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The Mark Or The Name Of The Beast (Rev. 13:17)

There is a lot of speculation going on, especially with the current economic crisis, of a one world currency, and a one world government.

This article will not tell you exactly what the Mark of the Beast is nor what the Beast is. The purpose is to give you clues to what should and should not be considered the Mark of the Beast.

Let Us Read All The Verses In The Bible On The Subject

Revelation 13:16-17 "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Revelation 14:9-10 "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

Revelation 14:11 "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Revelation 15:2 "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

Revelation 16:2 "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image."

Revelation 19:20 "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived

them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Buy Or Sell

Only one of these verses state that without the mark of the beast, you will not be able to buy or sell. Nowhere does it declare it to be the Social Security Card, cash card, computer chip, credit card, etc. Evidently it is something you present. For that matter, you could be required to carry a banana in the right hand or tie it to your forehead. You are exempt from the banana if you present the name or the number of the beast. Sound ridiculous? But it is true in that the Mark is not necessarily the object that does the buying and the selling. The Mark permits you to carry out the transaction.

For instance, you may be required to flash a photo ID, then you will be able to purchase with cash, credit, or debit as you normally would.

All we want you to realize here is that the Mark is not the object for purchasing. It is the object to allow the process to take place, be it a banana, ID, maybe a computer chip, right thumbprint, who knows? Well, with detailed study, we at Thus Saith the Lord Ministries do know, but again, that is not our goal.

Why The Mark Of The Beast Is Not What Is Used To Make The Purchase

Keep in mind that the whole world is not rich nor are they computerized. People in Europe and the United States have this finite focus on the Mark of the Beast. In these countries, everything is computerized. Doors slide open because of signals sent by monitoring devices. We even have police stations sending citations all electronically from the simple act of running

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The world has been given an open book exam —

Are you looking in the Book for the answers — a TSTL?

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Debt Reduction Progress

Over our 10 year history, \$80,000 accumulated in ministry debt both from short periods of time of not being able to cover all of the expenses and the over 4 year period (Jan. 2004 - May 2007) when we personally could not sustain this ministry.

He had lost his employment due to religious conflict. Without that income we were not able to sustain this ministry and so the debt accumulated.

Now financial blessings are occurring in his employment, but in order to recover financially it requires him to work very long hours. Can you help eliminate this ministry debt faster?

OVERALL STATS:

\$80,000 Starting Balance

- 11,764 Readership

- 41,361 O'Donnell's

\$26,875 Current Balance

NOV STATS:

To lower the interest rate by 3% without fees, the loan was refinanced this month.

We are TWO-THIRDS of the way there!

We praise the Lord for your help!

Any request to be removed from our mailing list because you cannot assist us or feel guilty will not be honored. That is not what this appeal is about.

a red light. We are so computerized that we have heard for years that "Big Brother" is watching.

But what about the rest of "all the people"? The Bible is clear that everyone, all the people, will be pressured to receive the Mark of the Beast. Are we instantaneously going to install electronic devices on huts in Africa restricting buying and selling without a photo ID? Are we going to require people in much of China and India to have a credit card or else?

Third world countries as well as the outlying areas of countries that are not third world are not near ready for any computerization. It may be hundreds and hundreds of years away, though we believe the nearness of Jesus' return is soon. How can all of this balance out?

To reconcile this along with realizing that Jesus revealed to John things that are not necessarily space aged, we see one possibility. The Mark of the Beast is something that the whole world can be involved with, not requiring a computer, yet allowing those with the Mark of the Beast to persecute those without the Mark.

Look what is happening in Muslim countries, in third world environments. Without computers, without credit cards or ID cards, Christians are being persecuted left and right. Their actions reveal they are on the Christian side by their church attending, Bible carrying, and even dress. Therefore they are persecuted by those that are more numerous and not believing as they do.

Further, when many of those Christians are found out and brought to trial, the Christians, for the most part, do not deny their newly found faith. When questioned, they reveal their new thoughts.

