BIBLE TRUTH

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. We need to take a closer look at the beast and see who or what the beast is. Many believe that the beast will be some type of creature or monster that will show up in the future and delegate a number upon people. Let us use the bible to first determine what a beast is according to bible prophecy.

We first need to see where a beast has been used in the bible so that we can understand what a beast represents in bible prophecy and see how it is used and what it is. If we go to the book of Daniel we will get 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 4 beasts that represent the same world powers, we understand this because if we go back to Daniel 2 and read the entire chapter to find out that here we have a statue that represents the same 4 powers 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 that are not aware of what the mark is and will be deceived to accept 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. In order 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, this 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
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In order 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 tittle 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 V = 5 V

$$I = 1 I = 1 E = 0$$

$$C = 100 L = 50 I = 1$$

$$A = 0 I = 1 ------$$

$$R = 0 I = 1 501 TOTAL$$

$$I = 1 ------$$

$$U = 5 53 TOTAL$$

$$S = 0 ------ Vicarius Filii Dei$$

$$112 TOTAL 112 + 53 + 501 = 666$$

Latin is the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. Church Documents are usually published first in Latin, and when translated form the Latin into other languages. The association of "Lateinos" 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 the 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 as the "mark of authority" because 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 in reference to 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 man has been planned for years by the World Council of Churches and leading governments of the world and 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 personal 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. We must give at least one day off to rest, it must be mandated. Pope Benedict said, "Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God:

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. 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. 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.

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