

"The Sabbath was Saturday, not Sunday. The Church altered the observance of the Sabbath to the observance of Sunday. Protestants must be rather puzzled by the keeping of Sunday when God distinctly said, 'Keep holy the Sabbath Day.' The word Sunday does not come anywhere in the Bible, so, without knowing it they are obeying the **authority of the Catholic Church.**" Canon Cafferata, *The Catechism Explained*, p. 89.

9. What penalty and economic boycott are placed on those who are loyal to God during the mark of the beast crisis? Revelation 13:15-17

10. In what way is the Mark of the Beast received on the hand or on the forehead? Revelation 13:16

Note: When God sends the truth we have two choices. We can either accept or reject. For convenience sake you can know the truth, but take the mark in order to stay alive and have buying/selling privileges. The Forehead (Heb 8:10) represents our decisions. The hand (Eccl 9:10) represents our actions. To receive a mark in your forehead, in the symbolism of Revelation, is choosing to obey either the will of God or Satan. To receive a mark in the hand is to comply with any enforcement of behavior without necessarily believing in it. We may choose to have the Mark of the beast by keeping Sunday when it is enforced by law in order to buy or sell or to avoid persecution even if we do not believe in it.

11. What about the mysterious number 666? Revelation 13:18

Note: The Pope's Title in Latin: Vicarius Filii Dei (Equal to the Son of God)

V - 5	F - 0	D - 500	112
I - 1	I - 1	E - 0	53
C - 100	L - 50	<u>I - 1</u>	<u>501</u>
A - 0	I - 1	501	666
R - 0	<u>I - 1</u>		
I - 1	53		
U - 5			
<u>S - 0</u>			
112			

The text says that 666 is not the mark of the beast it is the number of a man.

MY CHOICE: Because of my deep love for Jesus I want to be loyal to Him and keep the true Bible Sabbath. I want to be baptized in the near future.

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Lesson #16 The Mark of the Beast

What is the Mark of the Beast? Is the mark a barcode or a chip placed somewhere on your body? Does it have anything to do with your social security number or a tattoo on your hand or forehead? Here's a hint: find out who the beast is, then ask him what his mark is and he will tell you.

1. What solemn warning does the third angel give concerning the mark of the beast? Revelation 14:9-10

Note: This is the most serious warning in the entire Bible; therefore, it is very important that we understand the issues at stake concerning last day events of earth's history. It is also vitally important that we gain our understanding from the Bible not television, movies, or novels.

2. What is the main issue regarding the Mark of the Beast? Revelation 13:4, 8, 12, 15

Note: The mark of the beast has nothing to do with a chip or a bar code. It revolves around the issue of worship. The word worship is in Revelation 13 five times. This tells us what the main issue is, true/false worship.

3. Who is the beast? Daniel 7:8, 24-25, Revelation 13:1-2, 5-8

Note: We saw in lesson 13 that the Bible describes that the imposter, beast, little horn, or the antichrist power as the Roman Papacy. Here is a brief recap of how the Bible identifies the beast as the Papacy.

1. Comes out of Europe. Dan 7:8 & Rev 13:1-2
2. Would be a world-wide religious power. Dan 7:23-24; Rev 13:8
3. Blasphemes God. Dan 7:25; Rev 13:5
4. A persecuting power. Dan 7:21, 25; Rev 13:7
5. Rules for 1260 years. Dan 7:25; Rev 13:5
6. Attempts to change God's Law. Dan 7:25

There is only one organization that fits the description. Before we go any further we need to stop and acknowledge some of the wonderful things the Roman Catholic Church has accomplished. The care for unwed mothers, for the poor, hospitals, orphanages, and other philanthropic activities all need to be recognized. However, like many other religious organizations, she has made some mistakes such as persecution and departure from scripture.

Now that we know who the beast is we can ask him what his mark is. Before we get into the mark of the beast issue let's see what we can learn about the seal of God, which is the opposite of the mark of the beast. If you have been given the seal of God it is impossible to get the mark of the beast.

4. Where does God place his seal? Revelation 7:1-3, 14:1, 4-5

Note: The seal of God and the mark of the beast are placed on the forehead. In the Bible, a name represents character (Example: Jacob to Israel & Saul to Paul. Their names were changed by God when they had a change of character).

The reception of a name written on the forehead represents conformity to the character of the person whose name is on the forehead. Therefore, the Father's name/seal written on the forehead represents conformity to God's character. Conversely, having the mark of the beast on the forehead represents conformity to the character of the beast/Satan.

5. What else is placed in the mind/foreheads by God? Hebrews 8:10, Duet 6:8, 11:18

Note: The forehead is a symbol of the mind so God's seal is deeply embedded in the mind. The forehead is where your frontal lobe is. The frontal lobe is the seat of reason. This is where God writes His law and how He communicates with you. God is appealing to both the intellect and the emotions so we can follow all the light that we have. God wants to write His law on our heart so we'll love it and on our mind so we'll know it.

****We can see clearly John is using the language of the OT when he speaks of God's name/seal being written on the forehead. This is important because many say the mark/seal is visible/literal when it is symbolic.****

6. What three elements does a seal have?

Note: A seal contains three things: name, title, and territory. This is true of the presidential seal or other seals.



7. Where is God's seal? Ezekiel 20:12, 20

Note: Paul mentions that a sign and seal are synonymous.

Romans 4:11 says "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe..."

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... For in six days the LORD (Name) made (Title) The Heavens and the earth, the sea, (Territory) and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Exodus 20:8, 11

The Sabbath is God's sign/seal of creative and redemptive power. The Sabbath is at the heart of the law because it shows God's authority. It gives us a sense of worth because we came from the hand of a creator God. It also shows God's power to recreate or convert the heart of a sinner.

*Having said all this we are now ready to discover what the mark of the beast is. ***Remember that the beast/antichrist are the same thing and the mark of the beast is the mark... of the... BEAST! Who is the beast/antichrist? The Papacy! So the mark of the beast is really the mark of the Roman Catholic Church.****

8. What does the Roman Church State power claim as the sign of their authority?

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [of the Sabbath] was her act... and the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power." From the office of Cardinal Gibbons, through Chancellor H. F. Thomas, November 11, 1895.