

# Bible Study and Notes

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# MARKED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED

## (LESSON 14)

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### Bible Study

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1. What do the lost have that identifies them on the beast or the image's side? **Revelation 14:9-10**
2. What do the saved have that identifies them on God's side? **Revelation 7:2-3**
3. Where is the seal of God placed? **Revelation 7:2-3**
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## **How Are the Lost and Saved Identified?**

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According to the Bible, there will only be two groups of people when Jesus returns. They are commonly referred to as the saved and the lost. These two groups are more specifically identified in Revelation using two other titles. Revelation 14:9-10 says, “*And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.*” The lost group is referred to as the MARKED.

How is the saved group identified? Revelation 7:2-3 tells us, “*And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: 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 sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*” They are known as the SEALED.

Now this should raise a big red flag. We are hearing a whole lot about the *Mark of the Beast* while we are hearing very little to nothing about the *Seal of God*. Yet, as we have read, it is the seal that is extremely important. In fact, as we shall see, it is not as important to reject the *Mark of the Beast* as it is to have the *Seal of God*.

How is the *Mark of the Beast* enforced? Revelation 13:16-17 states, “*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*” This is the only pair of verses that tell us about the enforcement. You know something, if God was so worried about avoiding the enforcement of the *Mark of the Beast*, then our loving and merciful God would have given us many more verses on the subject. Additionally, too many times we connect the *Mark* to the enforcement. Sure, it says that we will not be able to buy and sell, but does that automatically put the *Mark of the Beast* into a physical financial object. To understand the *Mark of the Beast*, we need to look at it separately from the enforcement.

Here is the real concern. When people assume that the *Mark of the Beast* is a financial object, they narrow the spectrum so much so that it eliminates the possibility of Satan bringing in the *Mark* totally unrelated to the financial market. For instance, under tight financial situations, even a financial collapse, is it possible to enact very strange laws regarding other objects that under normal situations would have nothing to do with the financial realm? It is very possible and it has already happened. Look at the oil crisis of the 1970's. Something totally unrelated to the financial market was the focus of being able to buy and sell. That object was a license plate, which determined

if one could buy gasoline on a given day or not depending on the day on the calendar and the last digit in the license plate. Gas stations were fined for selling to wrong customers. Let us keep an open mind and let the Bible explain itself.

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## **Who Is the Antichrist Beast?**

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The other mistake that is made in identifying the *Mark of the Beast* is that there is not a full understanding of what or who the *beast* is. No wonder there is so much guesswork in the Christian arena on this subject. If one were to assume the *Mark of the Beast* was a credit card and the *beast* was a computer company unrelated to credit cards, just how could the credit card then be the *Mark of the Beast*? It could not. But, if the *beast* were a computer company and they developed a computer program that everyone needed to use on their phone, computer, TV, or any device, to transact any business (credit, debit, “I owe you”, escrow, subscriptions, etc.), then all we need to do is check what the world is doing related to that company and easily identify the *Mark of the Beast*.

So, as a refresher, let us look at the *beast*. Revelation 13:1-3 tells us, “*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his*

*mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*" In the *Antichrist and 666* lesson, we covered fifty points pinpointing that it was none other than the Vatican City, keeping in mind that it is the organizational process and teaching and not the people who are innocently caught up in the beliefs.

Why is the Antichrist power made up of a conglomerate beast? Well, the lion represents the teachings of Babylon (Daniel 7:4 compared to Jeremiah 50:17); the bear is that of Medo-Persia (Daniel 7:5 compared to Daniel 5:28); the leopard is that of Greece (Daniel 7:6 compared to Daniel 8:21); and the ten horned beast is that of Rome and the ten barbaric tribes (Daniel 7:7 compared to John 11:48, Daniel 7:24) which make up the seven nations of today's Europe since three of the ten were uprooted in their early days by the armies of the Vatican as prophesied (Daniel 7:8, 7:20, 7:24). The teachings of these nations as we studied were based totally on the sun system, which Satan set up and has now passed the scepter unto the Vatican.

For example, one teaching that was centered in Babylon was that the sun became a fish and swam in the ocean at night. That is why all the temple ministers wore large gutted fish on their heads. What Babylon practiced, Medo-Persia picked up and passed it to Greece and then to Pagan Rome. The Vatican

Christianized it and passed it to the whole world via the Catholic Church where even today the Pope, Cardinals, and Bishops still wear fish caps.

