

Study: Mark of the Beast (MB)

Purpose 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.

Know It Mark It:

1. Romans 6:16
2. Matthew 4:9,10
3. Revelation 13:15-17
4. Revelation 14:6-12
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 13:15-16
11. Exodus 31:13
12. Revelation 14:9-12
13. John 14:15

Share It:

1. Romans 6:16

According to the Bible, what makes you someone's slave/servant? *Obey them.*
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 13:15-17

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. Revelation 14:6-12

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.

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

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.

Where does this call to worship the Creator come from?

The Fourth Commandment. The very one that said for us to remember!
Worshipping the right God in the right way will guarantee that you don't receive the mark of the beast.

Obedience = Service = Worship

A saint is one who keeps God's commandments and has the faith of Jesus.
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.

6. Ezekiel 9:1-11

Where do we find this "mark" of God, this "seal" of God?

Isaiah 8:16 will show us.

7. Isaiah 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.

8. Daniel 7:25

The antichrist power wants to change God's Time and Law.

What commandments does he 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?

9. 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 beast's 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

10. 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 will identify which side you are on.

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

11. 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.

12. Revelation 14:9-12

We can be sure that we do not receive the mark of the beast by keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. This makes it clear that the mark has to do with God's commandments.

13. John 14:15

The way to avoid receiving the mark of the beast is to be a faithful follower of Jesus. As the mark of the beast becomes enforced there will be no reason to fall for it. Jesus has made it simple. Love Him and keep His commandment keeps you from receiving the mark of the beast. Today would be a great time to start!