

End Time Events Series
9 – The Mark Of The Beast
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What is the urgent call of the third angel's message?

Revelation 14:9-11

- 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship the beast and his image, and receive his** mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- 10 The same shall **drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out **without mixture** into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they **have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

Let's look at the first part of the message:

“If ANY man WORSHIP the beast and his image and RECEIVE his mark in his forehead, or in his hand”

The Beast = Papal Roman System, headed by the Pope

Image of the beast = Fallen/Rebellious Modern Churches (apostate)

and

Where do they receive the Mark of the beast?

RECEIVE the mark of the beast in his forehead or in his hand...

What is the Greek word for “Mark”?

Mark (Greek) – charagma [*khar'-ag-mah*] a **scratch or etching**, that is, *stamp* (as a **badge of servitude**), or *sculptured figure (statue)*: - graven, mark.

Charagma is where we get our word “Character” from. Character in the Greek means “Engraved Mark”

Jesus has come to transform our “charagma” / characters in the likeness of Him.

Romans 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Satan wants our character to be unchanged - sinful = death.

The Mark of the Beast reveals the true character of the beast and who she truly worships.

Note: Your character will determine who you truly worship. Your character will also determine if you will receive (accept) the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God!

Why is the Mark of the beast in the forehead or in the hand (not both)?

FOREHEAD: What is behind the forehead? The frontal lobe of the brain. This is the reasoning control center of the brain. This is where we make conscious decisions. Those who have the mark of the beast in the foreheads, have the character of the beast. They wholeheartedly believe in the deceptions of the beast as fact.

HAND: The mark of the beast in the hand represents conforming to the demands of the beast because of fear of persecution, hungry, or death.

Revelation 14:9 reveals that his official identifying “mark” on those who worship the beast and his image is the **“mark of the beast”**.

What is the “Mark of Beast”?

Remember: Everything that God has that is genuine Satan has a counterfeit. If the mark of the beast is identified as Satan's counterfeit we need to know God's genuine “mark”.

If we clearly identify God's mark on His people, we know that Satan has a counterfeit mark close behind. Let's briefly go to Revelation 7:2-3.

What is the “mark” of God?

Revelation 7:2-3

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the **seal of the living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, **Hurt not the earth**, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Notice God only seals or marks those in their foreheads. Character of Christ. So we see in this text that John saw in vision an angel symbolically mark the faithful people of God with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.

Seal (Greek) sphragis (*sfrag-ece'*) - a *signet* (as *fencing* in or protecting from misappropriation); by implication the *stamp* impressed (as **a mark** of privacy, or **genuineness**), literally or figuratively: - seal.

Governments use a seal as a mark of authenticity of an official document or law.

A seal is a device for making an impression in wax, clay, paper, or some other medium, including an embossment on paper, and is also the impression thus made. The original purpose was to authenticate a document. (Wikipedia.com).

Seal of God is the mark of God's governmental authority. It is His governments official seal.

What is the seal of the living God that officially marks the faithful people of God as a sign of their loyalty and obedience?

Ezekiel 20:12

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.

Repeats in verse 20

Ezekiel 20:20

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

Sign (Hebrew) meaning: 'ôth [*oth*] a *signal* (literally or figuratively), as a *flag, beacon, monument, evidence*, etc.: - **mark**, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

Sign, Seal, and Mark are the same. They are synonymous in their meaning.

Exodus 31:13-17

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.

17 It *is* a **sign** between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath is a sign or mark of your loyalty to God in which you keep ALL of his commandments as a expression of your love to Jesus.

Where does God place his official seal of authority within the 10 commandments that makes this document of heaven official?

Remember 3 Elements of a legal seal 1. Name 2. Title 3. Territory

4th Commandment:

Exodus 20:8-11

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the **LORD thy God**: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger

that *is* within thy gates:

11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

-The fourth commandment reveals the seal of God. It reveals his Name: Lord (Jehovah/self existent one), Title/position (Creator) and His territory (heaven, earth, sea and all)

The seal of God or official mark of God that authenticates His Ten Commandments is the Seventh-day Sabbath. The Sabbath commandment reveals the author of the Ten Commandments. This is the reason why Satan has an all out assault on God's true Holy Sabbath.

Seventh-day Sabbath = Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday

Seal of the Living God = TRUE Seventh-day SABBATH including ALL His commandments.

Now that we know what is the true mark or seal of God that is the seal of his authority and supremacy, let's look at mark of the beast... Let's look at the mark of the beast, Satan's counterfeit.

Remember the Mark reveals who you truly worship. If you know that the mark of God is His seventh-day holy sabbath, the mark of the beast is Satan's counterfeit **has to do with a day of worship** that opposes God's true day according to the Bible.

Is the Mark of the beast a secret number or microchip under your skin or a 666 stamp on your forehead or hand.... NO! That is all! Will those who receive the mark of the beast be given an special microchip or card, maybe, but the micro chip/ card / number is NOT the Mark of the Beast.

What is the "Mark of the Beast"?

What does the beast – papal Rome say is its Mark of authority?

"Sunday is our Mark of authority....The church is ABOVE the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." Catholic Record, September 1, 1923

"The Sabbath was Saturday, not Sunday. The Church altered the observance of the Sabbath to the observance of Sunday. Protestants must be rather puzzled by the keeping of Sunday when God distinctly said, 'Keep holy the Sabbath Day.' The word Sunday does not come anywhere in the Bible, so, without knowing it they are obeying the authority of the Catholic Church." Canon Cafferata, The Catechism Explained, p. 89.

Daniel 7:25 predicts that Papal Rome will make this change.

Daniel 7:25

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

In opposition to this Jesus says in Matthew 5:17

Matthew 5:17

17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

The counterfeit Sabbath, Sunday worship is the “beast's mark of authority”

The Mark of the Beast is Papal Rome's counterfeit Sunday Sabbath.

Has anyone received or accepted the Mark of the Beast yet? NO

The Mark of the Beast is the enforcement (forced) by law of Sunday “Sabbath” Worship. In the near future. This is when you have to make a choice to accept it or not.

How does the Bible clearly reveal the enforcement of Satan's Mark of the Beast, forced Sunday “sabbath” worship?

Revelation 13:11-13

- 11 And I beheld another beast (USA) coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
- 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and **causeth** the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

America will cause (deception/laws/policies) the world to WORSHIP (kiss) the beast (Papal Rome) and make an image to the beast (apostate churches)

USA once a Christian nation who protested (protestant) against papal Rome, who escaped religious persecution for religious freedom is now kissing the beast with other world leaders.

What does the image of the beast cause or force by it laws? [Go to the next verses, Revelation 13:15-18

Revelation 13:15-17

- 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and **cause** that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to **receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**
- 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

How does a nation speak and cause? Through legislation / laws and enforcement of those laws

"The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. {GC 592.3} (E.G.White, Great Controversy, p. 592)

What will ultimately happen to those who receive the mark of the beast?

Revelation 19:20

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

What is the last part of the third angel's message for those who receive the mark of God instead of the mark of the beast?

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the **patience of the saints**: here *are* they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the **faith of Jesus**.

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