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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“End Times”

Part 10 – The Mark of the Beast

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Revelation 13:11-18

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. **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. **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.

1. The scripture states that the beast from the earth (the false prophet) which looks like a lamb (Jesus/Christianity) but speaks like a dragon (satan) is the one who causes the world to **WORSHIP** the first beast (anti-Christ). The false prophet (not the anti-Christ) works great signs and lying wonders (magick), even causing fire to come down from heaven. The false prophet (not the anti-Christ) is a religious leader, which is why he looks like a lamb.
2. It is the false prophet (the beast from the earth), NOT the anti-Christ (beast from the sea) that causes all people groups to take the mark.
3. People may receive the Mark, **OR** the Name, **OR** the Number of the name.
4. The mark of the beast will identify individuals WITH the beast. It is a sign, or marker of one who has **allegiance** to the beast. It seals a person to him.
 - This would indicate that the mark is spiritual in purpose.
 - There are scriptural examples of **God** marking **His people's** heads and hands:

Ezekiel 9:1-7

1 Then He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, "Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each with a deadly weapon in his hand." **2** And suddenly six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar. **3** Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side; **4** and the Lord said to him, "**Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.**" **5** To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. **6** Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but **do not come near anyone on whom is the mark;** and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple.

- It is worthy of note that, in this passage from Ezekiel, God had a mark put on the foreheads of those who were in mourning and tears over the dreadful sins (abominations) that are done in their city. Those who are grieved about the people's sins are the righteous, so God is instructing the angel with the writing instrument to mark the foreheads of the righteous.
 - A righteous heart and mindset causes a mark of righteousness that can be seen in the spiritual dimension (humans wouldn't see the mark, only angels).
 - This mark of righteousness is a seal of protection against the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
 - God said, “**do not come near anyone on whom is the mark**; and begin at My sanctuary.” This indicates that everyone who is **AT** the house of God is not **IN** the **household** of God. Let us who think we stand take heed lest we fall.

1 Peter 4:17

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. **6** "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

- This is what is called “The Shema”, meaning “Hear”, with the implication of active listening and corresponding responsive action. The term “Hear, O Israel”, means “Listen well and follow these instructions, Israel”.
- The instructions are that we must love JEHOVAH, our God, with all of our heart, soul, and strength, that these words must be in our hearts, and here is how:
 1. We must teach God’s Word **DILIGENTLY** to our children.
 2. Talk about God’s Word incessantly (without ceasing, everywhere we go).
 3. Bind them as a sign (**mark**) on our **hands** and between our eyes (**forehead**)...

- Prophetically the hand represents action. If you have something in/on your hand, it is seen by WHAT YOU DO.
- The face or forehead (between the eyes) represents identity and speaks of what is seen or known by YOUR CHARACTER (mental/moral qualities distinctive to an individual).

Revelation 7:1-4

1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. **2** Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, **3** saying, "**Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**" **4** And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

- Once again we see the servants of God (the righteous people) being sealed with a mark on their foreheads (righteousness is seen in their character).

Revelation 14:9-11

9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, **10** he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. **11** And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

- By scriptural precedent, any person who receives the mark of the beast must display an allegiance to the beast and/or his kingdom by the things they do (hands) and by their character (forehead/identity/lifestyle).
 - This means the mark cannot be something that is **snuck** into your skin. It will be something presented and **openly received** by those who CHOOSE to follow the beast. It is a mark/sign of obedience and submission to the beast.

- Revelation 14:18
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.
- Everything in the book of the Revelation is to be understood in light of the Old Testament, so the question is, where does 666 appears in the Old Testament?
 - 1 Kings 10:14-15
14 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty- six talents of gold, **15** besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.
- Solomon was a wise King (political ruler) who received tributes from other rulers as a sign/mark of their allegiance and obedience. The weight of gold he routinely received was 666 talents (22 tons). This is classic foreshadowing. †††

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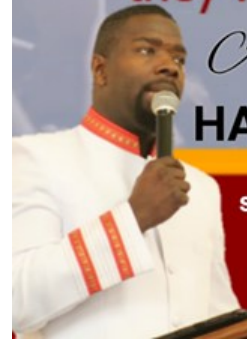


PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Acts 2:1

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come,
they were all with one accord in one place.



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