Additionally, the largest sundial is found in the Vatican City or St. Peters Square. And in the center is an obelisk, which was taken from Egypt. They used these objects to worship the sun. They are pagan symbols that are maintained at the Vatican to this day. They do not simply exist there but are maintained.

What does God say about this system? Revelation 18:2-4 tells us, "*And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*" God's people are still in Babylon. They are following many false teachings that this spiritual system has setup, and in the last days, God sends a warning to save His people. It is a matter of being willing to come out of it. Are you willing to leave Babylon?

On the contrast, let us look at God's people. Revelation 14:12 emphatically states, "*Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the*

*faith of Jesus.*" God's people are called saints. They are identified by keeping God's commandments and having the faith of Jesus because it is only by Jesus' blood that our sins are covered providing the means of salvation.

What happens to God's people who keep the commandments? Revelation 12:17 says, "*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*" In the last days, Satan is determined to make God's people fall. He has declared war on the Commandment keeping people because Satan's only hope to live is to have God translate or rapture a practicing sinner, which is a commandment-breaker by definition (1 John 3:4). Are you willing to fight back and not compromise?

What does God set before His commandment keeping people? Revelation 22:14 states, "*Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*" These are comforting words. We should be looking forward to the tree of life?

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### **What Is the Seal of God?**

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We will first take a look at the *Seal of God* because if we understand the *Seal of God* and accept it, we will know what the *Mark of the Beast* is, and we will automatically reject the *Mark of the Beast*. The reason for this is

that God has the original while Satan has the counterfeit. In this case, God seals His people in the last days while Satan marks his people.

Revelation 7:2-3 tells us, “*And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: 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 sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*” First, notice that the *Seal of God* can only be accepted in the forehead and not the hand in contrast to the *Mark of the Beast*.

What is placed there?

Revelation 22:4 states, “*And they shall see his face; and his name [shall be] in their foreheads.*” Now is God going to come down and stamp your forehead with a literal seal containing “God” or “Jehovah” or “Creator” or any of His other names? No, of course not. Yet, Revelation 14:1 reiterates the fact the God’s people have His name: “*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.*” Clearly, the *Seal of God* is the Father’s name in the forehead.

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### **What Is the Mark of the Beast?**

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Revelation 14:11 identifies it by stating, “*And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and*

*whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*” Notice that in complete contrast, the *Mark of the Beast* is the *beast’s* name in the forehead. It also is not a physical object just as the *Seal of God* is symbolic.

Let us compare God’s people to the *beast’s* people.

1. God’s people *worship Him that made heaven, earth, sea, and fountains of water* (Revelation 14:7). The *beast’s* people worship the *beast* (Revelation 14:9).
2. God’s people worship in *Spirit and in truth* (John 4:23-24). The *beast’s* people worship the *image of the beast* (Revelation 14:9).
3. God’s people *keep the Commandments of God* (Revelation 14:12). The *beast’s* people keep the commandments (traditions) of men (Matthew 15:9).
4. God’s people follow the *Faith of Jesus* (Revelation 14:12). The *beast’s* people follow the teachings of Babylon (Revelation 14:8).
5. God’s people have the *Seal of God in their forehead* (Revelation 7:2-3). The *beast’s* people have the *Mark of the Beast in their forehead or hand* (Revelation 13:16).
6. God’s people have the *Father’s name in their forehead* (Revelation 14:1). The *beast’s* people have the *beast’s name in their forehead or hand* (Revelation 14:11).

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### **How Are God’s People Sealed?**

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2 Corinthians 1:21-22 tells us, “*Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, [is] God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*” The Holy Spirit is quite active in the sealing process.

Notice when people are sealed as stated in Ephesians 1:13: “*In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*” We are sealed by the Holy Spirit when we hear the truth and believe it. Now we have studied that the truth is what people do not want to hear (2 Timothy 4:4) and for this reason, they will believe lies and be damned as stated in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12: “*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*” Over one hundred Bible verses on any given subject clearly showing the truth and yet, people are willing to go with their own opinion or find a verse or two out of context to support their beliefs even though God tells us that people are willing to believe a lie.

