

Here is wisdom.

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בהרהכ הושהינ ובהמה

“...his number is 666.”

Revelation 13:18

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Barack Hussein Obama

The number of his name

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“And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or **the number of his name**. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding **calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a (certain) man: His number is 666.**”
Revelation 13:16-18

Since this prophecy was given nearly two thousand years ago many men have sought in vain to identify the person it describes as “the beast”. The *beast* is also known as the “antichrist” even though this title is not used in the book of Revelation. Only in 1John 2:18 is the title *antichrist* used in apparent reference to the same person. In this article, the terms *beast* and *antichrist* are used interchangeably.

There has been no end to the speculation as to the identity of the antichrist, and it would seem that nearly every world leader has been a candidate at one time or another. Regrettably, because wolf has been cried so many times in the past, many people no longer take the prophecy seriously.

There have been those who have suggested Barack Obama is the antichrist, but critics have dismissed the possibility out of hand on the assumption that the United States is *not* mentioned in Biblical prophecy. Not only is this assumption wrong and the United States indeed mentioned in prophecy, the U.S. is also without question the seat of the beast. This premise is established in a brief summary of the *little horn* prophecy of Daniel chapter 7 on pages 6 and 7 of this article.

It is evident in the prophecy of Revelation that the identity of the *beast* has been purposefully veiled. He is not meant to be easily identified. John could have just given us the name, but that knowledge wasn't meant for everyone so it was veiled in a riddle of sorts. It should also be apparent that the “understanding” required to crack the hidden code in his name is itself a mystery. At the same time, it is also very clear that the beast may in fact be identified by the number of his name. The passage clearly implies that the number 666 is the number of a *specific* person's name, and his identity *is* the answer to the riddle. What is clearly established in the Greek text of this prophecy is that the number of the beast's name adds up to six hundred and sixty six (666). It is very important to note that this is *one* number and not three. The ancient Greek alphabet was also used as a numerical system, and three different Greek letters were used in this prophecy to indicate the singular “number” of the beast. The letter *chi* was used for 600, the letter *xi* for 60, and the letter *zeta* for 6. Most Christians continue to refer to the number of the beast as “six six six”, and this subtle yet serious error has led to the mistake of looking for three sixes.

There is no precedent in Scripture for determining the number of a name, but it is well known that a name can also have a number based the fact that the letters of the Hebrew alphabet are also an ancient numerical system. Each Hebrew letter is also a number. The first letter is the same as 1, the second is 2 and so on to the tenth letter. From there each letter increases in value by 10. The eleventh letter is 20, the twelfth is 30, and so on up to 100. From there, each letter increases in value by 100 up to 400 for the 22nd and last letter. This is easily verified with a little Google research on the ancient Hebrew alphabet. On page 4 of this article is a chart from Wikipedia.com showing the Hebrew letters with their corresponding phonetic sounds and numeric values. Those who know this about Hebrew have typically assumed that one need only translate a name to Hebrew and add the values of the letters to come up with a name's number. But there is nothing in this method that requires any extraordinary wisdom or understanding that the prophecy calls for. It has gone unnoticed that John subtly gave us the key to this riddle *twice*, prior to the prophecy. In both Revelation 7:4 and 9:16 John says, “I **heard the number**”. These are the only two places in the Bible where this phrase is found, and it is a rather strange way to say something like this ...especially when there is nothing in the

context of anyone having spoken a number! It's strange that is, unless of course it was meant to be a clue for understanding the next time John spoke of a number! The secret to deciphering the number of a name is found in the **hearing** of it. When God hears a name He instantly **hears** a number as well as the name. The Modern Hebrew spelling of a name is irrelevant. The Hebrew **phonetics** of a name is its DNA/fingerprint. Every sound that is **heard** when a name is *spoken* carries a specific value in Hebrew. These values added together then render the number of the name. One might think that the spelling of a name would naturally produce the same result, but often it does not. It is common to produce sounds in the pronunciation of a name that cannot be found in its spelling. This is particularly true in Hebrew where many vowel sounds are left out of spellings. Conversely, some Hebrew letters found in official spellings are silent and therefore carry no numerical value. The official Hebrew spelling of "Obama" begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, aleph, which is silent. Also, many names have multiple letters that together account for only one sound. This is especially true in English spellings. For example, the name "Bill" has four letters but only three sounds. No one pronounces the *L* twice. Therefore, God would hear and add the *sound*-value of only one *L* in a name like *Bill*.

