

THE MARK OF THE BEAST & THE SEAL OF GOD

- Revelation 14:9, 10** The warning about the Mark of the Beast.
- I John 3:4** Sin is the transgression of the law; therefore, if the Mark of the Beast causes people to sin, it will cause people to transgress the law of God.
- James 2:10-12** No matter where we transgress the commandments of God, the law of God is still broken, and we become “guilty of all.”
- Revelation 22:4** Here we see God will place His name in the foreheads of the righteous.
- Deuteronomy 6:6-8**
Deuteronomy 11:18 God commands that His people shall put His words upon the forehead and hand.
- Hebrews 10:16** The New Covenant experience is when we allow God to place His law into our hearts (innermost feelings and emotions) and minds.
- Revelation 7:1-3** The Seal of God is mentioned here as being sealed upon the foreheads of the servants of God.
- Revelation 4:11** A seal denotes authority. God is worthy of worship because He created all things and therefore His seal will point to Him as the Creator (the One who has all authority).
- Exodus 20:8-11** The fourth commandment has all three necessary components for a ruler's seal.
- THREE COMPONENTS IN A SEAL (Exodus 20):**
1. Person's name - LORD GOD (Isa. 42:8).
 2. Person's authority - MAKER OR CREATOR OF ALL (Isa. 40:25, 26; Jer. 10:10-12; Rev. 4:11).
 3. Territory ruled - HEAVEN AND EARTH (Gen. 2:1-4; Ex. 20:8-11).
- Revelation 14:6-12** Those who keep the commandments of God are placed in contrast to those who receive the Mark of the Beast.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3** The Bible predicts there will be a great “falling away from truth.” The beast power (papacy) drew many of its doctrines, practices and teachings from paganism and mingled it with Christian terminology and presents itself as the Christian faith.

Just as a “beast” in prophecy represents an earthly kingdom or power, the “mark” of the “beast” would constitute the distinguishing feature or characteristic of such a power.

The beast power readily admits its substitution of tradition above the Bible and that its MARK of authority to show it can do this is based on the fact that they changed the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first.

Rome says, **“Of course the Catholic Church claims the change was her act...AND THE ACT IS A MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.”** *Thomas, H. F., Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath.*

Again, Rome says, **“It’s (Sunday’s change for Saturday) the *mark* of our authority to over-rule God’s law.”** *Father Enright, C.S.S.R., President of Redemptorist College, Kansas City, Mo., History of the Sabbath, page 802.*

“The church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact.” *The Catholic Record, September 1, 1923.*

“The Bible says, ‘Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.’ The Catholic Church says, ‘No! by my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day, and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And, lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church.’ *Father Enright, President of Redemptorist College.*

“It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church.” *Priest Brady, in an address at Elizabeth, N.J. on March 17, 1903, (in Elizabeth News, March 18, 1903).*

“Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible.” *Cardinal Gibbons, The Catholic Mirror, (a Baltimore Catholic newspaper), December 23, 1893.*

The Mark of the Beast is a mark of rebellion indicating the rejection of God's authority in our lives. The Mark demonstrates that we have refused to allow God to seal His entire will in our hearts in preparation for heaven. The beast's mark is a counterfeit seal with a false Sabbath substituting the beast's authority for God's.

Romans 6:16 We are the servants of whomever we obey.

Revelation 13:16, 17 The Mark will be enforced by economic boycott. You won't be able to buy or sell unless you submit to it. Those who receive the mark in the forehead have intellectually submitted their minds to the beast's authority. Those who receive the mark on the hand have yielded themselves under pressure to the beast's authority and will surrender to worship on Sunday--even if they don't believe in it.

Acts 17:30 When we were in ignorance, God “winked” at our lack of knowledge. But now when truth is come, He commands us to repent and follow it.

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