

Mark of the Beast

REVELATION 13



The war between Jesus and the Devil is approaching its climax...



CALL TO FAITHFULNESS



TAKE A STAND
NO COMPROMISE



OBEDIENCE NO MATTER
THE COST

Dragon tried to destroy Jesus

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:3-4

Dragon = Devil or Satan (Rev 12:9)

Child = Baby Jesus (Matt 2:13)

instrument = Pagan Rome(Herod)



Dragon makes war with the faithful

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 12:17



The Lamb of God triumphs over the Dragon

The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful

Rev 17: 12-14



Call to worship your Creator

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— ⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and **worship Him** who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.

Rev 14: 6-7



Warning not to worship the Beast

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone **worships the beast** and his image, and **receives *his* mark** on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

Rev 14: 9-10



The Central issue at the end of time is
worship

WHO WOULD YOU WORSHIP? YOUR CREATOR OR THE BEAST?

The test of loyalty obedience to God

HERE IS THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS; HERE *ARE* THOSE WHO
KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OF JESUS.

REV 14:12

God's mark or seal

Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have **sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads**.

Rev 7:2-3

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, **having His Father's name written on their foreheads**.

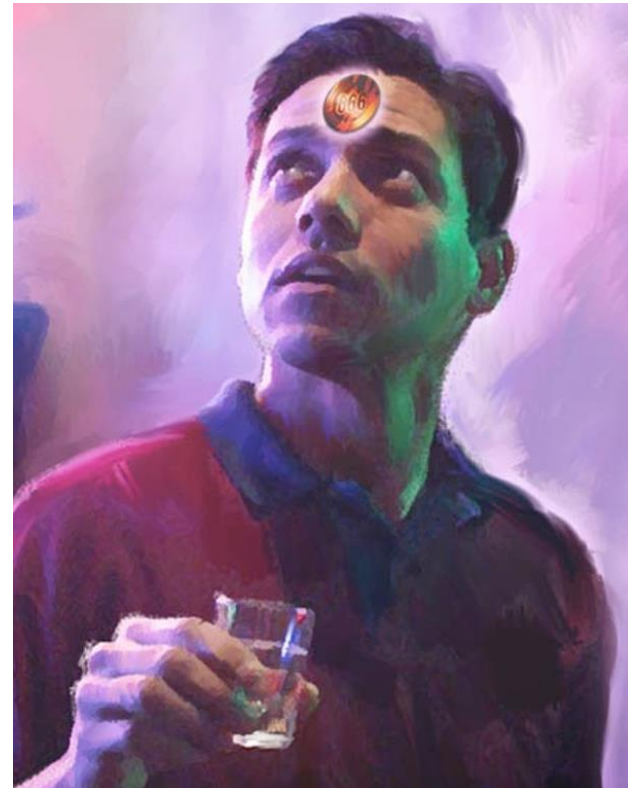
Rev 14:1



The mark of the beast

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, ¹⁷ 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.

Rev 13:16-17



Seal of God = forehead (mind)
VS
Mark of the beast = forehead (mind)
or hand (deed or action)

- MARK OF OWNERSHIP AND SIGN OF OBEDIENCE
 - GOD NEVER USES FORCE OR COERCION
- MARK OF THE BEAST IS THE COUNTERFEIT OF THE SEAL OF GOD

What happened in the Middle Ages?



The church may by divine right confiscate the property of heretics, imprison their persons and condemn them to the flames.

Public Ecclesiastical Law, Vol 2, p. 142

What is the mark of the beast?



For every genuine, there is a counterfeit!

To understand what the “mark of the beast” is, we first need to understand what the **seal of God** is.

What is the purpose of a seal?



A seal authenticates an official document.

- Name of the official
- Title of the official
- Territory of the official

Sealing is a symbol of a genuine
Christian

What is the seal of God?

Bind up the testimony,
Seal the law among my disciples.

Isa 8:16

But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Jer 31:33



What is the seal (sign) of God?

Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a **sign** between them and Me, that they might know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies them... hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a **sign** between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD your God.'

