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- 4 they worshipped the dragon – who gave authority to the beast

- 5 authority for 42 months
- 6 opened his mouth – blasphemy against God – to blaspheme His name, His
tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven
- 7 it was granted for him to make war with the saints – authority was given
over every tribe, tongue and nation
- 11 a second beast – another beast out of the earth
- 12 authority like the first beast – causes the earth to worship the first beast
- Let's talk – about the image, the mark and the number of the beast
- Rev. 14:9 image and mark
image = reflection of the reality
mark = forehead (thoughts) or hand (actions)
- Rev. 13:15 IMAGE – beast is given power – to breath life to the image of the beast
to a person?
to a group of people?
to a system?
- 16 MARK – receive a mark on right hand (actions) or on forehead (thoughts)
- 17-18 NUMBER – can't buy or sell – mark, name or number of his name (666)

An article written by Gregory Beale was posted at faculty.wts.edu (Westminister Seminary) on February 11, 2015. Following is an excerpt from the article.

· “*Gematria*: In the ancient world, letters of the alphabet often substituted for numerals (our numeral system derives from the later Arabic mathematicians). Hence, each letter stood for a number. The problem is that no clear identification can be made linking 666 with any particular ancient historical name. Attempts have been made to alter spellings and incorporate titles to try to make a multitude of names fit, but nothing conclusive has emerged. Most commonly, the number has been identified with Nero, on the basis of a Hebrew transliteration of the title ‘Nero Caesar.’ However, this option flounders on confusion concerning the exact Hebrew spelling of Caesar, and does not fit that fact that John’s readers were largely Greek-speaking, and that Nero had many titles other than Caesar. . . . More than 100 names were proposed in Britain between 1560 and 1830. Last century the names of Kaiser and Hitler, among others, have also been calculated to equal 666.”

- Rev. 9:11 two possibilities – “in Hebrew” or “in Greek”
- Rev. 16:16 in this case, specifically mentioned – “in Hebrew”
- Let's talk – about torment “forever”
- Rev. 14:10-11 torment – forever and ever
- Rev. 20:10 the devil – cast into lake of fire – beast & false prophet – tormented day
and night forever
- 14 then death and Hades were cast into lake of fire – this is the second death