



**LIFE ON THE EDGE Radio Bible Study
#17: Mark of the Beast**

Intent of Study: To show that the antichrist power wants worship so desperately that he will force it. God desires worship from the heart, not from coercion.

Focus It: Jesus is Lord and we show our love through obedience.

1. Romans 6:16
2. Matthew 4:9,10
3. Revelation 13:15,16
4. Revelation 14:7-12
5. Revelation 7:1-3
6. Ezekiel 9:1-11
7. Isaiah 8:16
8. Daniel 7:25
9. Exodus 20:8-11
10. Revelation 13:15
11. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4
12. John 17:12
13. Deuteronomy 6:5-8
14. Revelation 12:9
15. Romans 4:11
16. Exodus 31:13
17. Revelation 13:15-17

Share It:

1. **Romans 6:16**

← According to the Bible, what makes you someone's slave/servant? *Obey them.*

*Illustration: Sally commands you to wear a green shirt, Brad commands you to wear an orange shirt. If you wear a green shirt, who is your master? Sally. Why? Because you obeyed her.

If you choose to obey someone, you are choosing them as your master.

2. **Matthew 4:9,10**

← **9** - What does Satan ask Jesus to do? *Fall down and worship him.*

10 - Why do you suppose Jesus correlates worship and service? *If you worship the way Satan says, you are obeying him. If Jesus would have obeyed him, He would have been serving him.*

- ← Jesus connects worship with service...worship with obedience!
- ← The devil did not stop with Jesus when trying to deceive God's people.

3. **Revelation 13:15,16**

- ← In this verse the beast is calling for worship. How can we be God's faithful servants at the end of time? *To heed His call for worship.*

Obedience = Service = Worship

4. **Rev 14:7-12**

- ← This call to worship the Creator is longest quote in Revelation from the Old Testament. This call to worship the Creator keeps us from receiving the mark of the beast.

Rev 14:9-11

- ← Notice that those who do not worship the Creator receive the mark of the beast.

Revelation 14:12

- ← Revelation 14:7 and Revelation 14:12 are book ends to the prescription for worshipping God.
- ← Revelation 14:7 tells us to worship the Creator
- ← Revelation 14:12 tells us that those who worship the Creator are called "saints." And the definition of a "saint" here in Revelation 14:12 is a commandment keeper that has the faith of Jesus.

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- ← Where does this call to worship the Creator come from?
- ← The Fourth Commandment. The very one that said for us to remember!
- ← Worshipping the Creator on His day of worship keeps us from receiving the mark of the beast!

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- ← Obedience = Service = Worship

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- ← A saint is consumed with loving obedience to his/her creator
- ← A saint is sealed with God's Seal.

5. **Revelation 7:1-3**

- ← God's people are sealed with His Seal and thereby will avoid the wrath of God that is poured out on those who have the mark of the beast!
- ← There is an Old Testament example of this in Ezekiel 9.

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6. **Ezekiel 9:1-11**

- ← Where do we find this "mark" of God, this "seal" of God?
- ← Isaiah 8:16 will show us.

7. **Isa 8:16**

- ← Bind up the testimony seal the Law among my disciples.
- ← God's Seal is found in God's Law.
- ← That makes sense. Revelation 14:12 said that a saint was one who keeps the commandments of God and has the faith of Jesus!
- ← And a saint is the one who does not get the mark of the beast!
- ← In order for a document to be legal it must be sealed.
- ← God's Law is sealed.
- ← A seal must have three items: 1) Name, 2) Title, 3) Territory of the one in authority.
- ← Prior to locating the seal located in God's Law we will notice that the beast power wants to change something about God.

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9. Daniel 7:25

- ← The beast power wants to change God's Time and Law.
- ← What commandments does the beast power focus on when he seeks to change God's Law?
- 1) Commandment 2--Worshipping images
- 2) Commandment 4--Sabbath Commandment
- ← Which one of these commandments contain the Seal of God?