Eze 20: 12, 20

For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Exo 20:11



- ✓ Lord
- ✓ Creator
- ✓ Heaven and Earth

the Sabbath attests and validates God's law

VISIBLE SYMBOL THAT WE ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS
OUR CREATOR, REDEEMER AND SAVIOR

Who is the beast?



Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast** rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a **leopard**, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a **lion**. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

Rev 13: 1-2

Who is the beast?



Beast = political or religious
power/system or kingdom

(Dan 7:17, 23)

Water = multitude of people

(Rev 17:15)

Composite beast of Dan 7

Daniel vision of Four beasts



- Lion = Babylon (605-539 BC)
- Bear = Medo-Persia (539-331 BC)
- Leopard = Greece (331-168 BC)
- Dreadful = Rome (168 BC-476 AD)

Dan 7:2-8

Total of 7 heads + 10 horns

Six characteristics of the beast

RELIGIOUS SYSTEM WHO WILL AGAIN RISE AT THE TIME OF THE END AND
UNITE WITH THE WORLD POLITICAL POWERS TO DENY RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
AND ENFORCE OBEDIENCE TO ITS LAWS ON THE PAIN OF DEATH

1- Authority from Dragon(Pagan Rome)



I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words...I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them.

Dan 7:8,21

Papal Rome (538 - 1798 AD)

1- Authority from Dragon(Pagan Rome)



“To the succession of the Caesars came the succession of the Pontiffs in Rome. When Constantine left Rome, he gave his seat to the Pontiff”.

Lablanca – Professor of History,
University of Rome

2- Persecuting power

I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them.

Dan 7:21

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Rev 13:7



3- Claims equality with God

The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for **blasphemy**, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.

John 10:33

Why does this *Man* speak **blasphemies** like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?

Mark 2:7

For *there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.*

I Tim 2:5



3- Claims equality with God

“We hold upon this earth, the place of God Almighty.”

Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII, p.304

“All names which in Scripture are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope.”

On the Authority of Councils, book 2, chapter 17, 1619 edition



3- Claims equality with God

THE PAPACY'S TITLE
Vicarious Filii Dei

V = 5	F = 0	D = 500
I = 1	I = 1	E = 0
C = 100	L = 50	I = 1
A = 0	I = 1	<u>501</u>
R = 0	I = 1	+ 53
I = 1		
U = 5		
S = 0		
<u>112</u>		= 666

“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.”

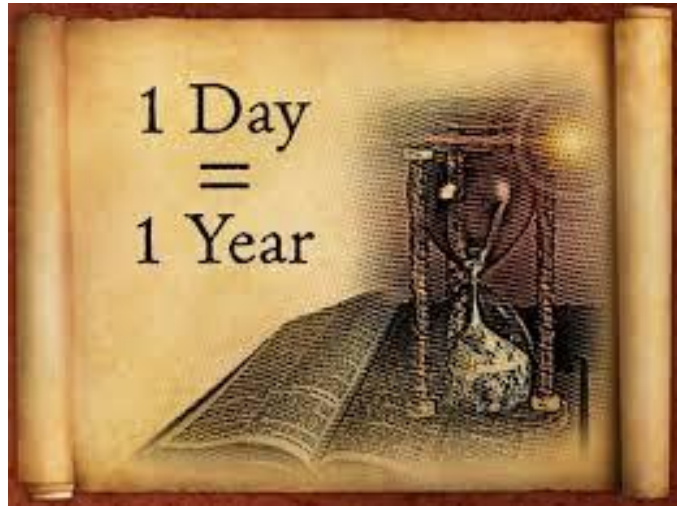
Rev 13:18

7 = symbol of perfection

6 = symbol of rebellion

3 = symbol of trinity

4- 1260 years of reign (538-1798 AD)



“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.”

Rev 13:5

42 months = 1260 prophetic
days = 1260 literal years

Eze 4:6, Num 14:34

4- 1260 years of reign



Justinian, the Pagan Roman Emperor, gave to Vigilius II both a civil and religious authority in 538 AD.

General Berthier entered Rome in February 1798, proclaimed a Roman Republic and Pope Pius VI was taken captive.

