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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Here comes the hour of the beast!

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This hot topic understandably stirs many questions: What is the Mark of the Beast? Who is the beast? What about the mysterious number of the Beast 666? When will it be enforced? Will everyone have to face it? How does the government get involved? Will the United States enforce the mark of the beast? The shocking truth is that She will be the first!

So what is the mark of the beast? There is so much foolish talk and wild guessing about this life and death issue. Some wonder: Is it a government identification number? Is it a barcode on a can in a grocery store? Is it a number on a credit card? Is it an implantable chip?

Could the race toward a cashless society make it easier for the government to control buying and selling?

The deadly combination of financial chaos, global interdependency, and modern technology are all converging and creating the right climate for a cashless society and governmental control of your money.

Is the high-tech surveillance capabilities and usage resulting in a trap that will be used to identify and expose those who resist the Mark of the Beast?

Ready or not friend, WE AER RACING TOWARD THE MARK OF THE BEAST! Remember that In today's world enormous changes can happen fast! Go to bed tonight and wake up tomorrow and you may not recognize your world. We cannot keep up with the news but there is some news worthy events and movements that demand our time and attention in order to see their prophetic fulfilment and be prepared for what will come upon the unsuspecting world as an overwhelming surprise.



Revelation 13:15-17 -- Reveals that the time is fast coming when there will be false worship enforced. Could economic boycotts, death decrees and religious persecution in America really happen here? Could this ominous scenario unfold rapidly? God loves us so much He wants us to be fully informed and prepared for the tribulation, the mark of the beast and the coming of Jesus Christ in the sky!

What warning does God give about the Mark of the Beast? Revelation 14:6-12 The warning against worshipping the beast is the most urgent given in the book of Revelation. 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." ¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those ^[a] who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

WHO OVERCOMES THE MARK OF THE BEAST? Revelation 15:1-2 ¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

GOD'S WRATH = PLAGUES - What is poured out upon those who receive the mark of the beast?

GOD'S WRATH = 7 PLAGUES -- Revelation 15:1-2 And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark $^{[a]}$ and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

Revelation 16:1-2 ¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls [a] of the wrath of God on the earth." ² So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. **First Bowl: Loathsome Sores**

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

1. Wrath oaf God = 7 Last Plagues (Rev.14:9-11;15:1)

2. Hell-fire (Rev.19:20;20:15)

Just how popular will the Mark of the Beast be? Revelation 13:8 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.

Why would people go along with the Mark of the Beast even after hearing the strong warnings?

A. Deceived. B. Give into the pressure.

DECIEVED = MARK OF THE BEAST - Revelation 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

WHO IS CAST INTO HELL FIRE? Revelation 20:15 "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

HOW DOES THE BIBLE DESCRIBE THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE CREATOR AND AVOID THE MARK OF THE BEAST? "Here is the patience (endurance) of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12

What is a good key to understanding truth especially in the last days? "A good understanding have all those who do His commandments." Psalms 111:10

What are three major discoveries that we must make in order to understand this issue?

THREE DISCOVERIES!

- The Beast
- 2. The Seal of God
- 3. The Mark of the Beast

WHO IS THIS BEAST?

CLUE #1 - A POWER ARISING FROM PAGAN ROME.

'...the <u>dragon</u> (Pagan Rome) gave him his power, and his <u>seat</u> (capital seat), and great authority." Revelation 13:2. Who did the dragon, Pagan Rome, give its capital seat to?

CLUE #2 - A RELIGIOUS POWER THAT IS WORSHIPPED.

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, .." Revelation 13:4. What religious power? In 330 A.D. Constantine relocated his capital seat from Rome to Byzantium.

- The Popes filled the place of the vacant Emperors at Rome, inheriting their power, prestige and titles from paganism. Constantine left all to the Bishop of Rome the Papacy is but the ghost of the deceased Roman Empire sitting crowned upon its grave. Stanley's History, p. 40
- Labianca Professor of History, Univ. of Rome "To the succession of the Caesar's came the succession of the Pontiffs in Rome. When Constantine left Rome he gave his seat to the Pontiff."
- The Beast is not a person. It is a religious political system.
- Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him..."
- This power is a universal system of worship.
- Is the antichrist, man of sin inside or outside the Christian Church?
- "Let no one deceive you by any means: for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition." Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, that he as God sitteth in the temple of God showing himself that he is God. 2 Thess. 2:3,4
- "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14

CLUE #3 - A BLASPHEMOUS POWER.

