

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 44

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

(REVELATION 13:6-18)



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“... He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... 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.” (Rev. 14:10-11)

Woah, this is serious! With serious eternal consequences! For us who are living in the End Times, we need to pay attention and acquire understanding concerning the Mark of the Beast. This is of utmost relevance to us and will affect how we make decisions.

Indeed, the Mark of the Beast is one of the most significant End-Time events that is crucial for the Body of Christ to know. We cannot be ignorant, minimize or trivialize it.

*FOUR REASONS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO
UNDERSTAND THE MARK OF THE BEAST:*

1

THE BIBLE EXHORTS US TO SEARCH FOR UNDERSTANDING (REV. 13:18)

Regarding the Mark of the Beast, the Bible makes it very clear that God wants us to know and to have insight (Rev. 13:18). It is wisdom if we search for understanding.

There are many layers of understanding regarding this subject. We will not have full clarity until the Antichrist is revealed, but we can keep pressing in for more. God wants us to carefully study the scriptures regarding this, observe significant world events and search for understanding with wisdom and maturity (Rev. 13:18).

2

THERE ARE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF WE RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST

This mark is more than for trading. Everyone who takes this mark will become demonised, reprobate and will face the ultimate eternal judgment of being tormented in the lake of fire (Rev. 14:9-10). A reprobate person is a person who has no ability to repent. His heart has become so hardened that he will not accept the grace of God and he is against God.

Revelation 14:9-10 gives us the most intense and severe judgment of God and links it directly to receiving the mark. The scripture says this can happen to anyone and does not distinguish between believers or unbelievers.

Why are the consequences so severe? Because this mark **signifies the person's allegiance to Satan and the Antichrist. Something changes in the spirit realm and in the inner man of the person when he receives this mark.**

3


MULTITUDES WILL BE DECEIVED INTO RECEIVING THIS MARK

Three reasons why many will receive the Mark of the Beast:

- a. Deception** — Many will think that the Mark of the Beast is a good thing. This will include some believers.
- b. Pressure** — There will be huge pressure to receive it because of financial sanctions if you don't. Without the mark, we cannot even trade or buy anything. If our security is in money, we will bend and compromise.
- c. Fear of persecution and prosecution** — There will come a point in time when it is illegal to refuse the mark.

4

This is one of the most important truths that will affect one of the most important decisions everyone will have to make! The decision is literally an issue of life and death — eternal death!



There is not much written in the scriptures pertaining to the Mark of the Beast. To understand it better, we have to see that it is actually a direct counterfeit of the seal of God (Rev. 7:2-3; 9:4; 14:1; 22:4).

There are two groups of people who will be marked or sealed at the End of the Age. One group has the seal of God, while the other has the Mark of the Beast on their forehead or their right hand.

The seal of God is a mark of our love, trust, obedience and allegiance to God. The Bible teaches us two things about the seal of God:

1

IT IS THE PROTECTION OF GOD
DURING THE COMING TRIBULATION
(Revelation 7:2-5)

2

IT IS THE EMPOWERMENT
OF GOD TO OVERCOME
(Revelation 14:1; 15:2)

The seal of God is more than the guarantee of redemption of salvation by the Holy Spirit. When we receive the seal, we receive two things:

- a. **Empowerment** — the full measure of the Holy Spirit empowers us to love and obey God wholeheartedly (Song 8:6). We are empowered to walk it out through all the persecution and tribulation until the end.
- b. **Enlightenment** — When God gives us the seal on our forehead, our mind is enlightened (Jer. 31:33; Heb. 10:16; Ezek. 36:26-27; Prov. 1:8-9; 3:1-3; 6:20-22; 7:2-3). He enables us to understand the heart of God, deep truth and prophecy. He enlightens our mind to see from His perspective, so that we are not offended with Him.

Deuteronomy 6 gives us an insight into God's seal as a mark of love and obedience unto God. After giving the Shema Israel, the call to love God with all their heart, soul and strength, the Israelites were told to bind the commandment as a sign on their hand and frontlet between their eyes (on their forehead) (Deut. 6:8; Ex. 13:9-16). For the End-Time generation, this prophetically speaks of the **seal on our forehead that will enlighten our mind to understand the heart of God, and the seal on our hand that will empower us to love and obey Him.**





Back to the Mark of the Beast. When one receives the mark on his forehead, the person, in the spiritual realm, is receiving an empowerment to worship Satan and the Antichrist and be loyal to them. The person will have insight into the demonic realm and activity. The mark will also cause the person to be deceived and deluded in his mind and to think differently (2 Thes. 2:10-12). Receiving the mark on his hand will empower him to walk out his loyalty to the Antichrist with unholy confidence.

Seven things about the Mark of the Beast from Revelation 13:16-18:

ONE

The False Prophet will establish an economic system that forbids buying and selling in the open market without the worshipping of the Antichrist (v. 17) — It will be the greatest unprecedented economic sanction.

He will make it a requirement by law to receive the Mark of the Beast (v. 16)

The phrase “*he will cause all... to receive a mark...*” means that it will be required that all will have to take the mark – it will be a legal requirement. The pressure will be intense. Everyone will have to choose. Families will be split and there will be betrayals.

TWO

THREE

The Mark of the Beast likely is a public declaration of one’s allegiance to the Antichrist — the term mark suggests that it is a visible sign. Likely, it’s a public declaration. Everyone can see and everyone will know.

FOUR

Everyone who takes the mark knows and understands the significance of it.

The mark is an outward sign of an inward covenant one makes with Satan and the Antichrist. No one can accidentally take the mark. Everyone who does it will have known, understood and made a conscious decision.

