

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Ezekiel 20:12 (NKJV) told us, ¹²Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be **a sign** between them and Me, that they might know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies them. And verse 20 (NKJV) adds, ²⁰hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD your God.'

The Mark of the Devil, the Mark of the Beast is the subject of this study. We know who the devil is, but who is this Beast popularly known as the Antichrist who is the Distributor of the Mark of the devil? But how can anyone learn of the mark of the Beast without knowing who the Beast is?

A lot of people know that there is the Antichrist who they have been told has a mark in the form of the string of numbers – 666. Many have been led to believe the lie that it is the Antichrist that will be in charge of the world after the so-called 'rapture'. Many correctly understand that the Beast is the enemy of God, who will be forcing people on pain of death to worship him and receive his mark on their forehead or hand. Anyone who would not accept the mark initially will be unable to buy or sell and eventually will be sentenced to death.

Unfortunately beloved, there have been so much more fabrications and lies about the Antichrist than facts. The devil is desperate to hide the truth about his greatest weapon on earth from us. But God, your God knows that unless we have the truth about the Antichrist, we will be unable to intelligently make the decisions necessary for our eternal life or eternal death. So God our God is relentless in His effort to take this most important truth to the entire world, and especially to you, to you.

You may have read or heard that the Antichrist is a person or super person? Did you ask God who it is or who it is going to be? I believe you did. But I am not sure that you received the correct answer to this important question. The Lord is determined to get this all-important information into your hand and the hands of all your friends and loved ones.



John the Revelator

In **Revelation 13:16 - 18 (KJV)** the bible says ¹⁶And 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: ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the Beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.

So, the Beast has a name, a mark, and his name has a number.

But who is this Beast, this Antichrist?

Revelation 13:1 - 2 (KJV) says ¹And I ...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. ² ... and the dragon (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."



The Beast arises from the prophetic sea (Europe), has seven heads, ten horns, each of those horns wearing a crown on which the name of blasphemy is printed (note that all of its heads have the same name).

The Beast receives his power, his headquarters, and authority from Satan.

Is this a man or super man? Surely, now you will say no. And you are right, because a man cannot have seven heads and ten horns.

But what is the Beast if it is not a human being?

In Daniel 7:7 - 8 (KJV) the Bible says, ⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth Beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; ...: and it *was* diverse from all the Beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

Reading through Daniel 7 from verse one, you will see God, your God reveal the rise and the fall of the Babylonian, the Persian, and the Greek kingdoms. A Beast is a kingdom.

Daniel 7:23 - 24 (RSV) explains, ²³"Thus he said: 'As for the fourth Beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, ²⁴As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall

arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings.

Note that it is the Angel Gabriel, who explains the symbols in the vision, and not me. A Beast in prophecy is an empire. A horn on the head of that beast is a king of a part of that empire.

After the first three kingdoms Babylon, Persia, Greece, a fourth kingdom or empire was to arise. History tells us that Greece was replaced by Rome. So, Rome was and is the Beast with ten horns.

But who are the horns on the Roman Empire? They are the ten nations that emerged from the fall of the Roman Empire - the Heruli, the Ostrogoths, the Visigoths, the Vandals, the Anglosaxons, the Franks, the Lombards, the Alemanni, the Suevi, the Burgundians – these are ancient names, of course.

But another power or king, initially a little one, was to arise among the ten. The overthrow of Rome by the barbarians caused the Bishop of the Church in Rome to rise to prominence and eventually developed into the papacy. War arose among the horns and the papacy destroyed three of the horns – the Heruli, the Ostrogoths and the Vandals.

The papacy arose after the ten kings but rose from among them as the prophecy said.

The prophecy in Dan. 7: 24 said that the little horn shall put down three kings.

Daniel 7:20 - 25 (RSV) says, ²⁰and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up and before which three of them fell, the horn which had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and which seemed greater than its fellows. ²¹As I looked, this horn made war with the saints, and prevailed over them, ... ²⁵He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time.

1. So the Beast will overthrow three of the kingdoms that were before it.
2. The Beast will persecute people for their belief in God.
3. The Beast will speak words against the Most High.
4. For a time, two times and half a time, a period of 1260 years.

When Rome collapsed, ten nations emerged from it. But a Church also was there, different from the others because it was not only a religious power, but also a political power. But,

1. Who defeated the three nations in wars called Arian wars, remember the Arian wars?
2. Who persecuted Christians after the fall of the empire?
3. Who thought to change the times and the laws given by God?
4. Who spoke those dreadful blasphemous words against God?

