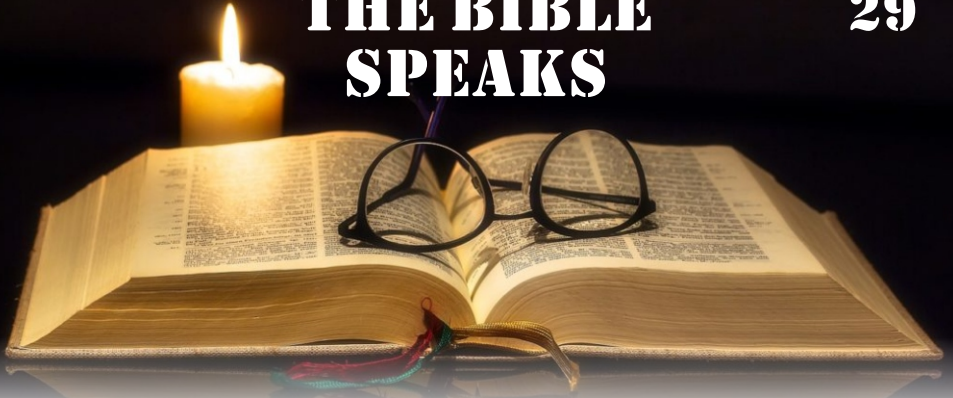


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The Mark Of The Beast



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Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

Philippians Chapter 2 verse 5

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The Black Death struck during the 1340s. Invisible, yet deadly, the plague swept through Europe leaving misery in its wake. It seeped indiscriminately into small cottages and costly palaces, its victims were young, old, rich, poor, weak and strong, no one was safe. When the awful scourge finally ceased, Europe's population had been decimated by nearly 50 percent. It was one of history's worst plagues. There is another hideous scourge about to burst upon planet earth much deadlier than the Black Death. Although not a virus, it will hit every country, continent, and island. The book of Revelation calls this fearful event "the mark of the beast" (**Rev. 19:20**). Prophecy predicts that this mark will come upon "both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave" (**Rev. 13:16**). The Black Death affected its victim's physical body, causing a slow, horrible demise; but didn't affect the soul. When "the mark of the beast" sweeps the earth in its darkest hour, the consequences will be far worse. The Bible warns that whoever receives this fatal mark will be doomed forever. They will miss heaven entirely.

1. What did the prophet Daniel see happening on planet Earth at the end of time? **Daniel 12:1** - _____

Note: A final great conflict is set to engulf the earth, preparing the way for the enforcement of the mark of the beast. But many prophecy-minded Christians often assume it will be some sort of hi-tech microchip that will be surgically inserted into humans by the government. Others are convinced the mark will take the form of a national I.D. card without which no one can buy or sell. Apocalyptic movies portray masses of people with the number 666 tattooed above their noses. Some believe now that the Covid-19 passport will be the mark. Endless speculation exists, but many are merely guessing. They really don't know for sure what the mark of the beast is. In this study, we will avoid hazy speculation and stick with plain facts that come directly from the Bible.

2. What state of mind are the people in who receive the mark of the beast?

Revelation 19:20 - _____

Note: This deadly "mark" must involve some sort of deception that is not easily noticed. The Devil uses the mark of the beast as his greatest end-time deception to masterfully and subtly deceive the whole world.

3. How many people will receive the mark of the beast? **Revelation 13:8** - _____

4. Where is the mark of the beast placed? **Revelation 13:16** - _____

5. What is the consequence of receiving the mark of the beast?

Revelation 13:16-17 - _____

Note: During wartime rationing, restricting products was common place so this is not new to the world. **Revelation 13:15** says that there will be a time when those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast will be threatened with death, and even be killed! At this time the choice we make will have an eternal consequence, see **Matthew 16:24-27**.

6. What is a beast according to Bible prophecy? **Daniel 7:15-17; 23-25** - _____

7. Who is the first beast of Revelation 13? **Rev. 13:1-3**, compare **Daniel 7:2-8** - _____

8. Who's authority does the second beast point to? **Rev. 13:11-12** - _____

9. What is the number of the beast? **Rev. 13:16-18** - _____



Note: The number 666 is not the mark of the beast, it is the number of a “man” and can be “calculated” to identify the first beast of Revelation 13. Some Bible scholars recognise that a title given to the pope, Vicarius Filii Dei, meaning Vicar of the Son of God, has a numerical value of 666.

V	5
I	1
C	100
A	0
R	0
I	1
U	5
S	0
F	0
I	1
L	50
I	1
I	1
D	500
E	0
I	1
=	666

10. How does the beast and the image exercise it's sign and mark of authority?

Revelation 13:11-15 - _____

Note: “It was the Catholic Church who decided that Sunday should be the day of worship for Christians, in honour of the Resurrection.” (Karl Keating, Catholicism and Fundamentalism, p.38). Which is a sign or mark of her authority that most Christians accept as the day of worship.

11. What does the Papacy believe it has the power to do? **Daniel 7:25** - _____

Note: The Papacy, represented by the little horn, has attempted to change God's times and laws by changing Sabbath observance from the seventh day to the first day of the week, and by altering the second and tenth commandment in their Bibles and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

12. Who has the mark of the beast today? **Revelation 13:16** -

Note: At present nobody has the "mark" (Sunday), until it is enforced as law.

13. What are the characteristics of those who refuse the mark? **Rev. 14:12** -

The Bottom Line Is Loyalty to Jesus Christ. When "the mark" (Sunday observance) of "the beast and it's image" (the Roman Church, the U.S.A. and apostate Christianity) is fully enforced by **law** (see **Revelation 13:16**) during Earth's last crisis, then the final hour of decision will have come. Those who believe in this deception (contrary to the Ten Commandments) will be marked "in their foreheads" (minds), while those who don't, but who still obey the Sunday legislation, will be marked in their hands (by their actions. see **Ecclesiastes 9:10**). Contrary to current prophetic speculation, only God will see this mark, not humans. Yet, prophecy predicts that many will refuse to take it. Instead, they "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (**Revelation 14:12**). God's final people will reject Satan's mark out of loyalty to Jesus Christ. Through heavenly enlightenment, they realise that Jesus is not only our Saviour, but also our Creator (see **John 1:3, 10**), and that the Sabbath day, which points to the Creator (see **Exodus 20:11**), actually reveals Jesus Himself as Lord of all.

I desire to avoid the mark of the beast. Please pray for me.

I am determined to keep all 10 commandments of God.

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