- "...and upon his heads the name of <u>blasphemy</u>." Revelation 13:1.
- How does the Bible define blasphemy? Claiming to forgive sin or claiming any title or prerogative that belongs solely to God. See Luke 5:21; John 10:33
- What was Jesus falsely accused of? "And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, 'Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" Luke 5:21
- Jesus does have the authority to forgive and He was God in flesh. See John 1:1-3,14
- Seek where you will, through Heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner... That extraordinary being is the priest, the Catholic Priest. The Catholic Priest, pp. 78,79
- We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty. Pope Leo XIII
- The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God and the vicar of God. Ferraris' Ecclesiastical Dictionary

- Thou art a priest Forever: says the ordaining Bishop... He is no longer a man, a sinful child of Adam, but an 'AlterChristus', another Christ... Forever a priest of the Most High with power over the Almighty. Eucharistic Meditations
- "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5

CLUE #4 - A PERSECUTING POWER.

- "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them." Revelation 13:7.
- 50 to 100 Million lost their lives.

Clue # 5 -A WORLD-WIDE POWER.

- "...all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3.
- The term Catholic means Universal

CLUE # 6 -A DOMINATING CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS POWER

• Power was given him (the beast) over all kindred's, and tongues, and nations." Revelation 13:7.

CLUE # 7 - A POWER WHICH REIGNS 1260 YEARS BEFORE IT'S POWER IS TEMPORARILY BROKEN.

- "... And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and it was given unto him to continue <u>forty and two months</u>." Revelation 13:5.
- 42 Months x 30 = 1260 days

1260 YEARS

ONE DAY = ONE YEAR

I have appointed thee each day for a year. Ezekiel 4:6 KJV

538 AD ----- 1798 AD

Roman Decree gave power

Pope Captured – lost power

CLUE #8 - A POWER WHICH RECEIVES A DEADLY WOUND.

- "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death." Revelation 13:3.
- "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword." Revelation 13:10.
- DEADLY WOUND WAS INFLICTED IN: 1798. Exactly 1260 years from 538 A.D.

CLUE # 9 -- A POWER WHOSE DEADLY WOUND IS HEALED.

- "... and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3.
- What events confirm the dramatic resurgence and healing of the papacy?
- Headline: Mussolini and Gaspari Sign Historic Roman Pact... Heal Wound of Many Years...
- The Papal States which were stripped from the Papacy were restored to them in 1929.
- The "deadly wound" is being healed!
- Example: Former President George W. Bush extended an Unprecedented Welcome to the Former Pope Benedict

CLUE # 10 - A POWER WITH A MAN AT THE TOP WHOSE OFFICIAL TITLE (NAME) HAS A NUMERICAL VALUE OF 666.

- Another Major Point The Beast Has a Number
- ... the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:17
- A Man would speak for the Beast power.
- The highest ranking official title of each successive Papal Pontiff is in Latin Vicarius Filii Dei which is Vicar or representative of God. And following the Roman Numerical system we can readily discover the total numerical value of the name or title of each papal pope.
- Vicarius = 112 Filii = 53 Dei = 501 Total = 666

10 CLUES ON THE ANTICHRIST BEAST OF REVELATION 13

- 1. A ROMAN POWER.
- 2. A RELIGIOUS POWER.
- 3. A BLASPHEMOUS POWER.
- 4. A RELIGIOUS POWER DOMINATING CIVIL POWER.
- 5. A WORLD-WIDE POWER.
- 6. A PERSECUTING POWER.
- 7. A POWER HAVING SUPREMACY FOR 1260 YEARS.
- 8. A POWER THAT RECEIVES A DEADLY WOUND.
- 9. A POWER WHOSE DEADLY WOUND IS HEALED.
- 10. A POWER WITH A MYSTERIOUS NUMBER 666.



Does the Roman Papal System fulfill all the 10 characteristics of the Beast Power?

Here is an irrefutable fact: THE ROMAN PAPAL POWER IS THE MOST POPULAR CHRISTIAN SYSTEM IN THE WORLD!

THE NEW POPE FRANCIS

The sudden resignation of Pope Benedict shocked the world. Speculations have swirled regarding his reasons for resigning. Thunder clouds gathered and a lightning bolt struck the Sistine Chapel.

Pope Francis

- First Jesuit Pope
- First Non European Pope in hundreds of years.
- Presides over 1.2 Billion Catholics
- Most influential religious figure in the world.

Why did the new Pope pick the name "Francis"? Because of the example of Saint Francis of Assisi in caring for the poor and living a life of poverty. Who was Saint Francis of Assisi? A monk who lived a life of poverty.

Positives of Pope Francis

- Kissed feet of homeless.
- Rides in economy class on plane trips.
- Drives a Ford Focus.
- Excommunicates Italian mobsters.
- Spoke out against child abuse by priests.
- Reforming financial institution.

More facts:

- This is another traveling Pope.
- How favorably do Catholics view Pope Francis? 8/10 Catholics view Pope Francis favorably!
- What is a primary focus of Pope Francis? "My determination to continue on the path of ecumenical dialogue." Pope Francis Ecumenical Audience in Clementine Hall on March 20, 2013
- What is the ecumenical movement all about?

