

THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST – IRON MAIDEN

NARRATION

Woe to you, o'er _____ 1 and _____ 2
For the _____ 3 sends the beast with wrath
_____ 4 he knows the _____ 5 is short
Let him who hath _____ 6 reckon the number of
the beast
For it is a _____ 7 number
Its number is six hundred and sixty six

I left _____ 8, my mind was blank
I needed time to think to get the _____ 9 from my mind
What did I see? Can I _____ 10 that what I saw
That night was real and not just _____ 11?
Just what I saw, in my old _____ 12, were they
Reflections of my warped mind staring back at _____ 13?
'Cause in my dreams, it's always _____ 14
The evil face that twists my _____ 15 and brings me to
despair.

Yeah!

The _____ 16 was black, was no use holding _____ 17
Cause I just had to see, was someone _____ 18 me?
In the mist, dark figures move and _____ 19
Was all this for real or just some kind of _____ 20?

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Hell and fire was spawned to _____ 21 released

Torches blazed and sacred chants _____ 22 phrased
As they start to _____ 23, hands held to the _____ 24
In the night, the fires are _____ 25 bright
The ritual has _____ 26, Satan's work is done

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_____ 27 is going on tonight

GUITAR SOLO

This can't go on, I must _____ 28 the law
Can this still be real, or just some _____ 29 dream?
But I feel drawn towards the chanting hordes
They seem to mesmerize, can't avoid their _____ 30

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666 the _____ 31 for you and me

I'm _____ 32 back, I will return
And I'll _____ 33 your body and I'll make you burn
I have the _____ 34, I have the _____ 35
I have the power to make my evil take its course

CHALLENGES

1. Fill in the missing words:
2. Find abstract nouns in the lyrics.
3. Can you make a list of words related to religion?
4. Here you have an interesting fact about the number of the beast.

According to the writer, Robert Graves, 666 could have been translated from the Latin figure **DCLXVI**, meaning six hundred and sixty-six, which in fact is the acronym of *Domitius Caesar Legatos Xti Violenter Interfecit, Domicio Caesar viciously killed Jesus Christ's messengers.*