Could it be, even be suggested that the Mark of the Beast is symbolic? Could it be that the hand and forehead are symbolic too? Revelation 1:1 says, *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John."* Did you catch the word? Signified. That means that things in Revelation are not literal. So stop visiting the zoo to see if some beast with ten horns, parts of a lion, parts of a bear, and parts of leopard is ever going to show up. It too is symbolic. Therefore the Mark is also.

What does the right hand signify? Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, *"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."* Could it be that the Mark of the Beast is accepted in your actions? In the future, those with the Mark of the Beast may act differently than normal. It could be as simple as entering the store and raising your right hand. If that were so, the people living in

huts would not need computer technology, and it can be enforced any time. The action may also be standing in line or going somewhere before being able to go and buy and sell. Whatever action it may be, one can say that the Mark of the Beast is wrong but agree in action just to get what is being sold. If one does this, that person is credited from heaven as receiving the Mark and will be lost. So instead of saying "in the right hand" one can say "in actions" we identify one side or the other.

What does the forehead signify? First, it is interesting that you are only allowed to receive the Seal of God in your forehead according to Revelation 14:1. So you cannot fake out God by your actions. Therefore, in the forehead must be symbolic of the mind, which God only can read. Let us see God at work in the past with people's minds. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 says, *"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes."* Frontlets were on the forehead. We do not wear boxes on our foreheads today. Instead, *"The covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people"* (Hebrews 8:10). As we see, God works with our minds.

Result Of Having The Mark

In either case, having the Mark has its brief positive allowance. You will be able to buy and sell, but in the end, the consequences are eternal. Those with the Mark will receive the wrath of God, which by definition is the seven last plagues (Revelation 15:1). Further, such people will be tormented with fire and brimstone, which could be part of the Second Coming or Hell or both. Also, the ones to receive the very first of the last seven plagues are those that have the Mark of the Beast while those with the Seal of God do not receive of the plagues and will have eternal life.

Hope

According to the above verses, though it may appear impossible to survive the crisis without the Mark of the Beast, there will be people who make it through without accepting it.

What Should We Be Open To?

We need to be open to the fact that the Mark of the Beast is not some electronic device. We should be open to the fact that it may simply be actions and thoughts that identify us with the Mark of the Beast. But over all, avoiding the Mark of the Beast is not as important as having the Seal of God.



DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.

For the law having a shadow of good things to come (Hebrews 10:1)

1. What in the law pointed to Jesus allowing us to enter heaven and is associated with His death? **1 Corinthians 5:7, Lev. 23:5**
2. What in the law pointed to Jesus eliminating our sins? **1 Cor. 5:7, Lev. 23:6**
3. What in the law pointed to Jesus rising and taking with him a sample of the resurrection? **1 Cor. 15:23, Lev. 23:10**
4. What in the law pointed to Jesus sending the Holy Spirit fifty days after the resurrection? **Acts 2:1, Lev. 23:15-16**
5. What in the law pointed to Jesus sending a wake up call before He begins judging? **Leviticus 23:24**
6. What in the law pointed to Jesus judging? **Revelation 14:7, Leviticus 23:27**
7. What in the law pointed to the great resurrection and the second coming celebration? **Lev. 23:34, 40; Rev. 7:9**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

For I have given you an example

1. David showed what example of Jesus? **Matthew 1:6** "*And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her [that had been the wife] of Urias.*"
2. Solomon showed what example of Jesus? **1 Kings 4:29** "*And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that [is] on the sea shore.*"
3. Moses showed what example of Jesus? **Deuteronomy 18:18** "*I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.*"
4. Samson showed what example of Jesus? **Judges 16:17** "*That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I [have been] a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any [other] man.*"
5. Joseph showed what example of Jesus among the many examples? **Genesis 50:19-20** "*And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for [am] I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; [but] God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as [it is] this day, to save much people alive.*"
6. Daniel showed what example of Jesus among the many examples? **Daniel 1:8** "*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*"

ART THOU IN HEALTH (2 Samuel 20:9)



Take Care Of Those Ears
Proverbs 5:7 *Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.*

Your ears are very important for hearing. If they are functioning today, make sure you do your best to continue in hearing. The devil would love to shut down this avenue of truth entering your body. Therefore, watch the environment you enter into.

