What does the BIBLE say?

As you read the following study, I ask that you do not believe what is presented to you. But, instead, research it for yourself, so that you do not depend on someone else's presentation and come to know biblical truth for yourself. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Study like the Bereans, they listened to Paul and did not take his word for it. They studied it for themselves, so that they would know for sure.

Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." I ask that you do the same with this study.

What is the mark of the beast?

Many believe that 666, a bar code on the hand or forehead, will be the mark of the beast. 666 is not the mark of the beast; it is the number of the beast. Let's take a closer look at the beast and see who or what the beast is. Many believe that the beast will be some creature or monster that will arrive in the future and delegate a number upon people. Let us use the bible first to determine what a beast is according to bible prophecy. We first need to see where a beast has been used in prophecy, so that we can understand what a beast represents in prophecy and see how it is used and what it is.

If we go to the book of Daniel, we will have a better understanding of what a beast is in prophecy, since the book of Revelation is about prophecy. In Daniel 7:1-8 and Daniel 8:1-27, we see four beasts that represent the same world powers. We understand this because, if we go back to Daniel 2 and read the entire chapter, we find that here we have a statue that represents the same four powers mentioned in Daniel 7:1-28 and 8:1-27. We can now see that a beast in prophecy represents a power or kingdom and not some creature or monster that will arise at the end of time in Revelation 13.

This power will enforce the mark of the beast upon those who are not aware of what the mark is and will be deceived into accepting the mark. We need to understand that the mark is going to be a counterfeit of God's original; this is how Satan works, by counterfeiting God's original. To understand this, we need to see what is the mark or seal of God. Then we can understand what the mark of Satan is. Let's take a look at the

original mark or seal of God, which can be found in the Ten Commandments. What does a seal contain? It contains the title, name, and territory of the governing body.

Which commandment contains these properties? It is the fourth commandment that contains these properties:

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: 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: For in six days the Lord created 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.

Here we have: (Title = Lord), (Name = God), (Territory = Heaven and earth). We can now see that the seal or mark of God is the seventh-day Sabbath. What seal or mark is closely related to the Seventh-Day Sabbath?

DUX CLERI		LUDOVICUS
Translated means Captain of the Clergy		Translated means Vicar of the Court
D=500, U=5, X=10	Total=515	L=50, U=5, D=500, O=no value, V=5, I=1, C=100, U=5, S=no value
C=100, L=50, E=no value, R=no value, I=1	Total=151	Total=666
	Total 666	

To understand this further, let us go to Revelation 13:18: "Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Which is 666, the man that stands at the top of the papal hierarchy is none other than the pope. His official title is "VICARIUS FILII DEI," meaning "Representative of the Son of God." In Latin, some letters have a numerical value. The corresponding numerical values of the official title, when added, show the number of the beast to be 666.

Latin is the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. Church Documents are usually published first in Latin and then translated into other languages. The association of "Latinos" with 666 was first suggested by Irenaeus (ca. 130-202 A.D.) who proposed in his "Against Heresies "that it might be the name of the fourth kingdom in Daniel 7:7. While one group will accept the mark of the beast and worship the image to the beast, another group is also described: "here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

Consequently, the difference between true and false worship has to do with the keeping of the commandments of God. On one side is the seal of God, meaning Saturday, the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. Opposite stands the mark of the beast, namely, Sunday sacredness. The papacy considers it the "mark of authority" because in the year 364 AD, the papacy changed the Sabbath to Sunday (The Convert's Catechism, P. Geiermann). Whoever knowingly keeps the commandments as changed by the papacy honors this antichristian system, placing himself in opposition to God.

When Sunday observance in the already developing New World Order, originating in America, is enforced by law, after the world has been instructed about our responsibility to the true Sabbath, then all who knowingly transgress God's law will at that time receive the mark of the beast. They can no longer expect God's grace but await His vengeance and the punishment of eternal death (Rev. 14:9-14). The ultimate control of humanity has been planned for years by the World Council of Churches and leading governments worldwide, as well as the UN in New York.

The goal is to create a common unbiblical "Sunday Worship Day" as envisioned by the papacy and the ecumenical movement. The visits by the pope to governments, his encyclicals, and general worldwide efforts all confirm this plan. "All the world wondered after the beast…" Rev 13:3. So, how will this happen? How will so many people follow and obey the beast power in everything that is commanded of them? Reasons will arise that will cause many to demand a day of rest protected by legislation:

- (1.) Disasters are coming on our planet; global warming is destroying our land. We must get back to God and do whatever the Pope says. Here are some recent news headlines: "Slow Sunday; The simple solution to global warming" "Using Sunday as a day of rest and renewal would be good for our health as well as the health of the planet:
- (2.) In such a busy, fast-paced world, we need to keep one day sacred for the family so people are not overworked. They will say that we must give at least one day off to rest, and it must be mandated. Pope Leo XIV has reiterated what Benedict said, "Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God:

Pope Leo XIV also referenced the encyclical of his hero, Pope Leo XII, which contains a section on Sunday work and Sunday law. Section 41 from his encyclical RERUM NOVARUM (Of new things). This encyclical addresses the right and duties of workers. He also talked about unity and how all Christians should be united with God to build a new world where peace reigns!

I Thessalonians 5:3: For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Romans 3:13-18 Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

You may wonder how you receive the mark on the hand or forehead. Let's take a closer look at Revelation 13:16, 17. Here, we can see that the Mark will be enforced by economic boycott. You won't be able to buy or sell unless you submit to it.

1. What it means to receive the mark in the forehead:

Those who receive the mark in the forehead have intellectually chosen with their minds to submit to the beast's authority. In other words, they will believe in the teachings and authority of the beast.

2. What it means to receive the mark on the hand:

Those who receive the mark on the hand have yielded themselves under pressure to the beast's authority and will surrender to worship on Sunday, even if they don't believe in it.