FIVE

We must not go extreme or run ahead of God (v. 18)

God does not want us to run ahead of Him when He has not released full revelation and understanding concerning this subject yet. If we do so, we can become weird, extreme, or worse still, if we make premature predictions or conclusions which turn out to be untrue, **it can cause many in the Body of Christ to be thrown off and to lose trust of prophetic voices and the prophetic leadership of God.**

The Mark of the Beast is related to this number 666 (v. 18).

6 is the number of man. 666 speaks of the unholy trinity of Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet. There are only two occasions the number 666 is used in the Bible (2 Chron. 9:13; Rev. 13:18). Both are related to money, trading and business. So, the Mark of the Beast is likely related to an economic system.

There are five distinct names of the Mark of the Beast (v. 17-18)

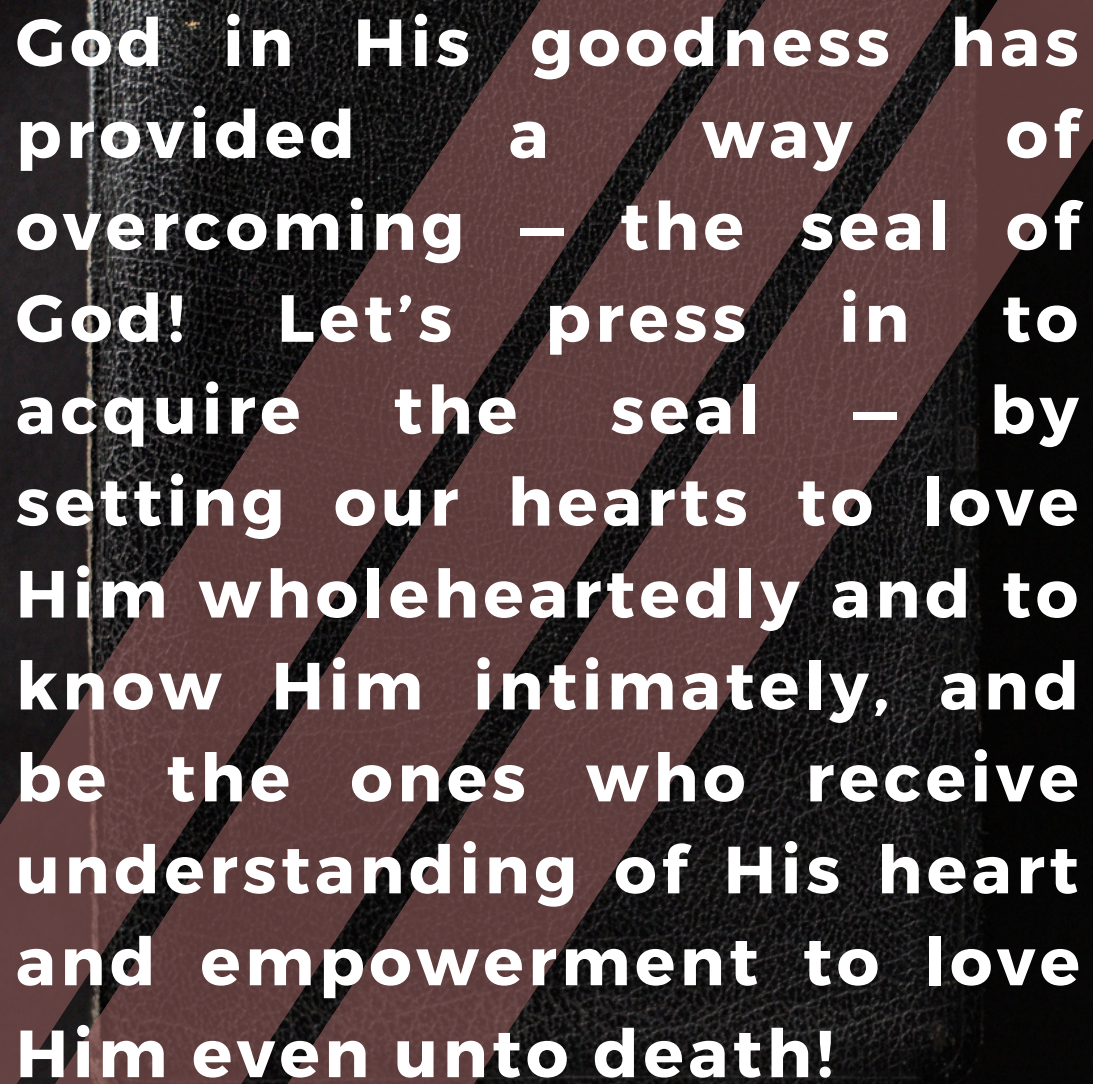
The Mark of the Beast, the name of the Beast, the mark of his name (Rev. 14:11), the number of his name (Rev. 13:17; 15:2), the number of the Beast which is 666.

As we press in to seek the Lord regarding these distinct names, the Lord will release more and more insight to us.

Is the Mark of the Beast an implanted chip? It is possible, but let's not be quick to come to a conclusion, because we still do not have full revelation and understanding of this matter yet. Let's watch and pray and continue to tarry with the Lord.

It's interesting to note that the last part of Revelation 13 talks about the Mark of the Beast, but the first verse of Revelation 14 immediately talks about the victory of those who have the seal of God on their foreheads.





God in His goodness has provided a way of overcoming — the seal of God! Let's press in to acquire the seal — by setting our hearts to love Him wholeheartedly and to know Him intimately, and be the ones who receive understanding of His heart and empowerment to love Him even unto death!



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