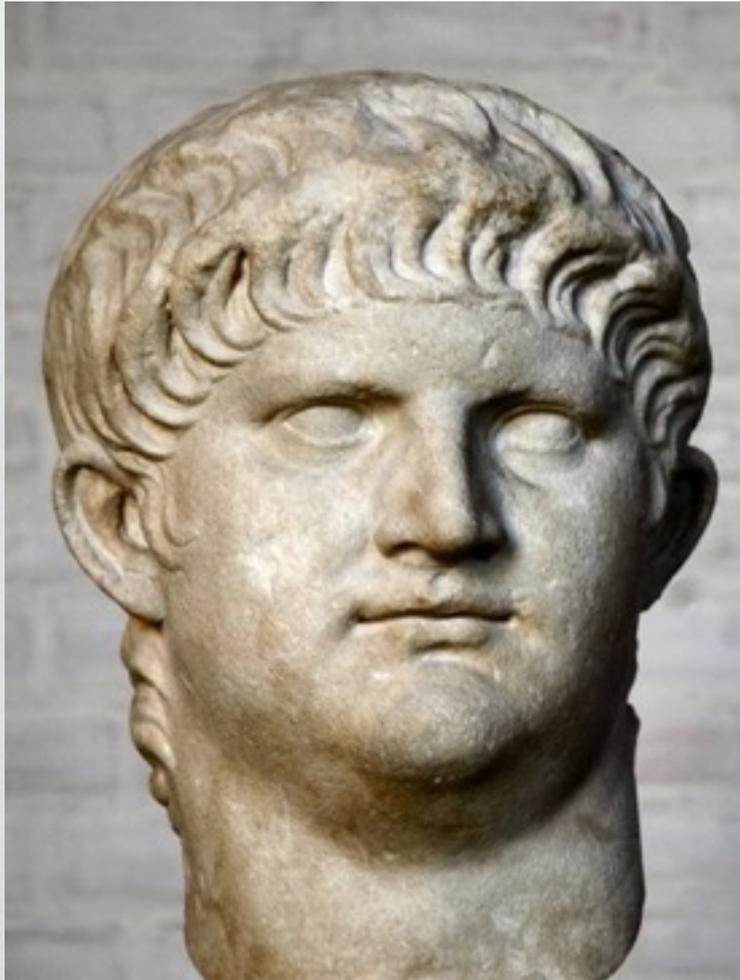
# *Ascension of Isaiah* (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> cent.)



Nero-like Antichrist figure

1,332 days

# Part 2: Nero as the Beast



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# Nero Caesar

ר	ס	ק	ן	ו	ר	נ
200	60	100	50	6	200	50

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666

# AHA! But what about 616?

\*\*\*THIS IS A CORRECTION OF THE AUDIO, which talks about accusative and nominative

Two old Greek manuscripts read “616” instead; but most read “666”

The difference seems to show the scribe new it was referring to Nero, but not John’s scheme

The problem is language transliteration

666 is “Caesar Neron” in Greek, transliterated into Hebrew; 616 is “Caesar Nero” in Latin transliterated into Hebrew

## Greek Transliteration

ק	ס	ק	ו	ו	ק	נ
200	60	100	50	6	200	50

 = 666

## Latin Transliteration

ק	ס	ק	ו	ק	נ
200	60	100	6	200	50

 = 616

# A Riddle

Νεοψηφον: Νερων ιδιαν μητερα απεχτεινα  
(New calculation: Nero killed his own mother)

=1005

=1005

Νεοψηφον (“a new calculation”)

Ψηφίζω- “I calculate”

“let the one who has understanding  
calculate (ψηφίζω) the number of the  
beast, for it is the number of a man,  
and his number is 666” (Rev 13:18)

## Philostratus (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> cent.)

"I know not either how many heads he has, nor whether he has crooked talons or jagged teeth. In any case, though this beast is said to be civil... yet he is so much wilder and fiercer than animals... so that he rends and devours all alike. And again, there is no such beast anyhow of which you can say it devours its own mother, but Nero is gorged with such quarry." (*Life of Apollonius*)