Whoever did all these things is the Beast or the Antichrist. Am sure you accept this reasoning, don't you.

It was the Pope's army that defeated the three nations.

It was the Popes who killed millions of Christians calling them heretics. Remember Pope John Paul II apologizing on CNN for this phase of the Catholic Church a few years ago.

THE CHANGE OF THE DAY

Next, who changed the definition of a day? It was the Papacy. God gave us each day to begin at sunset and end at the next sunset. In **Genesis 1:8 (NKJV) the Bible says, ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.**

In verse 13 (NKJV) the Bible continues, ¹³So the evening and the morning were the third day.

But the papacy changed it. Each day now begins at midnight and ends at the next midnight. The first universal calendar the world ever used was called the Julian calendar. It ceased to be used when Pope Gregory made some very important changes to the Julian calendar. The new calendar became known as the Gregorian calendar. It is the Gregorian calendar that the world is using today.

THE CHANGE OF THE MONTH

God created all months equal. From new moon to new moon is a month according to the Bible. Each month is 30 days. By this, every year will be equal and there will be only 360 days in the year. We are now operating a solar calendar with 365 days in the year and leap years too, instead of the lunar calendar God planned for the world. Today, February has 28 days and May has 31 days while June has 30 days. It was the Popes who made these changes.

THE CHANGE OF THE LAW OF GOD

The Law of God was also changed, not in the Bible but in the catechisms and in the minds of men and women who refuse to read their own Bibles for themselves.

Compare the Ten Commandments in your Bible with the Ten Commandments in the Catholic catechism book. Please, borrow a copy of the catechisms from any catholic and check out what I am saying whether it is the truth or a lie.

The second commandment is removed. This Commandment says, **in Exodus 20:4-5 (NKJV)** **4“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, ...”**, .

The removal of the Second Commandment opened the way for the entry of images and statues of Mary and so-called Saints in the Church.

The Fourth Commandment in Exodus 20:8-10 (NKJV) says, 8“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work:..” But in the Catholic catechisms, Sunday - the first day of the week, replaces the Sabbath - the Seventh day of the week.

The tenth commandment says, **in Exodus 20:17 (NKJV) that 17“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

But in the catechisms book, this Commandment is divided into two. In this way, there are still Ten Commandments in the catechisms book even though the Second Commandment was removed.

But, thus saith the Lord, **“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God.”** [Deuteronomy 4:2](#). **“Every word of God is pure. ... Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”** [Proverbs 30:5, 6](#).

God has specifically and positively forbidden men to change His law by deletions or additions. To tamper with God's holy law in any way is one of the most fearful and dangerous things a person can do. The Catholic Church did not care about these warnings from God.

BLASPHEMY

Now, who spoke blasphemous words against God in history? Blasphemous words are words that make a man to be God or claim the power of God.

Checkout these statements: **“All names which in the scriptures are applied to Christ ... all the same names are applied to the Pope (From the Authority of Councils, chap. 17, Vol. 1, page 266.**

“Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and earth and of the lower regions” – Prompta Bibliotheca, By Lucius Ferraris. Art. 2, Vol. 6, p. 26

Are these not blasphemous? And, add to these, the claim of Catholic priests to have the power to forgive sins. When Jesus claimed the power to forgive sins, the Jews took up stones to stone Him for blasphemy. Of course, they refused to accept that Jesus is God. Are we to accept that the Pope is God? Are we to accept that the Catholic priests are God? If not, then this also is blasphemy! The Pope is not God. The priests are not God.

PAPAL SUPREMACY I

Let's consider another evidence in the prophecy. The little horn or the Antichrist was to reign for 1,260 years. Remember, that the last of the three kingdoms was defeated by the Papacy in AD 538. This was when the Papacy became completely without a challenger in the world. But a challenge later arose in the form a Frenchman, named Napoleon Bonaparte. He ordered the abolition of the Papacy and the arrest of Pope Pius VI in AD 1798. Pope Pius died in prison in the city of Valence France. How many years was it from 538 AD to 1798 AD? Exactly 1,260 years according to the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

THE NAME OF THE BEAST

Now, let's consider the name, what is the official name of the Pope? It is a Latin name. It is 'Vicarius Filii Dei'. Meaning 'the Vicar of the Son of God' (the substitute of the Son of God). If you know Latin numerals apply it to the name and you may be surprised to learn that indeed it is 666. It is calculated like this:

VICARIUS FILII DEI

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So, who is the Antichrist? Who or what is the Beast? The Bible has answered the question. The Antichrist or the Beast is the power who

1. Destroyed the three of the Arian kingdoms that were before it.
2. Persecuted people for their belief in God and murdered them for what they called heresy.
3. Spoke and still speaks blasphemous words against the Most High.
4. Dominated the world in history for a time, two times and half a time, a period of 1,260 years.