What is that lie? 1 John 2:3-4 tells us plainly, “*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He*

*that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*" People who willfully accept that the "commandments are no longer binding" or that "they have been altered" or that nine of them can be accepted but "God is not particular" about the fourth commandment" are all examples of the lies.

What is the truth? Remember, truth is found in three locations.

- John 17:17 - "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*"
- John 14:6 - "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"
- Psalm 119:142 - "*Thy righteousness [is] an everlasting righteousness, and thy law [is] the truth.*"

If we have a clear, "*Thus Saith the Lord*" and we are following the example set forth by Jesus and we are keeping His commandments because we love Him, then we are following the truth. If what we are following rationalizes away the Word, or how Jesus lived, and alters His Law, then we know we are following a lie and will be damned.

What does the Holy Spirit do with the truth? The first item is in John 16:13, which says, "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*" The Holy Spirit inspired the Bible we hold.

The Holy Spirit will lead us back to the Word. Therefore, anyone dismissing the Word for any excuse is not able to receive the Seal of God.

The second item is in John 16:7-8, which states, "*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*" Where do we find the knowledge of sin (1 John 3:4)? How do we know what is right from wrong (Romans 8:4)? What will we be judged on (James 2:12)? The law is the answer to all three questions. The Spirit will lead us to the commandments, and not excuse them away.

The third item is in John 16:14, which tells us, "*He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you.*" But thank God that the Holy Spirit then leads us to Jesus and shows us Jesus because if it were not for grace, we all would be lost because we all have sinned.

Now, of the three locations of the truth (Jesus, the Word, and the Law), the Holy Spirit concentrates particularly on one of them. Isaiah 8:16 states, "*Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*" A disciple of God is sealed with the law.

Speaking of the word SEAL, what makes up a seal? In all seals, there are three parts. There is the name, office, and territory. For example, what name appears on the presidential seal? As of the election in 2016,

it is Donald Trump. What office does he hold? President. What is his territory? The United States.

Now let us look at God's seal. What name is on His seal? God. What is His office? Jeremiah 10:10-12 says, "*But the LORD [is] the true God, he [is] the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, [even] they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.*"

This is further confirmed in 1 Chronicles 16:26-27, which states, "*For all the gods of the people [are] idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Glory and honour [are] in his presence; strength and gladness [are] in his place.*" God's title that no other god can claim is that of Creator or Maker. What is His territory? Genesis 2:1-4 identifies it by stating, "*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*"

So, what part of the law contains the components for the Seal of God? Exodus 20:8-11 tells us, "*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God (1): [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy*

gates: For [in] six days the LORD made (2) heaven and earth (3), the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." The three components of the Seal of God are found right in the middle of the fourth Commandment.

Is the Sabbath really the Seal of God? Exodus 31:13 says, "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it [is] a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that [ye] may know that I [am] the LORD that doth sanctify you." Ezekiel 20:12 tells us, "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them." Ezekiel 20:20 plainly states, "And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I [am] the LORD your God." True the word SEAL is not present in those verses but let us look at the dictionary definition of the word SEAL. According to Webster's, SEAL is an indication; sign; token. But that is what man says, what does the Bible say? Romans 4:11 defines it by using synonyms in the same verse: "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also."

Is there an example in the Bible of people being sealed?

Deuteronomy 6:5-8 tells us, "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes." The frontlets between the eyes represent the forehead.

That is the sealing in the Old Testament, but what of the New Testament? Hebrews 10:15-16 states, "[Whereof] the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them." The forehead, in prophecy, is symbolic of the mind.

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### **How Do We Receive the Mark of the Beast?**

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Daniel 8:12 tells us, "And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered." The first step is to cast the truth down to the ground because without the truth, people are open to lies.

Daniel 7:25 says, "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:

and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." The second step is for the beast to cast down God's law and His times. Why? Because that is what contains the Seal of God.

What warnings are there? We are told in 1 John 4:3, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." John saw the development in his day. One way to deny Jesus Christ is to nullify His Word.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 gives us insight by stating, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." The beast has to set up his own day of worship and make his own laws and as the world obeys him without an iota of scripture then he has succeeded to do away with the Seal of God. In fact, he has exalted himself above God's holy day to establish his own.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 tells us "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way." Paul already saw it coming as well.