# After Nero

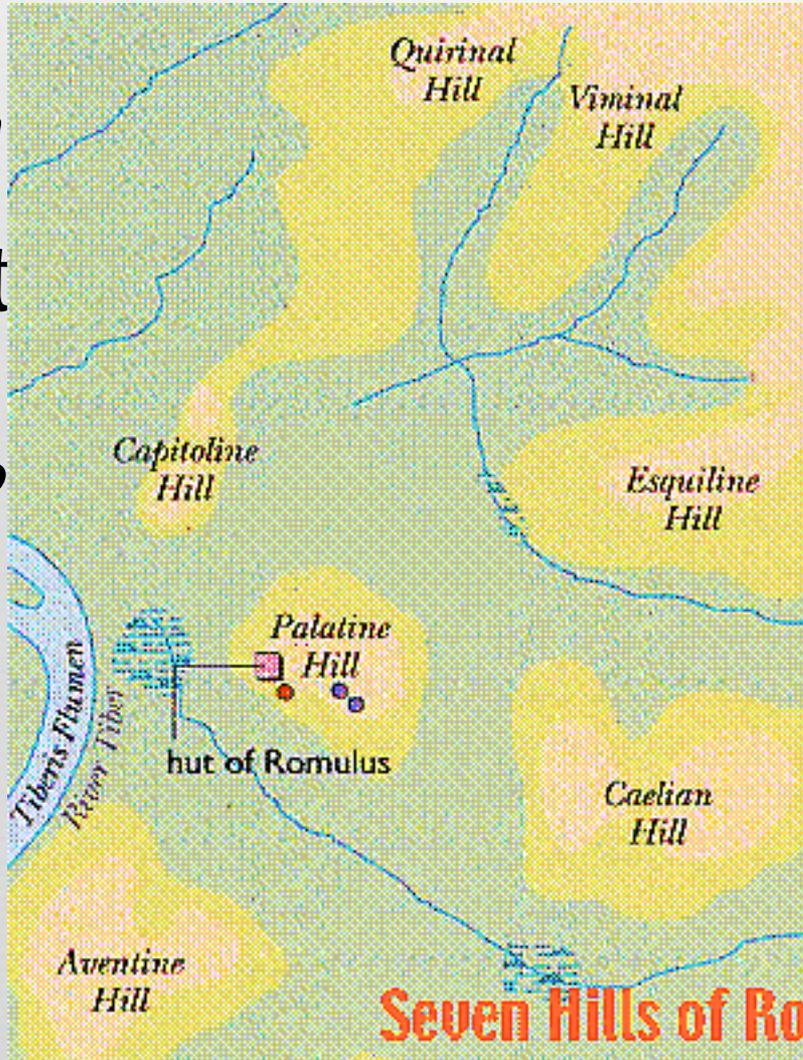


Vespasian

## A Wounded Head

"And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, ... One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast... Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth... telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived." (Rev 13:1,3,11,14)

# Babylon and the Beast



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# He's baaaaack



# Revelation 17

“the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; they are also seven kings... As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth and is one of the seven, and it goes to destruction...

And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire.”

## Revelation Week 5: Nero and First-Century Mathematics

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### Hebrew Gematria

א (Aleph) = 1	י (Yod) = 10	ז (Ayin) = 70
ב (Beth) = 2	כ (Kaph) = 20	ח (Peh) = 80
ג (Gimel) = 3	ך (Final Kaph) = 500	ך (Final Peh) = 800
ד (Daleth) = 4	ל (Lamed) = 30	צ (Tzadi) = 90
ה (Heh) = 5	מ (Mem) = 40	ץ (Final Tzadi) = 900
ו (Vau) = 6	ם (Final Mem) = 600	ק (Qoph) = 100
ז (Zayin) = 7	נ (Nun) = 50	ר (Resh) = 200
ח (Cheth) = 8	ן (Final Nun) = 700	ש (Shin) = 300
ט (Teth) = 9	ס (Samekh) = 60	ת (Tau) = 400