Pope Francis Video Message: "Embrace one another

- 7 Minutes
- Made on Tony Palmers iphone at the Pope's Apartment just a few days before Kenneth Copeland's conference with charismatic leaders/ministers.
- Greets as brothers and sisters.
- Shares story of Joseph's reunion with his brothers.
- All to blame for the long separation.
- Pray that God will continue the miracle of unity that has already begun.
- Asks twice for prayer and blessing.
- Blesses them.
- "Miracle of unity has begun." Pope Francis

Who are Jesuits? Here are some facts of the Jesuit Order

- Special order of the Catholic Church
- Established by Ignatius Loyola
- Established 1540
- Militant branch of the RC
- Subversion, disguised, spies, infiltrate, defend Catholic Church.
- Levels in the Jesuit order.
- Jesuit schools and institutions.
- Blood vow.
- The vow is cruel and hateful toward those who protest.
- Assimilate into Protestant Churches.
- Exterminate heretics.
- The rhetoric has been toned down.





Cardinal Dolch, Archbishop of New York in animated interview by CBS This Morning – "Pope Francis is Champion in Speaking The Truth" "the Pope knows there are certain things he cannot change. He can't change the Ten Commandments." CBS This Morning, Feb. 26, 2014

Does Mary need to Protect Jesus now? "To protect Jesus with Mary" "This is a service that the Bishop of Rome is called to carry out." Pope Francis inaugural homily, March 19, 2013

What does Bible prophecy predict about the roles of the Papacy and the United States in the last days?

The whole world will follow the beast in some kind of worship.

What is the seal of God? Since the antichrist is the opposite of Christ or a counterfeit Christ. The mark of the beast music

WHO WILL BE SEALED? Those who refuse to follow the beast and keep the commandments of God.

WHERE IS THE SEAL OF GOD PLACED? Revelation 7:1-3

and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have <u>sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads</u>." Revelation 7:1-3

WHAT ELSE DOES GOD PROMISE TO PLACE IN THE FOREHEAD OR HEART?

NEW COVENANT PROMISE - "...I will put my laws in theirs minds and write them on their hearts." Hebrews 8:10

WHERE IS THE LAW OF GOD PLACED?

- "Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."
- CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SEAL & LAW OF GOD
- "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples." Isaiah 8:16
- Those who allow the Holy Spirit to write the whole law in their hearts including the commandment that contains the seal will be sealed on their foreheads.
- The Law of God and the Seal of God go together.
- Therefore if you want the seal you must keep the Law in which the seal is placed.
- In ancient times a King sealed a law, decree with his royal signet ring. This ring usually had a raised design or image on it that would be impressed upon pliable clay or melted wax.
- In the days of Esther.... "The king took his signet ring from his hand and ... in the name of king Ahasuerus it was written, and SEALED with the king's SIGNET RING." Esther 3:10-12
- So the king's decrees or laws were signed or sealed with his signature or royal seal.
- The Ten Commandments are called the "Royal law" James 2:8
- The King of Kings has a ... "Royal Law"
- Royal Seal or Signature of approval
- Seal on those who Keep the Commandments of God.
- Revelation 14:12 makes it clear that those who "keep the commandments of God" will not receive the Mark of the Beast.

What are three key elements associated with a seal? Name, Title, Territory. Fourth Commandments. Seventh Day Sabbath. Exodus 20:8-11

The Sabbath is the only commandment that reveals the Law Giver. The Sabbath is the Seal of the Living God. "keep the commandments of God" Revelation 14:12

What is God's special SIGN of power and authority? Sabbath = Seal / Sign "Moreover also I gave them my <u>sabbaths</u>, to be a <u>sign</u> between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Ezekiel 20:12,20

The Sabbath is a sign of a character change by the power of Jesus. A SIGN OF CHRIST'S POWER TO CHANGE US! SIGN = SEAL - "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of righteousness of the faith" Romans 4:11 THE SEAL OF GOD IS CONNECTED WITH THE SABBATH.

THE SEAL IS NOT LITERAL, BUT IS SPIRITUAL. "sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." Revelation 7:3 "seal the law" Isaiah 8:16

- Four terms used relatedly:
- Law of God
- Name of God "They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads." Revelation 22:4 Those who are victorious at last stand on mount Zion "...having His Father's name written on their foreheads." Revelation 14:1 The Law of God is a transcript of His loving character or name.
- Seal of God OR Sign

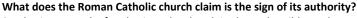
WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST?

- It must be a counterfeit of the Seal of God.
- It must be a counterfeit of the Law of God.
- It must be a counterfeit of the Sabbath.

Literal or figurative?