Accounting for vowel sounds

Every vowel sound heard in the pronunciation of a name has a value that must be added into the equation. It is said there are no vowel letters in the Hebrew alphabet, but that isn't really true. This tradition stems from the fact that many vowels sounds are left out of Hebrew spellings. But anyone who reads Hebrew knows that there are several consonant letters that double as vowels. Those who study Hebrew orthography referred to them as *matres lectionis*. A chart of these vowel/consonants is also included and located on page 5 of this article. Since each and every sound in a name has a value, each vowel sound must be accounted for by one of these unique vowel/consonants. The following vowel sounds are those found in the name **Barack Hussein Obama**.

The fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is *he* ה (pronounced "hay"). It is the Hebrew equivalent of the letter *h*. Along with being responsible for the common *h* sound, as in "hat", it is also used for the vowel sound "ah" as it is in the Hebrew word **Torah** תּוֹרָה. The letter *he* is also used for an "eh" sound as noted in the vowel chart on page 4. In Hebrew, the name **Moses** is pronounced "**Mosheh**" מֹשֶׁה and ends with *he*.

The sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is *vav* ו and is the Hebrew equivalent of the letter *v*. Along with being responsible for the *v* and sometimes *w* sounds, it often completely sheds its consonantal sound and becomes the vowel sounds *o* as in *snow*, and *oo* as in *soon*. The *o* sound in the Hebrew word **Shalom** שָׁלוֹם, and the *oo* sound in the word **Jerusalem** יְרוּשָׁלַיִם are both made by *vav* ו.

The only other vowel sounds found in Obama's name are in the name **Hussein**. This "a" sound is actually **two** vowel sounds. This fact is made apparent by the use of two different vowels in the English spelling. No one pronounces "Hussein" with a single vowel sound in the last syllable as *hoo-sen* or *hoo-seen*. The two sounds are instead run together to make an "eh-ee" sound. As in English, there is no single Hebrew letter that can account for both of these sounds together so two must be used in the Hebrew rendering as well. As noted above, the "eh" sound is made by the fifth Hebrew letter *he* ה the same as in "**Mosheh**" מֹשֶׁה. The "ee" sound is made by the tenth letter *yod* י. An example of this is in the name of the Israeli city **Tel-Aviv** תֵּל אָבִיב.

On the following page is a phonetic chart showing Obama's full name with the exclusive corresponding Hebrew letters and numeric values. **Please** study it very carefully and compare the phonetics and values to the Hebrew charts on page 5, and check the math for yourself. The statistical probabilities of the results coincidentally adding up to 666 are extremely remote.

Hebrew *phonetic* number of the name
Barack Hussein Obama

בַּהֲרַחַק הוֹשֵׁהֵינּוּ זִבְהֵמָה ← Hebrew is read from right to left.

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B	ב	2	Consonantal sound by <i>bet</i> (2 nd letter), the same as in <u>B</u> enjamin	בְּנִימִין
A	ה	5	Vowel sound made by <i>he</i> (5 th letter), the same as in <u>Torah</u>	תּוֹרָה
R	ר	200	Consonantal sound by <i>resh</i> (20 th letter), the same as in <u>R</u> achel	רַחֵל
A	ה	5	Vowel sound made by <i>he</i> (5 th letter), the same as in <u>Torah</u>	תּוֹרָה
C			Only <u>one</u> “k” sound by <i>kaf</i> (11 th letter), the same as in <u>C</u> aleb	כֹּלֵב
K	כ	20	The name <u>Barak</u> means “blessed” in both Hebrew <i>and</i> Arabic and is always spelled with <i>kaf</i> (see Strong’s 1288).	
H	ה	5	Consonantal sound by <i>he</i> (5 th letter), the same as in <u>H</u> agar	הָגָר
U	ו	6	Vowel sound made by <i>vav</i> (6 th letter), same as in <u>Jeru</u> salem	יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
S			Only <u>one</u> “s” sound by <i>sin</i> (21 st letter), the same as in <u>S</u> arah.	שָׂרָה
S	ש	300	<i>Hussein</i> is Arabic and is always spelled with the same Arabic letter, a singular <i>sin</i> .	
E	ה	5	Vowel sound “eh” by <i>he</i> (5 th letter), as in <i>Moses</i> “ <u>Mosheh</u> ”	מֹשֶׁה
I	י	10	Vowel sound “ee” by <i>yod</i> (10 th letter), the same as in <i>Daniel</i>	דָּנִיֵּאל
N	נ	50	Consonantal sound by <i>nun</i> (14 th letter), same as in <i>Jonathan</i>	יוֹנָתָן
O	ו	6	Vowel sound made by <i>vav</i> (6 th letter), same as in <i>Shalom</i>	שָׁלוֹם
B	ב	2	Consonantal sound by <i>bet</i> (2 nd letter), the same as in <i>Abraham</i>	אַבְרָהָם
A	ה	5	Vowel sound made by <i>he</i> (5 th letter), the same as in <u>Torah</u>	תּוֹרָה
M	מ	40	Consonantal sound <i>mem</i> (13 th letter), the same as in <i>Jeremiah</i>	יֵרֵמְיָהוּ
A	ה	5	Vowel sound made by <i>he</i> (5 th letter), the same as in <u>Torah</u>	תּוֹרָה
		666		