5- Worldwide Religious power

“The Roman question tonight was a thing of the past and the Vatican was at peace with Italy in affixing the autographs to the memorable document, healing the wound...extreme cordiality was displayed on both sides.”

San Francisco Chronicle, Feb 11, 1929



5- Worldwide Religious power

And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And **all the world** marveled and followed the beast

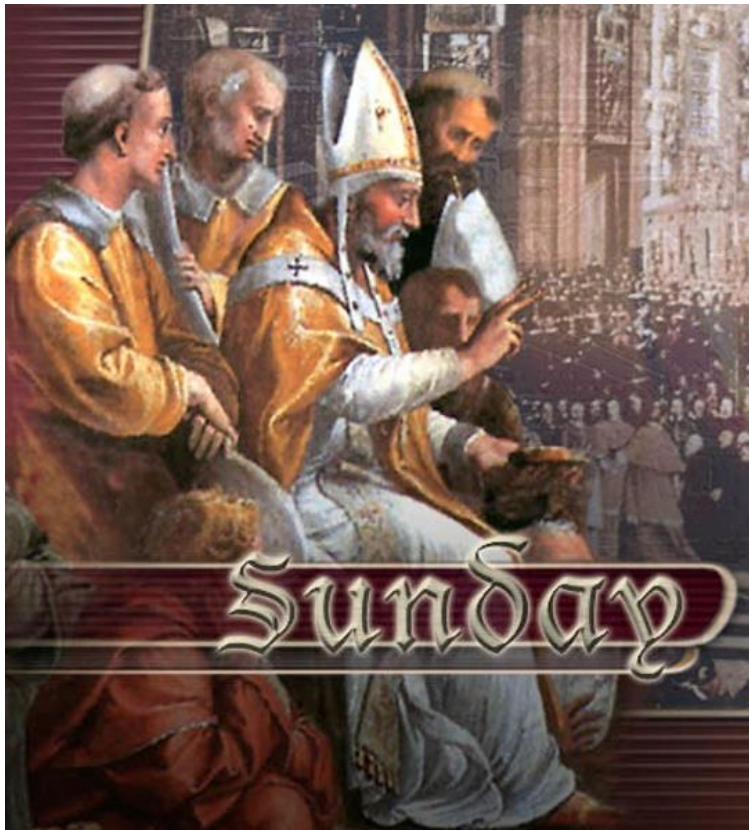
Rev 13:3

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:8



6 – Attempt to change God’s law



“He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High,
Shall persecute^[a] the saints of the Most High,
And shall intend to change times and law.
Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time”.

Dan 7:25

2nd commandment = removed

4th commandment = modified

10th commandment = divided

6 – Attempt to change God’s law



“The Roman church “modified” the law by eliminating the second commandment and splitting the tenth commandment in order to still have ten. The fourth commandment is moved up to third, and the reference to Sabbath being the seventh day is removed.”

The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, p 37,38, 1946 edition

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, Sept 1, 1923

What is the image to the beast?



“He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”

Rev 13:18

The image to the beast represents that form of **apostate Protestantism** which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas.

FALSE TRINITY

GOD THE FATHER - DRAGON, SATAN, DEVIL

GOD THE SON - PAPACY, PAPAL ROME, SEA BEAST

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT - APOSTATE PROTESTANTISM, FALSE PROPHET, IMAGE TO THE BEAST

Church + powers of the state = persecution



The kings of the earth
(political powers) will unite
with the beast power and
apostate Protestantism to
persecute God's people

Union of church and state
similar to the Middle ages

In Revelation 13, the mark of the beast represents human attempt to substitute man's law for God's law and enforce this with a decree, economic boycott, and eventually the death penalty.

...AS MANY AS WOULD NOT WORSHIP THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST TO BE KILLED...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.

REV 13:15

God's mark – allegiance to your Creator
Devil's mark – allegiance to the beast

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE IS BASED ON THE CUSTOM, TRADITION AND
COMMAND OF THE ROMAN CHURCH. **WHEN IT WILL BE ENFORCED BY CIVIL
LAW**, THEN EVERYONE WHO OBEYS WILL RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST

God invites you now to take a stand!



“And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.”

Rev 13:18

“Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Rev 19:20