

TOPIC: The Mark of the Beast

Friends, part of the reason behind the push for globalism and a one world system of government, religion, and financial systems is: **CONTROL. The Antichrist wants control over the entire Earth...**and you know what? The Bible clearly states that he will, indeed, come to **dominate the entire world** with much death and destruction following. The prime method to exert control is to establish a new financial mechanism. Everyone on the planet needs to be able to buy and sell...even for the smallest of things. From making a mortgage or rent payment to buying a pack of chewing gum, the Bible predicts that it will not be possible to do so anymore without an identifying mark. The mark is likely visible, and it is put on the forehead or the right hand. The Bible is very specific about this...remember: the forehead or right hand. It is a sign of **loyalty to the Antichrist** and those that accept this mark will either willingly worship or be forced in submission to worship the Antichrist. Who is the enforcer for the process of forcing people to take the Mark of the Beast? Well, the Bible calls him the False Prophet. The False Prophet has two main purposes: to deceive the world as the head of a new world religion and to point to the Antichrist as god (remember, "the little g god"). He will authenticate that the Antichrist is god by a series of supernatural and spectacular miracles and signs. Because people all over the world have never seen such signs **AND DON'T KNOW THE BIBLE**, they will fall for these counterfeit signs and be further deceived. People will be falling under the deceitful spell of the Antichrist in droves. Don't you be among them!

Alright, so let's read from the Word of God. Let's go to the last book of the Bible: Revelation and read Chapter 13:1-10 "And the dragon (this is Satan) stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. ² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. ³ I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; ⁴ they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" ⁵ There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ ***It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them***, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints."

So, the dragon is Satan, the beast from the sea is the Antichrist, and the beast from the Earth is the false prophet. These three entities are the counterfeit Trinity. BEWARE! Let's pick up in verse 11 and continue reading about the false prophet: "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. ¹² He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. ¹⁵ And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six."

Much has been speculated concerning the Mark of the Beast and the upcoming New World Order under the control of the Antichrist. You are in the Tribulation and you have witnessed the departure of hundreds of millions of born-again believers in Jesus Christ depart in the blink of an eye. Because you are in the Tribulation period...and providing you survive long enough into this horrifying period, you **WILL** be facing the Mark of the Beast...**make no mistake!** Most scholars believe it will roll-out worldwide around the mid-point, or 42 months, or 3 ½ years after the 7-year peace

covenant is signed with Israel. But be forewarned, the Mark might be sooner than that. We can't be completely sure because the Bible doesn't speak to the exact implementation date. But we do know it is coming.

On this side of the Rapture, there has been a lot of speculation and ambiguity about the Mark. But, you will KNOW EXACTLY that it is the Mark because two things will happen to you: someone wants to enroll—or more likely force you—to receive some kind of augmentation to either your forehead or your right hand **AND** you are asked to worship the image of the Antichrist. Well, as I think more about it, it could be the other way around. You might be asked to worship the Antichrist **FIRST AND THEN** you can receive “the privilege, benefit, and recognition” of the Mark. We can't advise you on what that Mark looks like, how it is implemented, or the technology that is used. Most Bible scholars believe it is a sign of loyalty...almost like how a brand or tattoo on cattle shows who owns them. You will be threatened with an ultimatum: you won't be able to buy or sell without this identifying Mark of loyalty.

PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY. IF YOU TAKE THE MARK—ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE LIKELY VERY OBVIOUS THAT YOU ARE ON THE VERGE OF DOING SOMETHING COMPLETELY EVIL AND IRREVERSIBLE—YOU ARE EFFECTIVELY GIVING YOUR LOYALTY TO SATAN AND REJECTING GOD FOREVER. **FOREVER!** Bible Prophecy experts on this side of the Rapture believe that NO ONE will **accidentally** take the Mark...they will know exactly what they are doing and will knowingly give their allegiance to the Antichrist (and by extension: to Satan himself).

Brace yourself Brothers and Sisters, for you will literally find yourself in the most stressful conflict of your life. On one hand, as Revelation 13:15 says he will “cause as many as do **not worship the image of the Antichrist to be killed.**” And on the other hand, God says in Revelation 14:9-11 says “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,¹⁰ **he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and **he will 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 goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”** This is a horrific and heart-stopping moment—for when [not if] YOUR MOMENT happens to you personally...there's just no way to sugar coat what needs to be said to you, nor can you avoid what is at stake for you now. This moment is inevitable.

So, you have to decide:

- (1) Refuse the Mark and die by the hand of the Antichrist and the world system, or
- (2) Take the Mark, become a part of the Antichrist's world system and then incur the wrath of God forever and ever.

Refusing the Mark and being martyred is a temporary thing, because **if you are in Christ** you will immediately be in heaven when you are killed. Taking the Mark will mean eternal torment. *One is temporary pain leading to eternal glory, the other is seemingly beneficial but leading to death anyway and eternity separated from God in hell, suffering forever.* We know that millions and millions of people will refuse the Mark of the Beast and therefore will be beheaded, because the Bible says that “tribulation saints” are a “great multitude”.