Does the Vatican claim such power? According to the Catholic Catechism:

**Q. What is the Third**

**Commandment** (our fourth since they threw out the second)?

A. The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Q. **Which is the Sabbath day?**

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day [actually it is Friday evening through Saturday evening].

Q. **Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?**

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

Q. **Why did the Catholic Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?**

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, because Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on a Sunday.

"The church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath to Sunday is proof of that fact." *The Catholic Record*.

"From this same Catholic Church you have accepted your Sunday, and that Sunday, as the Lord's day, she has handed down as a tradition; and the entire Protestant world has accepted it as tradition, for you have not an iota of Scripture to establish it. Therefore that which you have accepted as your rule of faith, inadequate as it of course is, as well as your Sunday, you have accepted on the authority of the Roman Catholic Church." *D.B. Ray, The Papal Controversy, 1892, p. 179.*

"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday." *James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers, p. 89.*

Question--**How do you prove that the (Catholic) Church has power to command Feasts and Holy-days?**

Answer--By this very act of changing the Sabbath into the Sunday, which is admitted by Protestants, and therefore they contradict themselves by keeping Sunday so strictly, and breaking most other Feasts commanded by the same church.

Question--**How do you prove that?**

Answer--Because by keeping Sunday they acknowledge the power of the (Catholic) Church to ordain Feasts and to command them under sin, and by not keeping the remainder, equally commanded by her, they deny in fact the same power. *Daniel Ferris, Manual of Christian Doctrine: or, Catholic Belief and Practice, pp. 67-68.*

"The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. ...The Pope can modify law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts in the place of God upon earth." *Lucius Ferraris, "Papa," article 2 in his Prompta Bibliotheca, Vol. 6, p. 29.*

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holidays. They have to give everyone a public example of prayer, respect, and joy and defend their traditions as a precious contribution to the spiritual life of society. If a country's legislation or other reasons require work on Sunday, the day should nevertheless be lived as the day of our deliverance which lets us share in this 'festal gathering,' this 'assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven.' [Heb 12:22-23.]"

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is the **MARK** of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters." *Faith of Our Fathers, p. 14, C.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.*

Where can people receive the *Mark*? Revelation 13:16 says, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." Clearly in their forehead or on their right hand. In the forehead of course is symbolic of the mind. That represents a willful choice to accept the *Mark of the Beast*. But what about the right hand? Ecclesiastes 9:10 tells us, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." The hand represents action. That means people may know about the *Mark* and yet go along out of fear or selfishness or any other non-Christ-centered reason.

Now, to show this is an accurate understanding of the right hand and forehead, let us read



Exodus 13:16, which states, "And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt." Remember, a "token" is a sign or mark. Here we see God's commandments are to control both the mind and the actions. Applied to the Mark of the Beast, people can accept it in the mind or in actions.

Is this really a spiritual issue? Ephesians 6:12 reminds us, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]." So yes, it is a spiritual battle.

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### **How Can We Be Sure?**

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Again, what is the Seal of God? According to Revelation 14:1, it says, "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." What is the Biblical name for FATHER? Galatians 4:6 tells us, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Where is ABBA in the fourth commandment? It is right in the middle of sABBAth!

And remember what the Mark of the Beast is: Revelation 14:11 states, "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of

his name." To worship the beast is really to worship according to Revelation 13:4, which identifies, "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" The dragon, as we already studied, is Satan (Revelation 12:9).

Now, notice another name for Satan. Isaiah 14:12 reveals, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" What makes the morning? Ezekiel 8:16 says, "And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, [were] about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east." It is the rising sun. So, the worship of the beast is on his day as Sunday.

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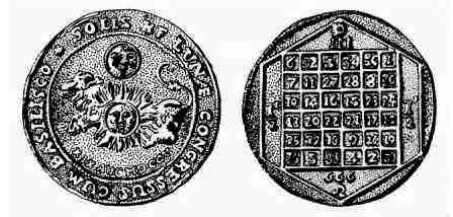
### **How Does One Accept the Number of the Beast?**

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"The ancients claimed that God works by mathematics. Their religion was a conglomeration of religion, astrology, alchemy, physical and mental science, and mathematics. Ancient astrology divided the starry heavens into 36 constellations. These were represented by different amulets called 'Sigilla Solis,' or the sun seal. These amulets were worn by the pagan

priests, and they contained all the numbers from 1 to 36. By these figures they claimed to be able to foretell future events. These amulets were usually made of gold, yellow being the sun color. While being carried, these amulets were wrapped in yellow silk, as it was thought that the bearer would thus receive the beneficial powers believed to emanate from the jewel."

