

Is the Corona Virus Vaccine the "Mark of the Beast"?

The Mark of the Beast is a Biblical prophecy introduced in the book of Revelation that has many people concerned, specifically related to the Corona Virus Vaccine.

Revelation 13:16-18 Also it ["the false prophet"] causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

Revelation 20: 4 Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.

Probably well-meaning but uninformed people are broadcasting that "the vax" is "the Mark" but rest assured, it is not. Let's take a quick look at what we can know about "the Mark" to disprove this misconception.

1. WHERE IT IS: The word "mark" in the original Greek (charagma) means "a mark or stamp engraved, etched, branded, cut, imprinted" such as a tattoo or branding. It will be on top of the skin (not under), totally visible and will be placed either on your forehead or right hand.

I have heard people debate whether the word used for the placement is actually "in" or "on" the body. I looked up 27 of the most popular English "translations" of the Bible to see what I could find. Twenty-six of the 27 I looked at translate the original Greek word "epi" in verse 16 to mean "on" – only King James says "in" as far as I can tell. I don't know why it does but looking at the original Greek shows that the "Mark" will be "on" the right hand or forehead.

The Covid vaccine itself is not open and visible, people can't tell if you have gotten it by looking at your forehead or hand. It is "in" you – doesn't sit on top of your skin. If the vaccine was "on" the skin and, therefore, visible, we wouldn't need to get a Vaccine Passport or other documentation to prove we got it. We could simply stick out our hands or raise our bangs (if you have bangs covering your forehead).

As far as I know they are still administering it in the arm (not your head or hand). The idea that it could be "hidden" makes its primary purpose (to show absolute free-will loyalty to someone) non-existent. So it simply doesn't make sense.

- 2. WHAT IT IS: Furthermore, the "Mark" will be either a **name or a number** meant to symbolize a **person's loyalty to the Antichrist** (known as "the beast" in this passage of Scripture). That's what the "brand or tattoo" does.
- 3. WHEN IT WILL BE ISSUED: The "Mark" will be introduced and enforced by the False Prophet at the **mid-point of the Tribulation Period**. I assure you; we are not in the middle of the Tribulation Period today. As of today, no one knows who the Antichrist and False Prophet are. So, how can you pledge loyalty to someone if you don't even know who it is?
- 4. WHAT IT IS NOT: It is **not medical (not a vaccine)** or something that you would accept for any purpose other than to **show loyalty and worship to the Antichrist**. It will be <u>used</u> to control commerce to some extent, but you won't get it simply for that purpose. This is the reason that so many people are gravitating toward thinking the vaccine is the Mark because the vaccine is being used or proposed in that fashion. Regardless, it is not the Mark.

Again, you will <u>want</u> to get it when it is offered because you are totally sold out to the Antichrist – you will be proud to show loyalty to him (and, therefore, rejection of Jesus).

5. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOSE WHO REFUSE IT: Refusing to get "the Mark" (because of your loyalty to Jesus) will result in you being beheaded. It will not be possible to be neutral or undecided, you will be required to choose one or the other immediately. Now, while I know that the prospect of vaccine passports and refusal to restaurants and sporting events may be "traumatic" to some people, it doesn't measure up to being beheaded.

6. BOTTOM LINE: Those who accept "the Mark" will mark their own everlasting doom, as it is an unpardonable/irreversible sin. So, when that time does come, do not do it just to buy food – starvation is nothing compared to an eternity in the Lake of Fire. Of course, I hope this is a moot point to you because you have already pledged your loyalty to Jesus Christ and will have been Raptured to Heaven before this is even introduced in the middle of the Tribulation Period.

NOTES:

This post should not be considered an "endorsement" of the vaccine – it is not. It is simply an explanation of the Scriptural truth about "the Mark." I am telling you this so that you will know how to discern what is or is not "the Mark" as other things such as the 2020/21 vaccine will most likely come along. "The Mark" must pass all 5 tests above to qualify. So **from that perspective** you need not "worry" about whether to get the vaccine or not.

That being said, I do believe that the vaccine is or could be a method used to get people more and more accepting of governmental/authoritarian control over their lives. The more you simply accept things as important as this without a thorough understanding of what it is and whether or not you should take it, the closer you come to "slavery" to an evil world. Individuals must educate themselves, call out to God for wisdom and discernment, then act accordingly. This is true of all decisions of our lives.

Be wise, my friends! Maranatha

(From Bible Gateway.com) This is not actually three sixes (or the equivalent in Greek or Hebrew letters), as commonly represented. Such a combination would not be used; and if it were, the sum would then be only eighteen, because in alphabet-based numbering systems like ancient Hebrew and Greek, place values are not used (10's, 100's etc.), but the letters are treated more like Roman numerals. What John is most likely indicating is that the letters of the name will add up to 666 (the best Greek manuscripts have the number spelled out), and there could be many different combinations of letters that would do so. Determining the values of the individual letters is another matter.