You will be forced to make this incredibly difficult decision. Stand firm, understand what's at stake, yield to the LORD and His desire that you do not perish in everlasting torment in the lake of fire. Accept His free offer of everlasting joy in His presence forever. Our citizenship is in Heaven. This Earth is dying under the weight of our fallen nature. The spectacular policies and brilliant strategy of the Antichrist to seize control over the entire world seems beneficial initially, but he will bring death to hundreds of millions of people. Don't be fooled into thinking he is some hero and will “rescue mankind”. Only God can rescue us, and despite what the Antichrist will proclaim: that he is god, know that he is **a liar and the father of lies**. Don't take a shortcut for the limited and temporal benefits offered to you if you take the Mark. Think independently and for yourself. It is the most important decision you can make, because if you cave-in at the last minute, you are going to be cast into eternal torment. Do you remember the previous segment on Ministry Calling? This is where we discussed the #1 characterization found in Rev. 21:8 for those who will **not be accepted** into the Kingdom of God, is “**the cowardly.**” Friend, it is better to be killed than to take that Mark...so be **STRONG...PREVAIL THROUGH THIS TEST...BE AN OVERCOMER!**

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PERSONAL MOMENT

If you reach that point in the Tribulation to see the Mark of the Beast being implemented, understand what is at stake. You WILL go through this, so deciding right now how you're going to handle this critical moment in your life is so incredibly important! Don't wait to process all this until it is actually happening. **Do the hard work of counting the cost now!** I fear that if you don't, you will succumb to peer pressure, threats against those you love, and beatings and internment camps until you do agree to it. Under no circumstances can you buy time, defer a decision, pretend to cooperate, or fake compliance. Actually: this is your **ultimate moment to stand strong and to NOT bend a knee to the Antichrist. YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE IS AT STAKE.** Those of us that have gone before you in the Rapture want you to make the **right decision**...because we **LOVE YOU** and want to be **REUNITED** with you, but you have to do your part to resist. Unfortunately, we can't be with you at that moment.

So, be prepared emotionally. If you have a spouse and kids, the "enforcers of the Mark" may threaten to kill them too...even in front of you. You need to understand the raw hatred the world system has for the people of God and it will exert tremendous pressure in a last-ditch effort to submit your will to Satan and to worship the Antichrist. If they threaten your loved ones—even your kids—you have to prepare to resist that. That's why your role in bringing the rest of your family into a saving relationship with Christ is so incredibly important. Think ahead. If those that can be threatened to coerce you to take the Mark are also in Christ, then the sting of death and that pressure is completely mitigated. You will all be in the Lord's presence very soon...perhaps it will be just moments away...**so prepare yourself and your loved ones to PREVAIL ahead of time for that critical moment.** Bring as many in your family to genuine faith in Christ. Explain the Gospel message, get on your knees and pray with them, let them know that this is critically important. Once you are in Christ—**NOTHING CAN SNATCH YOU AWAY FROM JESUS AND YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE!**

These are extremely tough words, but you will be tracked. Hunted. Pursued. *Your finish line is at hand the moment you are cornered and are asked to decide about taking the Mark...but truly know that your life is just beginning! Don't be afraid. Don't succumb to fear.* This is not the end, but the beginning. **Trust the Bible!** You must take **STRONG STEPS OF COURAGE TO BELIEVE** what it says in 2 Corinthians 5:8 "...to be absent from the body" which means that our physical body is dead "...is to be at home with the Lord." The death of our body leads to an instantaneous transition between being on Earth and being in Heaven! **CHOOSE LIFE. Choose eternity in Heaven.** Be reunited with your loved ones that died long ago OR that were caught up in the Rapture.

REFUSE THE MARK!

Other martyrs have gone before you: you are not alone. Let's look at the very first martyr recorded in the Bible. Stephen was one of the disciples of Jesus. In Acts chapter 7, we can learn about this amazing man and what happened to him as he was about to be killed. It says in verse ⁵⁵ "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep." To fall asleep means that our physical body is dead, but our spirit is still alive and well in Heaven!

As you approach your death, the LORD is watching you. You are able to pray to the LORD and to forgive those that are persecuting you. It becomes a very powerful testimony to do so, although those that are involved in enforcing the world system and trying to force you to take the Mark are very likely already past the point of no-return. They cannot be redeemed. *Their minds regard your choice as foolishness because their hearts have been hardened and their consciences seared.* At that critical moment—instead of speaking to those that are persecuting you—turn your attention to others that are involved, those that have NOT taken the Mark, and shout out your warnings, tell them to call out to Jesus Christ for salvation. Consider shouting out words of encouragement, something like: "Don't take the Mark; Call out to Him for YOUR salvation; You can prevail; Be strong in the Lord; Take courage, our suffering is almost over." The Lord will help you with these words as it says in Luke 12:12: **"for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."** **Trust in the LORD.** He will give you the words to say in your personal moment. You are on the

brink of eternity with the Lord, in Heaven, and you will be among your Brothers and Sisters in Christ that have gone before you.

Over a period of roughly 3,000 years since King David penned Psalm 23, it has brought comfort to many and a model prayer during incredibly hard times. Let's recite this together right now...it should sound familiar to you already. Psalm 23:1-6 "A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. ³ He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ **EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;** Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." If it is possible to do so, rejoice! Out loud! Pray out loud! Worship the LORD out loud like King David did. Go out of this life at the top of your game, worshipping the **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. *You will see Him soon.*

It is heartbreaking to tell you these things. **YOU HAVE BEEN PRAYED FOR.** There are many believers on this side of the Rapture that fully know what's going on right NOW in the groundwork leading up to the Mark of the Beast and imagine what you will be facing. Know this: we will all unite again as we witness Jesus in the throne room. We will witness Him establishing His Millennial Kingdom and He will reign forever and ever! **Once we are with Him, He promises we will never again be separated from Him for all eternity. Hallelujah!!!**

See you soon, stay strong and know that we—your Brothers and Sisters—are **cheering you on**. May you find peace and comfort in these words. As we prepare to switch topics, there is a series of things I believe we need to talk about. There is going to be a lot of noise, chaos, distraction, confusion, and discernment will be difficult. So, let's agree to tackle some of these things head-on in the next segment.