

God's Plan for the Future

Study Sheet

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The Tribulation: Mark of the Beast

Revelation 13:11-18

The _____ behind the mark (Revelation 13:1-15)

_____, the first beast (13:1-10)

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea ... (2) And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth...

1Pet 5:8 – *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

...And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

(3) One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. (4) And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" (5) And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. (6) It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (7) Also, it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, (8) and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. (9) If anyone has an ear, let him hear: (10) If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

The _____, the second beast (13:11-15)

Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

Two definitive characteristics: 1) _____ 2) _____

Matthew 7:15 – *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."*

An unholy _____ (13:12)

It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast...

An incredible _____ (13:13-15)

It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, (14) and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. (15) And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

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Also, it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, (17) so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

Satan's greatest tools during the Tribulation:

Antichrist will use politics – compliance by _____

False Prophet will use religion – compliance by _____

And he will use one other tool = compliance by _____

"Without the mark of the beast, no one will be able to shop at the mall, eat at a restaurant, fill up at a gas station, pay a utility bill, buy groceries, get prescriptions filled, pay to get the lawn mown, buy a house, pay the mortgage, pay bills online, shop on the Amazon website, or play the stock market. The mark will be a "Tribulation Trademark." —Mark Hitchcock, *The End*, p. 275.

[This paragraph was previously quoted when teaching on the False Prophet in Jan/Feb 2020.]

The _____ about the mark (Revelation 13:18)

This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

John offers us only a hint about the form of the mark
No one knows what form the mark will actually take.

Theories:

- The Antichrist will be another _____.
He was **six** cubits tall. His spearhead weighed **six** hundred shekels. He wore **six** items of armor (1Sam 17:4-7).
- The Antichrist will be another _____. The statue of Nebuchadnezzar stood **sixty** cubits high, **six** cubits wide, and **six** musical instruments summoned the Babylonians to worship it (Dan 3:1, 15).

The number **six** is associated with _____.

God created the earth (universe) in **six** days for humans.

Exodus 20:11 – *For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth...*

Humans were created on the **sixth** day

Genesis 1:27, 31 – *God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ... (31) And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

Humans are commanded to work only **six** days a week

Exodus 20:9 – *Six days you shall labor, and do all your work*

Jesus waited **six** days before taking a few disciples with Him to witness His transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-2 – *And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. (2) And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.*

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The number *seven* is associated with _____.

God created several sets of sevens—

Seven _____ in the rainbow, *seven* _____ in the musical scale,

Seven _____ in the week, *seven* _____ of Jehovah (Lev 23),

Seven _____ carrying *seven* _____ walked around the wall of Jericho for *seven* days—and *seven* times on the *seventh* day (Josh 6).

Seven is found over _____ times in Revelation including seven of each of the following items: Churches, spirits, stars, lamps, lampstands, seals, horns, eyes, angels, plagues, bowls, mountains, kings, beatitudes, judgments, letters, songs, "*I am*" statements of Christ.

Six is an incomplete number. Seven, however, is a complete or _____ number.

No one knows what form the 666 mark will actually take.

The _____ to the mark

Present technology indicates how a mark might be applied.

Two possible precursors:

1. _____ = microchips implanted invisibly under the skin.

During the Tribulation, store scanners may read data from shoppers' implanted microchips as they attempt to buy food or other necessities. If they've refused to worship the Antichrist; refused to bow to the belief system put in place by the False Prophet, they'll go without.

2. _____ = virtual money not issued or controlled by a centralized government.

_____ and currency are completely eliminated.

_____ is entirely electronic.

_____ by implanted chip or on the internet or maybe both.

Bottom line on what the mark is, and how it will be incorporated—we won't know until it's too late!

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The _____ of the mark [forecast of the outcome of a situation]

The future of those who _____ the mark of the beast (Revelation 14:9-11):
And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, (10) he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. (11) And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

The future of those who _____ the mark of the beast (Revelation 20:4):
Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also, I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Matthew 5:10-12 – *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. (12) Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Matthew 10:28 – *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

_____ question:

If you were forced to choose between standing with God by rejecting the mark or receiving the mark to ensure the immediate safety and security of your family, which would you choose?

_____ answer:

Daniel 3:1, 4-6 – *King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ... (4) And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, (5) that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. (6) And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace."*

Daniel 3:16-18 – *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. (17) If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. (18) But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

"Refuse the safe and easy path. Choose to stand for Jehovah God rather than bow to evil. It may mean repression or loss of freedom. It may even mean loss of life. But if we stand tall and true to God while all others are taking the mark and bowing to the image, we can rely on His promise that we will ultimately reign with Him." —David Jeremiah