



Empowering People to Change the World

Mark of the Beast Part II

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A review from last week of Revelation 13 and the 8 Marks of the Beast.

Prayer: Lord, You promise a blessing to those who study this book. What detail You have given us about the future. We look for Your soon return.

- 38% of Americans believe we are living the last days, and 57% believe that the prophecies in the book of Revelation will come true!
- We are looking at the 8 Marks of the Beast.
- Listen online to the sermon from last week.
- **Revelation 13: Two Beasts are mentioned.**
 - One beast is the Anti-Christ.
 - The other is the False Prophet who will rise to power with him.
 - This is a kind of Satanic Trinity: Satan, Anti-Christ and the False Prophet.
- The word “anti” does not mean “against Christ” but rather in the Greek it literally means “instead of” or “in the place of.”
 - So when he comes on the scene, he will not come proclaiming to be the Anti-Christ, he will come proclaiming to be “Christ.”
 - He will claim to be the Messiah and Deliverer to many religious groups.
 - And with the growing unrest in our world, there is a growing clamor for a charismatic leader who can bring peace and order to our world.

- It's no different today: the world does not want a deliverer to forgive their sins, they want a political and financial Messiah.

Revelation 13:1-2

¹Then 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. ²Now 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.

1st Mark: One World Leader with Satanic Power.

- Arising out of the sea, in chapter 17 of Revelation, seems to indicate that the “waters” are symbolic of the nations.
- The definite article here is “the sea.” Many scholars feel this might mean the Mediterranean Sea and this kingdom will arise out of the Mediterranean Nations.
- Behind this emerging leader is Satan.
- The Beast: He will be a “beast of prey,” devouring nations under 10 other nations. I am not sure.
- Where is the United States in this? Listen to the last sermon.

Revelation 13:3

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.

2nd Mark: A Mortal Head Wound Supernaturally Healed.

- This idea of the Anti-Christ being wounded is mentioned 3x in this chapter.

- It appears that there may be some kind of an assassination attempt that will seemingly be successful, only to be thwarted and the Anti-Christ will live.
- Could it be like a resurrection from the dead? That would sure get everyone's attention!

Revelation 13:4

So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

3rd Mark: The World Will Worship This Leader.

- This leader will be Satanically empowered.
- Satan has raised him up so that he can receive worship.
- The world will be worshipping Satan and the Anti-Christ.

Iran is deeply devoted to the Hidden Imam, a Messiah-like figure of Shia Islam.

- All streams of Islam believe in a divine savior, known as Mahdi, who will appear in the latter days.
- But in Shia Islam, there is a dominant "Twelver" sect in Iran that believes Mohammed Ibn Hasan, regarded as the 12th Imam, will be this savior who will return to the earth.
- They believe that the world will increasingly move into chaos and cataclysmic confrontation with evil and darkness, and this world leader will arise and bring universal peace.

Revelation 13:5-6

⁵And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against

God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

4th Mark: A Great Orator who will Speak Blasphemies against God.

- He uses his speaking abilities to move people to action.
- For example: It is very interesting to study the life of Hitler. His revelation and lust for power came as he discovered his ability to speak and move large crowds of people.
- He will only have 42 months to do his thing. Now that is encouraging to me, that he only has 42 months, not 43 months! God is in charge! Only 3 ½ years to do his thing!
- God is in control. 2 Thessalonians says “they refused the truth” and the world will get just what they want. “They will believe the lies of the enemy.”
- He will rant and rage against God, the Tribulation saints on earth, all of us who have been raptured up into heaven.
- He will demand worship of the world. He will set himself up to be god.
- Everyone who does not have the Mark of the Beast will be persecuted and hunted down during this time.
- We are being conditioned for a one world language: English or Chinese.
- It is all on the horizon.

Revelation 13:7

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.

5th Mark: He will Make War on the Church.

- He will control all the governments of the world.
- These are the saints that have come to Christ since our rapture.
- Maybe you have been hearing the gospel and you keep saying “I’m not ready,” well, don’t wait too long. During the tribulation it will cost you your head. It only costs you your heart now.

Revelation 13:8-10

⁸ 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.⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

- If you are saved, your name was written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world.
- Accept Jesus today! Accept Jesus and your name was written before the foundation of the world.
- Don’t accept Jesus and your name was not written in the Book of Life.
- Rejoice!! Open your heart!! It’s your choice!!
- Do you have an ear? Even two ears? Can you hear His voice today?

Revelation 13:11-12

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

6th Mark: A False Prophet will Arise as an Enforcer for the Beast.