With all humility and with all due respect to our friends in the Catholic Church This truth is too naked to attempt to hide. There is no other way to tell this truth except as it is.

It was the Catholic Church that destroyed millions of God's children whom they called heretics. It was the Catholic Church that destroyed the three Arian kingdoms, the Heruli, the Ostrogoths and the Vandals. It was the Catholic Church that spoke those blasphemous words against the Most High God. Next point, the first period of the reign of the Catholic Church, was exactly 1,260 years in fulfillment of the prophecy.

Finally, and definitely, the official name of the head of the Church is, *Vicarius Filii Dei* – the Vicar of the Son of God. The number of this name is exactly 666. In the whole world, there is no other name which adds up to 666. If you translate the official name of the Pope in the three languages of the Dark ages, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, the name adds up to 666 in all the three languages. This is wonderful. What more does anybody want before the Lord can persuade you? What more do you need?

Flee for your dear life to the Remnant Church and learn more about the Antichrist. The evidence is overwhelming, the truth is astonishing. The eternal life of millions is at stake. We must tell the truth which alone sets us and you too, free. Please take no offense, ask the Holy Spirit for help to bend to the truth. Let me say what Jesus said, when He had to say some hard things to His people, in **Matthew 11:6 (RSV)** *“And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.”*

Please, this message is not an attack on Catholics or any one but an effort to give the truth to starving souls who are in the grip of the enemy's deception. You cannot change the Catholic Church. You cannot change her daughters - Protestantism, Pentecostalism, etc. So what does God want you to do? She and her daughters are condemned now by the word of God. Hear **Revelation 18:1 - 4 (RSV)** say *“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! It has become a*

dwelling place of demons, a haunt of every foul spirit, a haunt of every foul and hateful bird; ⁴Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;...

Those apologies by Pope John Paul II are not accepted by God. That is why God is saying to you to come out of her. If you refuse, you will share responsibility for the millions of saints the church murdered, for the attempted overthrow of God in the attempt to change God's law and God's Sabbath, you will be labeled blasphemous. All this because as :

Revelation 13:4 (RSV) says, ⁴Men worshiped the dragon (Satan), for he had given his authority to the Beast, and they worshiped the Beast

What about the mark of the Beast? The mark of the Beast is not 666. This is only the number of his name as we have learned. So what is his mark? Let the Catholic Church tell us.

From the book titled the 'Convert's Catechism of Christian Doctrine, written by Reverend Peter Geirmann, Page 50, we have, the **question** – which day is the Sabbath day?

Answer – "Saturday is the Sabbath day".

Question – Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer – *"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the council of Laodicea in AD 336, transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday... The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her".*

On page 29 of the book 'the Christian Sabbath', I quote, *"The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a protestant, by virtue of her divine mission changed the day from Saturday to Sunday".* On quote.

Finally, in a letter, dated November, 1895 by the chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons stated: "of course, the Catholic Church claims that the change (from the Sabbath to Sunday) was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her. And *the act (of changing the Sabbath to Sunday) is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority* in religious matters." This letter was signed by H. F Thomas, Chancellor for the Cardinal.

The change of the day of worship from the Sabbath to Sunday is the mark of the power of the Catholic Church the beast. The Mark of the Beast or the mark of the Devil is Sunday as a day of worship!

Of course, since God chose the Sabbath, the Seventh Day of the week for His worship and as His Mark, the Sign between God and His people, it makes sense for the devil to choose the First day of the week Sunday for his own worship and as his mark for his people. Every Christian who worships on Sunday worships none but the devil who gave his authority to the Popes. Go, go for the mark of God (the Sabbath) and abandon the mark of the Beast (Sunday).

In the words of God in Revelation 13:4 (RSV) the Bible says, **Men worshiped the dragon (Satan), for he had given his authority to the Beast, and they worshiped the Beast**

Must you continue to worship the Beast? Must you? No please, no. Because, Revelation 14:9-11 (RSV) warns "... , "If any one worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he also shall drink the wine of God's wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and he shall be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

Thus saith the LORD.

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