"These drawings from photographs taken in 1910, show actual amulets then in the Berlin Museum. They reveal the veneration the ancients had for the sun-god. On the front side we see the god of the sun standing on the lion. This indicated the sun's position in



the constellation of Leo during the hot days of August. On the back is inscribed 'Nachyel,' meaning 'intelligence of the sun,' and in 36 squares are arranged the numerals 1 to 36 (see table 1) in such a way that adding the numbers of any column either horizontally or vertically, and also the two diagonals crossing the square, the total is the same- 111. The sum of the six columns, computed either horizontally or vertically, is 6 x 111, or 666."

"The second illustration is also a solar seal, but it honors the star Basilisco, which was the diminutive form of the Greek basileus (king), thus meaning the same as the Latin regulus. Now, Regulus is the only first-magnitude star in the



constellation of Leo. The sun and the moon are again clearly seen on this amulet, and on the reverse side is the same arrangement of numerals, with the actual figure given of the



total 666.”

[The lower coin shows the conjunction of the Sun, Moon and the star Regulus in the constellation of Leo the Lion that occurred on 19 August 1705.]

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Table #1 as illustrated above is also referred to in numerology as the magic square of the Sun. There are similar magic squares for Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury and the Moon, all of which have been known for

6	32	3	34	35	1	1	32	34	3	35	6
7	11	27	28	8	30	30	8	27	28	11	7
19	14	16	15	23	24	20	24	15	16	13	23
18	20	22	21	17	13	19	17	21	22	18	14
25	29	10	9	26	12	10	26	12	9	29	25
36	5	33	4	2	31	31	4	2	33	5	36

Table 1 As on the amulets above Table 2 Another similar arrangement

centuries.

So, 666 is a number associated with pagan sun worship, which originated in the mysteries of ancient pagan Babylon.

## Is There Any Evidence of a World Wide Effort to Enforce the Mark?

Name one thing that has the attention of merchants, governments, and even religions and that compliance will be by force (law)? Could it be restricted access to the Internet? No. Governments and merchants may be involved in that but not religions.

Could it be forced humanitarian aid? Again, governments and religions but not merchants so much.

Could it be climate change? Absolutely. Governments, religions, and even merchants have all met at the Vatican at some point to support the agenda. All 194 countries of the world have signed onto what is called the Paris Agreement. Technology companies, especially social media, censor opposition. Religions preach it. And all the while the solution is provided at the Vatican.

As a solution to climate change, from *Encyclical Letter Laudato si'*, “237. On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the “first day” of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord’s risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality. It also proclaims “man’s eternal rest in God”. In this way, Christian spirituality incorporates the value of relaxation and festivity. We tend to demean

contemplative rest as something unproductive and unnecessary, but this is to do away with the very thing which is most important about work: its meaning. We are called to include in our work a dimension of receptivity and gratuity, which is quite different from mere inactivity. Rather, it is another way of working, which forms part of our very essence. It protects human action from becoming empty activism; it also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else.”

## Who Will You Obey?

There is the Pope who is the head of a system that teaches the doctrines of men. A system, which has cast down the truth for many centuries and has handed Sunday worship over to the whole Christian world and yet, the vast majority of the world accepts it as the official Christian Sabbath. And every time people acknowledge his day, they are worshipping him as God. 2 Thessalonians 2:4 states, “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

Then there is Jesus Christ who came as a humble servant and sacrificed all including His life to save all. Since creation, the Sabbath existed and will also be kept in the new heavens and the new earth (Isaiah 66:23). He invites each of us to listen to His Words. John 14:15 asks us, “If

*ye love me, keep my commandments.”*

It is our choice. Matthew 15:8-9 states, “*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.*” Acts 17:30 reveals, “*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.*” Romans 6:16 proposes, “*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”*

May the Spirit seal you with the Father’s name as you reject the world and follow Him.