- Two world leaders will arise.
 - The first, the Anti-christ, is a political leader. A man with the answers, a charismatic leader who will be a great speaker.
 - This second leader, under the authority of the Anti-christ, will have the power to bring order to all the religious establishment too. Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Christianity and all the religions will follow him.
 - We will call him the False Prophet or a Spiritualist for the Beast.
- He will be a religious leader who will bring all the major religions together.
- Horns represent “authority” all through scripture.
- I think the two horns will be a religious and political system that he will help create and manage for the Beast.
 - “Like a lamb” he will come on the scene looking like a good guy.
 - Paul even says that Satan comes as an “angel of light.”
 - Satan’s two ministers will be disguised as great political/religious leaders.
 - But he will speak “like a dragon.”
- **Revelation 12:9**
So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.

- He will bring a state religion, a world government that will deceive the whole world.
- He will be the Enforcer for the Anti-Christ!
- Satan is getting his way and all the earth is worshipping him.
 - Note again that the near assassination attempt will be known to the world.
 - Many leaders today are working toward a One World Government and we are being prepared today for this.
 - More and more we see the United Nations being the governing body in world crisis.
 - This man will bring Islam, Christianity and Judaism into one world religion.

Revelation 13:13-15

¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ 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.

7th Mark: Great Signs and Wonders granted to the Beast and the False Prophet.

- He will have the power from Satan to do sign and wonders and miracles.
- This will be an unholy trinity:
 - Satan (like the Father).

- Anti-Christ (a savior of the world).
 - False Prophet (like the Holy Spirit who is going out and empowering the followers).
- Crowds love signs and wonders. Imagine the crowds during this time.
 - So the restrainer (spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 2), the Holy Spirit and the church, will be taken out of the way, and the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet will have nothing holding it back.
 - Spiritual powers will be released upon the earth. Powerful demons and territorial spirits will be completely released on the earth at this time.
 - Paul prophecies (2 Thessalonians 2:9)
The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.
 - So, this False Prophet will have supernatural powers and abilities that will deceive many people.
 - This world with its logical perspective will be deceived by signs and miracles.
 - Moses used signs and wonders, but then the magicians in Egypt did the same miracles. Satan can do this stuff!
 - Can you imagine a political leader doing signs and wonders: he will be a Signs and Wonders Specialist.
 - In Deuteronomy 13, we are warned that if any so called “prophet” comes on the scene and does miracles and points to any other god, he should be put to death.
 - So there are false prophets doing signs and wonders.
 - If you do not know Christ as your personal savior, you really need to listen up, because you could easily be deceived.

- So a large idol will be erected in the rebuilt Temple and the world will worship the Beast.
- For example, (Daniel 3) Nebuchadnezzar set an image of gold on the plains of Dura and forced everyone to worship this, and everyone who would not worship it, would be cast into the fiery furnace: the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego will be a comfort to the believers who will remain during the time of the Anti-Christ.
- But a step beyond this during this time: idols of the Old Testament had no eyes to see, no breath, no ears, but this idol will be able to move and show great power.
 - He will give power to this image of the Beast!
 - Satan will empower this object and these leaders.

Revelation 13:16-18

16 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. 18 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.

8th Mark: Everyone on the Earth will Receive a Mark of the Beast.

- We see the scope of his power. A special mark over all the people of the earth, small and great, rich and poor.
- Receive a mark like we see in Deuteronomy where the people are told to bind the Word on their forehead and right hand, so they would remember His Word.

- In Ezekiel, God says to the angel to go through the midst of Jerusalem and make a mark on the forehead of all the men who cry out against the abominations, mark the remnant.
- This will be some kind of a “brand” of the leader.
 - The 144,000 will be marked by God.
 - We are all marked with the “Spirit of promise” until the day of redemption.
- For example, in Paul’s day, when they were taking an important cargo to a distant place, they would put the mark of the owner in wax and seal it with an impress of the ring of the owner. You and I have been sealed in the same way.
- The Enemy cannot touch you because you are sealed until the day of redemption!
- We are being prepared for this today.
 - Our computers are now reading the same language.
 - Our bar code system.
 - The rising power of the European Common Market.
 - Glass cylinders imbedded are now being used on animals and this is now being considered upon prisoners on parole.
 - Tiny chips can now be implanted.
 - Smart Cards and Smart Phones that uses only your fingers imprint to identify you.
 - Because of identity theft, we are moving to finger printing or a SS number on one’s forehead.

- We are moving toward a cashless society!
- This was not happening even 10 years ago!! This is not out of reach at all.
- You do not have the mark of the beast! It will be put on the people.
- It will be his people willingly taking on his number!

So many have abused this number 666 over the years. People who do not even know the Bible know about the Anti-Christ and 666.

More books have been written on this than just about any other topic.

- The number 666: Hebrew and Greek have the peculiar distinction of the letters having numerical value; the study is called gematria.
- The number 6 in scripture is the number of man, with 7 being perfection, and one less being the number for man.
- Because of this number people have tried to make names work, but they do it in English and English doesn't work that way, you cannot give numerical equivalents to English.
- People have found: Hitler, Napoleon, Stalin, etc. through some convoluted theories.