

HOPE through Prophecy



Lesson 17 – Revelation’s Mark of the Beast

1. What does the end-time issue revolve around? Rev. 13:15-17
2. Is God particular about how we worship? Gen. 4:1-8; Lev. 10:1-2; Mt. 15:9

We have seen repeatedly that the central issue at the end of time is the issue of worship. Further, the Bible is clear that God is particular about worship. In many Bible instances having to do with the specifics of worship, we see that God said what He meant and meant what He said. God alone is due our worship, and He alone should be the one we look to for a description of how that worship should be.

3. Where is the Mark of the Beast placed? Rev. 13:15-17
4. What is written in the foreheads of God’s servants? Rev. 14:1; 7:2-3.
5. What other word does the Bible use interchangeably with “seal”? Rom. 4:11

In the book of Revelation, we see TWO distinctive marks, showing two separate and distinct allegiances. One mark, the beasts, can be placed in either the forehead or in the hand. God’s mark, or seal, is placed in the forehead alone. This illustrates that the worship of God cannot be coerced, bribed, or in any other way influenced, but it must be the willful service of His followers. The beast’s mark can be received in the forehead, too. However, it can also be received in the hand, showing that the beast power will receive worship even though the worshipper may have ulterior motives.

6. What title does God claim as a right to receive our worship? Jer. 10:10-12; Isa. 45:18; 40:25-6; Ps. 96:4-5; Rev. 4:11

We worship God because He is our creator and our redeemer.

7. Where do we find God’s seal? Isa. 8:16

8. An official seal contains 3 things; name (we see in Rev. 14:1), title and territory. Where in God's law do we find these three things? Ex. 20:8-11

A seal in Bible times was a sign of authenticity, of genuineness, and most of all, of authority. A seal was typically used in conjunction with legal documents. It revealed the authority behind the document, making it official. God's law also contains His seal – His sign of authority. We find this seal in the Sabbath commandment, the very commandment that reveals His authority as our Creator.

9. Where else do we find the Sabbath listed as God's sign, or seal? Ezek. 20:12, 20; Ex. 31:13

10. In the New Covenant, where does God put His law? Heb. 8:10; Ex. 13:9

In our hearts and minds ("in our foreheads").

11. In Ezek. 9, where is the "seal" or "mark" placed? Who receives this mark? Ezek. 9: 4

12. What is one of the abominations that troubles those who receive this "mark"? Ezek. 8:15-16

This mark, as compared with Revelation 7:1-4 and 14:1, is seen to be placed upon the foreheads of God's true followers. Note that the mark contains "the Father's name." In contrast, we see that one of the greatest abominations of those who do not receive this special mark is that of "worshipping the sun."

13. What is the beast's self-proclaimed "mark"?

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act... And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters. – H. F. Thomas, Chancellor for Cardinal James Gibbons, Letter to J. F. Snyder of Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 28, 1895.

Sunday is our mark of authority... The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. – The Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923.

14. The Sabbath is about rest. What does the Bible say that those who receive the Mark of the Beast don't have? Rev. 14:11

They have no rest! The contest at the end of time is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. The central issue is the issue of worship – the worship that Lucifer has been seeking from his fall in heaven until now. The antichrist power is his last-ditch attempt to receive that worship while multitudes unknowingly follow a professed Christian teaching that is in fact not Biblical at all. God is calling to all His children to come out of the errors of tradition and human theory and opinion, and take their stand upon His word. On which side will you stand?