Notice

Let no man arrogate to himself the ability to deliver the world from the antichrist. What God has said He will permit **will** be permitted. All attempts to change this will fail and cause severe backlash against those who believe in Yeshua’s soon return. **This article was written for the sole purpose of calling believers to watch, pray, and prepare.** It was written by a former Evangelical Christian who has been an Observant Messianic for over 10 years.

Hebrew Letter Table

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_alphabet

The following table is a breakdown of each letter in the Hebrew alphabet, showing the letter, its name, its numerical value, and its transliteration for English.

Symbol	Name			Israeli Transliteration to English	Numerical Value
	Israeli	Ashkenazi	Unicode		
1. א	alef	alef	alef	- (1)	1
2. ב	bet, vet	beis, veis	bet	b, v	2
3. ג	gimel	gimmel	gimel	g	3
4. ד	dalet	daled	dalet	d	4
5. ה	he	hei	he	h (2)	5
6. ו	vav	vov/vof	vav	v	6
7. ז	zayin	zayin	zayin	z	7
8. ח	khet	ches	het	kh (or ch/h) (3)	8
9. ט	tet	tes	tet	t	9
10. י	yod	yud	yord	y (4)	10
11. כ ך	kaf, khaf	kof, chof	kaf	k, kh (or ch)	20
12. ל	lamed	lomed	lamed	l	30
13. מ ך	mem	mem	mem	m	40
14. נ ך	nun	nun	nun	n	50
15. ס	samekh	somech	samekh	s *	60
16. ע	ayin	ayin/oyin	ayin	- (5)	70
17. פ ף	pe, fe	pei, fei	pe	p, f	80
18. צ ץ	tsadi	tsodi/tsodik	tsadi	ts (or tz/z)	90
19. ק	kuf	kuf	qof	k (or q) **	100
20. ר	resh	reish	resh	r	200
21. ש	shin, sin	shin, sin	shin	sh, s	300
22. ת	tav	tov/tof, sov/sof	tav	t	400

Hebrew Vowel/Consonants

Matres lectiones

א *aleph*, ה *he*, ו *vav* and י *yod* are consonants that can sometimes fill the position of a vowel. The latter two in particular are more often vowels than they are consonants.

* *Samekh* was a “lighter sibilant than ך” in ancient Hebrew. See Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament page 575. It is believed

to have sounded more like a lisped “s”.

** The sound of *qof* is distinguished from the “k” sound of *kaf* by being formed more toward the back of the throat.

Symbol	Name	Vowel value
א	alef	ê, ê, â, â, ô
ה	he	ê, ê, â, â, ô
ו	vav	ô, û
י	yod	î, ê, ê

More evidence against Obama

The number of the beast’s name is by no means the only evidence in the prophecy that points to Barack Obama. At the beginning of the prophecy in Revelation 13, John said he saw the beast “rising up out of the sea.” This is not a meaningless picture. It is there for a reason. It is obviously there to indicate *where* the beast will come from. Most commentators believe “the sea” in this prophecy refers to the peoples of the world. The term “sea” is in fact used elsewhere in a figurative manner to describe a gathering of people (Revelation 15:2 for example), but it is only used to describe how they *appear* and not as a

location. To suggest “the sea” simply indicates the beast comes from the peoples of the world is no grand revelation. Moreover, because “the sea” in 13:1 is contrasted with “the earth” from where the false prophet arises in 13:11, “the sea” must be interpreted more literally as a geographic location. Barack Obama was born in 1961 in **Honolulu Hawaii**. There is no question that he was conceived there, or that he spent most of his adolescent life there. For several years, from age 6 to 10, he lived with his mother in Jakarta Indonesia... another island! But for the majority of Obama’s adolescent life he was in Hawaii and graduated from high school there in 1979. Virtually *all* of his adolescent years were spent growing up on the islands of Hawaii and Indonesia. This could certainly be described as “**rising up out of the sea.**” It is also interesting to note that both the Hawaiian and Indonesian islands are volcanic islands that have themselves *risen up out of the sea*. They never were part of the land that God had originally separated from the sea! (Genesis 1:9-10) Could it be that God sees these islands and what comes from them as having risen up out of the sea?