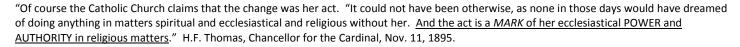
- Symbolic Beast.
- Symbolic Image.
- Symbolic Name.
- Symbolic Number.
- Symbolic Seal.
- Symbolic Mark.

What is the Mark of the Beast? Sign of the Roman Church's authority. POPULAR RELIGIOUS POWER + A POPULAR MARK OR SIGN OF IT'S RELIGIOUS POWER!



Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible, and

this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923



Sunday is the admitted mark of authority of the Papal power.

Did the Bible predict that the Roman Papal Power would change the Sabbath? Daniel 7:25 "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws." Daniel 7:25

What is the Mark of the Beast? Consider these amazing parallels:

	Dan.7 Little Horn	Rev. 13 Beast
1.	Lion	Lion
2.	Bear	Bear
3.	Leopard	Leopard
4.	Terrible, iron teethed	Dragon
5.	10 Horns	10 Horns
6.	Speaks Great Things	Speaks Blasphemy
7.	Reigns 1260 Days	Reigns 42 Months
8.	Changes Times & Laws	Mark of the Beast

So what is a startling parallel to "Change times and laws"? = Mark of the Beast

Does anyone have the mark of the beast now? NO ONE RECEIVES THE MARK OF THE BEAST UNTIL IT IS ENFORCED.

THE MOST POPULAR DAY OF WORSHIP CAME FROM THE CHURCH OF ROME! "My great predecessor in the see of Munich and Freising, Cardinal Faulhaber, once put it like this: Give the soul its Sunday, give Sunday its soul." by Pope Benedict XVI

Why do not more preachers teach this? "they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths" Ezekiel 22:26

Who has authority to change God's Law? Only God.

So what is the bottom line choice all will need to make? YOUR CHOICE IS CLEAR:

- Sabbath = God's Authority as Creator
- Sunday = Man's Authority
- Popular worship = False, Sunday
- Unpopular worship = True, Sabbath
- Sabbath = keeping commandments
- Sunday = counterfeit or contrast



Most want to do what is popular.

LUTHERAN: "The observance of the Lord's day (Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church." -- Augsburg Confession of Faith, quoted in Catholic Sabbath Manual, Part 2 Chapter 1, Section 10.

CATHOLIC: "Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. "The Day of the Lord" (dies Dominica) was chosen, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power. "...People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy." Sentinel, Pastor's page, Saint Catherine Catholic Church, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995

Will the Roman Papal Power favor a National Sunday Law? Listen to Pope John Paul II

- "Christians will naturally strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy." -- Section 67, Dies Domini.
- "When, through the centuries she, has made laws concerning Sunday rest, the Church has had in mind above all the work of servants and workers,... it needed greater regulation to lighten its burden and thus enable everyone to keep the Lord's Day holy. In this matter my predecessor Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Rerum spoke of Sunday rest as a worker's right which the State must guarantee." Pope John Paul II, Dies Domini 1998

Could Modern Technology be used by the government to enforce a National Sunday Law the Mark of the Beast? Yes.

- Could an implantable chip be used by the government to have further control of the movements of it's citizens?
- Could a National ID Card be used by the government to help to enforce the Mark of the Beast?
- How will the government know who is cooperating and who is not?
- Could electronic banking make it easier for the government to control buying and selling?

Only a Remnant at last will be keeping the Sabbath that has been under attack. "And the devil was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed." Revelation 12:17

WHY WILL MILLIONS RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST? The deception is about the Ten Commandments. Beware of false interpretation that <u>explains away</u> the 7th Day Sabbath of the Lord. For this reason God sends them a <u>powerful delusion</u> so that they will <u>believe a lie</u> and so that all will be condemned who have <u>not believed the truth</u> but have delighted in wickedness."

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

What will many people end up believing in the last days? "believe a lie" Some say "it's just a day" "it does not matter which day you keep" Well those same ones would have excused disobedience by saying: "it's just a piece of fruit"

What are many doing with the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, ...then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; ... Isaiah 58:13,14

Are Sabbath breakers going to be lost? Acts 17:30; James 4:17. Only when they know the truth about the Sabbath and don't obey it.

What if a person knows the truth about the Sabbath and still disobeys it? And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:9

OUR CLEAR CHOICE:

Christ	Antichrist
God's Commandments	Man's Commandments
Unpopular True Worship	Popular False Worship
Worship Creator	Worship Beast
Truth	Tradition
Lord's Day	Counterfeit Sabbath
God's Seal	Beast's Mark

- Why not say, "I love Jesus enough to spend the entire 7th Day with Him" "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15
- OUR LOVE FOR GOD WILL BE TESTED.
- The Cross of Christ reveals His Law is unchanged. The Cross of Christ reveals Jesus can forgive our sins and empower us to keep the commandments of God.



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