



Mark of the Beast

- I. What the mark of the beast is not:
 - A. It is not the papacy, for that is identified as the beast power, the antichrist.
 - B. It is not the number 666, for that is the number of the beast powers name.
 - i. His number comes from adding the Roman numeral equivalents of his name. The papacy has given the pope the name Vicarius Fili Dei. Revelation 15:2; 13:18

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

- C. The mark must be something that the entire world follows the beast in. Revelation 13:3
 - i. It is not the worship of saints.
 - ii. It is not the belief in purgatory.
 - iii. It could not be righteousness by works.
 - iv. It could not be confession to a priest.
- II. The mark of the beast is something that the beast gives.
 - A. It can be given in the forehead. Revelation 13:16 The forehead represents the seat of learning. Those who receive the mark in the forehead have given mental assent to certain beliefs.
 - B. The mark can be given in the right hand. Revelation 13:16 This means that there will be some who will not agree with the beliefs of the beast but will go

along with it anyway. Some will help enforce it even though they don't really believe it. They will cooperate with the beast. Others will support and believe what the beast does and teaches.

- C. The beast has given Sunday worship to the world. It will someday enforce Sunday through support of the national government.
- i. The mark will go against God's eternal law.
 - ii. What is God's seal or sign? Revelation 14:12; Hebrews 10:16; Revelation 7:3; 9:4; Revelation 7:2; Ezekiel 20:12; Exodus 31:13
 - iii. There is only one commandment which was changed by the beast that the entire world follows in the change. That is the Sabbath commandment, which the papacy has "thought" to change to Sunday. Daniel 7:25
 1. Question – Which 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 (336 A.D.), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday". The Convert's Catechism of Catholic doctrine
 2. "The Church...after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day of the week, to the first, made the third commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord's day." The Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. IV, p. 153
 3. "Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is the MARK of her authority in religious matters". Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons
 4. "But since Saturday, not Sunday, is specified in the Bible, isn't it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not from the Church, observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Yes of course it is inconsistent; but this change was made about fifteen centuries before Protestantism was born, and by that time the custom was universally observed. They have continued the custom, even though it rests upon the authority of the Catholic Church and not upon an explicit text in the Bible. That observance remains as a reminder of the Mother Church from which the non-Catholic sect broke away – like a boy running away from home but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or a lock of her hair". The Faith of Millions, p. 473

III. The mark of the beast must be enforced by the government. Revelation 13:16

- A. Various states have Sunday blue laws; we do not yet have a national Sunday law in America.
 - B. In order to enforce a national Sunday law, the country will impose an economic boycott so that those who do not have the mark of the beast cannot buy or sell. Revelation 13:17
 - C. The exact method that the government will use to determine your beliefs and actions is not spelled out in prophecy.
- IV. The mark of the beast will be received as soon as the national government enforces a Sunday law.
- A. People who believe that a national Sunday law should be passed will receive the mark of the beast in their foreheads. Their minds have been deceived.
 - B. Those who help enforce the Sunday law will receive the mark of the beast in their hands.
- V. Determine now not to receive the mark of the beast but rather the seal of God.
- A. The bible predicts that some will cause many to stumble. God points out that one point some will stumble on is the Seventh-day Sabbath. Malachi 2:7-8; Ezekiel 22:26
 - B. The papacy has caused many to stumble by changing the Sabbath for the fourth commandment (Saturday) to Sunday – a change for which there is positively no Scripture to support the change. Just before God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses he warned against man changing His word. Do not be deceived. Deuteronomy 4:2
 - C. Receive God’s sign or seal.
 - i. It can be received only in the forehead. Revelation 7:3
 - ii. God’s sign or seal is His eternal never changing law. Isaiah 8:16
 - iii. The law must be written in our minds. (hearts) Hebrews 8:10
 - iv. Jesus says that the Sabbath is His special sign between God and His people. Ezekiel 20:12,20
 - D. You have a choice. God’s seal or the mark of the beast.
 - i. The papacy asks us to deny God’s claims and honor its day, Sunday. Revelation 14:9-11
 - ii. God asks us to keep His Sabbath as a memorial of God’s creation. Revelation 14:12