John said the beast had “a mouth like the mouth of a lion.” Barack Obama is well known for his low, resonating, authoritative voice.

John also said the beast “was like a leopard, and his feet were like a bear.” This could very well indicate mixed-race. The *leopard* is known to represent African races, and the *bear* is known to represent Caucasians.

John said on the beast’s head was “a blasphemous name”. The name “Barack” means *blessed*. Jews often begin prayer with the same word saying, “Baruck atah Adoni Eloheynu.”, which means, “Blessed are You Lord God.” The name “Hussein” means *beautiful*. The name *Barack Hussein Obama* means, “Blessed is the beautiful Obama”. Is this not how Satan sees himself? Some Jews will not speak Obama’s full name because of the blasphemy that it is. Consider also the significance that Yeshua said Jerusalem would not see him again until it said, “Baruck (blessed) is he (Yeshua) who comes in the name of YHWH יהוה ” Matthew 23:37-39.

Those who know God’s name and another title He has claimed for Himself might notice more blasphemies within the blasphemy of Obama’s name. Each of Obama’s three names contains two *hes* ה . God’s name is the original name with two *hes* in it! Satan has always wanted to be like God. Notice also the placement of the *hes* in each name. **בהרהב הושהינ ובהמה** Reading Hebrew right-to-left, notice the *hes* are centered in the first name, the second name starts with *he*, and the last name ends with *he*. Could this be another blasphemous usurpation from a title of the Almighty who describes Himself in Revelation 1:8 as He “who **is**” (present tense, in the middle), “who **was**” (past tense, at the beginning), “and who **is to come**” (future tense, at the end)?

The “little horn” of Daniel 7 is the United States

(If you are not familiar with this prophecy, please read this chapter before continuing.)

Many scholars agree that the fourth beast of Daniel 7 represents the Roman Empire. The confusion has been over the horns that rise on this beast’s head because in verse 24 they are referred to as “kings”. Most scholars have therefore assumed that the horns represent individual leaders and have missed the fact that they are also at least as importantly the “kingdoms” that these leaders rule over. In the full context of Daniel 7 it should have been noticed that both terms “king” and “kingdom” have been used in reference to the same fourth beast. (See verses 17 and 23) This is a key precedent in the prophecy that also applies to the term *king* as it is used in reference to the horns on the beast’s head. They are *kingdoms* as well as the *kings* who lead them. This overlapping meaning exists because a kingdom or country lasts much longer than the life of any one of its leaders. In light of this, the horns that rise on the head of the fourth beast are the European *countries* or *kingdoms* that rose from the **same peoples** of the Roman Empire after its demise. The prophecy describes an 11th “little horn” that came up and “uprooted” and “subdued” three of the original 10 horns. The country that

the little horn represents must also be seen as being of the **same peoples** because all of the horns rise from the head of the same fourth beast. It is an indisputable fact of history that the United States was founded and predominantly populated by *European* immigrants. Of the kingdoms of Europe that had roots extending to the Americas, there were **three** that were removed, or “uprooted”, in one way or another to make way for the new country. They were England, France, and Spain. The fact that the eleventh horn was shorter, or “little”, indicates the country was younger, and the fact that it was described as “stouter” indicates that it became stronger than the others. This little horn perfectly describes the United States! And according to verses 24-26, it is clear that the last leader of this *little-horn* country is the one who becomes the antichrist.

It also stands to reason that if the antichrist is to accomplish all that is prophesied concerning him, he would need to be the leader of the most powerful and technologically advanced nation on earth. It is also a fact that no other nation has more influence over Israel than the United States.

The Gog and Magog error

Because it is believed the United States is not mentioned in prophecy, many teachers of prophetic eschatology teach that the U.S. will be destroyed or rendered insignificant before the rise of the antichrist. Many have taught that this will happen either directly or indirectly through the fulfillment of the prophesied war of Gog and Magog (Russia) in Ezekiel 38 and 39. It must be pointed out that this common understanding of Ezekiel 38 and 39 is another terrible error in prophetic interpretation. According to Revelation 20:4-9, it could not be more clear that the Gog and Magog war will occur **after** the thousand-year reign of Yeshua the Messiah on earth and **not** before. If one reads Ezekiel 38 and 39, they will notice that the prophecy describes Israel before the attack of Gog and Magog as dwelling “safely” and “peacefully”, “without defenses”. This cannot possibly describe Israel today, but it perfectly fits with the prophetic descriptions of Israel at peace during the thousand-year Messianic age. For whatever reason, these well known end-time teachers continue to insist on driving a square peg into a round hole and calling it a fit.

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