If you are to wear earplugs, think not that you will be all right without them. Damage does not

happen overnight. It can be years before you notice.

Youth, as well as adults, should not be permitted to be blasting music. It is always to be at a level that is considered background and not the foreground. If they have to yell over the music to hear, then it is too loud.

Having earpieces in you ears for long periods of time can also cause damage, especially if the volume is at a level that those around can hear some of it.

Think On These Things

The Unclean Spirit

Matthew 12:43-45 *When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth [it] empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.*

Keep in mind that unclean spirits, devils, evil angels, or whatever else you want to call them are not content unless they are possessing something. So they shall look for a new home where they can find one.

The important thing is to not provide them an opportunity, especially an opportunity to return. Therefore, become filled with something godly.

Ceasing from the evil may be good, but not doing anything to replace it causes the evil to return. Take habits for instance. Most people who quit cold turkey, seem to return to their habits, mostly because they have not replaced it with good. Instead of just giving up smoking, replace it with something enjoyable and that takes the mind off of it. Sitting at home with arms folded is just asking for trouble.

Most people that replace their old bad habits with good new routines fair much better in gaining the victory.

**What Does The Bible Say
About The Mark Of The
Beast?**

(Main Article)

**Taking Care
Of Those Ears**

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**What Law Of Shadows Has
Been Done Away With?**

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**WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT?
AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?** (Isaiah 53:1)

▶▶AP, November 13, 2008 - SC priest: No communion for Obama supporters

A South Carolina Roman Catholic priest has told his parishioners that they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion if they voted for Obama because the Democratic president-elect supports abortion, and supporting him "constitutes material cooperation with intrinsic evil." "Our nation has chosen for its chief executive the most radical pro-abortion politician ever to serve in the United States Senate or to run for president," Newman wrote, referring to Obama by his full name, including his middle name of Hussein. "Voting for a pro-abortion politician when a plausible pro-life alternative exists constitutes material cooperation with intrinsic evil, and those Catholics who do so place themselves outside of the full communion of Christ's Church and under the judgment of divine law. Persons in this condition should not receive Holy Communion until and unless they are reconciled to God in the Sacrament of Penance, lest they eat and drink their own condemnation."

COMMENT: Focusing upon the enforcement of a standard and not upon the standard being Biblically correct or not, this priest is an example in this matter for all ministers. Ephesians 6:13-14 *"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil*

day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." He has taken a stand, though unpopular, and is preaching it. Are you giving in to growing the church and shying away from hard hitting messages? Are there subjects afraid to be touched upon? I hear some hard hitting messages myself from a variety of denominations and for a moment think, that is good, but then I think what they preached so hard on and find that it is something everyone agrees upon anyways. It is not a matter of screaming from the pulpit about the people in the world. It is about ridding the church of sin, not sinners. Jesus was tough on sin. Remember the rich young ruler? The man with leprosy? The woman caught in adultery? "Go and sin no more!"

▶▶Life News, November 11, 2008 - Joe Biden's Catholic Bishop Won't Deny Communion Over Pro-Abortion Views

The Catholic bishop that oversees the diocese of Joe Biden says he will not deny the incoming vice president communion over his pro-abortion views. Bishop W. Francis Malooly's decision stands in contrast to one made by Bishop Joseph F. Martino, of Biden's hometown Scranton, PA. "I won't politicize the Eucharist," Malooly said. "I don't want to alienate people. I want to change

their hearts and minds."

COMMENT: A man was once committing fornication by having his father's wife, which was not his mother. The church was indifferent. They too may have felt that they did not want to alienate him. Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 5:5, *"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."* Malooly and ministers from even many denominations are very wrong and this is why all of our churches are a mess today. Practicing sinners run amuck. In no way are we to reward a practicing sinner. If the guideline in the denomination is to refuse communion, enforce it. What this world needs are standards to live up to. Lowering the standards is why we have moved from strict restrictions on TV to almost nothing is restricted today. We have moved from public decency to anything goes because of diversity.

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