10. Exodus 20:8-11

- ← Remember that we are looking for three essentials in a seal: 1) Name, 2) Title, 3) Territory
- ← The only one that contains all three essentials is the fourth commandment!
- ← We have located the Seal of God...the Sabbath!
- ← God's Law is sealed among those followers of His that lovingly keep His whole Law including the weekly seventh-day Sabbath!
- ← The Sabbath commandment, the seal of God is the beasts focus at the end of time.
- ← If the beast can keep you from worshipping the Creator, you will receive the mark of the beast.
- ← If you willingly worship/serve the beast you will receive the beast's mark!
- ← If you willingly ignore God's call to worship Him as the Creator you will receive the beast's mark.
- ← Does God ever force worship? No
- ← Does the beast ever force worship? Yes

11. Revelation 13:15, 16

- ← The mark of the beast will be enforced by the beast.
- ← Enforced to the point of death for those who refuse to worship him in his prescribed way.
- ← The mark of the beast is the opposite of the seal of God!
- ← What is the opposite of the seventh day of the week?
- ← The first day of the week.
- ← The beast has substituted a regular working day with the sanctified and blessed day of God!

- ← Does it matter to God how we worship Him? It does.
- ← Able or Cain
- ← Aaron or Nadab and Abihu
- ← Elijah or the prophets of Baal
- ← Saints or the deceived

Four Clues to Identify the Mark of the Beast

12. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4** - In describing “antichrist” or “the man of sin” what does the prophet call him? *The son of perdition.*

The only other time in the Bible this phrase is used in the Bible is to describe Judas Iscariot, an apparent supporter of Christianity.

The coming of Jesus will not come until a falling away happens. Can you fall away from something you’re not attached to? *No.* The anti-christ reality is something that was once apparently Christian because it has to have something to fall away from.

13. **John 17:12**

Was Judas a man violently opposed to Christianity? *No.*
What is the Bible hinting at?

Clue #1: The mark is apparently Christian

14. **Deuteronomy 6:5-8**

- ← Was God literally telling His people to attach His Word to their hands and foreheads? *No.* So what did He mean?
- ← He meant that His Law should ever be in their minds and govern the actions of their hands.

15. **Rev 12:9**

- ← This verse says the beast deceives the whole world. If the Mark of the Beast is something that is tattooed on you or a barcode on your hand or forehead is that deception?

Clue #2: The mark is deceptive.

Clue #3: Contrasted to God’s commandments - If you find a commandment of the beast that contrasts a commandment of God, we’ll find the mark of the beast.

Clue #4: The mark of the beast, is the mark of the beast.

Who’s the beast? Antichrist - Roman church state.

16. **Romans 4:11**

- ← A seal is the same as a sign.
- ← What is the sign that we serve the Creator God?
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17. **Exodus 31:13** - The Sabbath is a sign between God and us.

- ← To ensure that you do not receive the mark of the beast, (1) keep the commandments, (2) keep the Sabbath as shown in the commandments.

18. Revelation 13:15-17

- ← Individuals will receive the mark of the beast when the beast **enforces** his form of worship and you accept it.
 - ← The Bible tells us that a time is coming when the Antichrist power, the Roman Church State will enforce it's mark of authority which is contrary to God's Seal.
 - ← What has the papacy put in place of the Seal of God? Sunday worship.
 - ← The decisions that you make today turn you into the person that you will be tomorrow. If you will not chose to serve and obey Christ today, how will you be able to when the Sunday mark is enforced.
 - ← If you can't be faithful to God today, when it's easy and no one is trying to kill you, what makes you think you'll be able to be faithful at that time?
- How can you be prepared to be faithful?
Are you willing to not only avoid the mark of the beast at the end of time but to make decisions today to prepare for tomorrow?

Simple Questions with Simple Answers:

1. Q: Does everyone who goes to church on Sunday have the mark of the beast?
A: Revelation 13:15-17 Cause
Is anyone causing you to worship on Sunday right now? No.

Extra:

Revelation 14:11 - Those who have the mark have no rest because they are not keeping the Sabbath.

Image of the beast: The USA beginning to act like the papacy. Rev 13:15. Second beast in Revelation 13. The image will speak and cause as many as will not worship the beast to be killed. Exactly what the papacy did, it is an image of the papacy, USA.