

Mark of the Beast

Keeping the law of God can help us avoid the mark of the beast.

Revelation 13:17

And 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.

Revelation 14:9

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Two things can be noted from these verses above regarding the mark of the beast:

1. It will make it easier to buy and sell.
2. It will be a mark on our forehead and/or hand.

For a better understanding we should explore the latter point first.

The mark appears on the forehead and/or hand.

The devil is a counterfeit of all that is holy and good. His works are counterfeits to what God has already established and sanctified. So if this mark is a counterfeit, does God have His own mark that is on our forehead and hands? Yes He does!

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deuteronomy 11:18

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

So God's law is a sign upon our hands and our forehead. How so? We need to explore further for better clarification. God's law also includes His Sabbaths; *Shabbath* and *Shabbathown*. Both the seventh day Sabbath and the High Holy Sabbaths. How do these relate?

Speaking of Passover, God writes:

Exodus 13:9-10

And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

This Passover ordinance should be kept year after year because it is the sign of God upon our hand and our forehead. There's more!

Exodus 31:13-17

*Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, **Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.***

Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

*Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: **whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.** Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.*

***It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever:** for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.*

Notice the word "Sabbaths" in verse 13 is plural. So all Sabbaths are God's sign.

We've discovered two important things here. His law, which includes His Sabbaths, are God's sign upon our hand and foreheads. The other important thing is that His Sabbaths specifically have to do with NOT working (buying or selling). Remember what Revelation 13:17 says about the devils sign? No man will be able to buy or sell without his mark. So how does this all fit together?

God's mark/sign is His law and it is reflected on our hands by obeying His Sabbaths and not allowing our hands to work by buying or selling. If we refrain from working on the Sabbaths, then God's mark is our observance of rest. His sign is also upon our foreheads by the very fact that we are *thinking* of God's law consistently.

So in opposition to this, the devil's mark is the *absence* of God's law and Sabbaths. The very fact that most of the world no longer keeps God's laws and Sabbaths are the mark of the beast. The world buys and sells on the Sabbath and they have replaced the sign of God with the counterfeit mark of the beast - it is the mark upon their hand. They no longer think about God's law, but rather have forgotten it - it is the mark upon their forehead.

Revelation 13:18

*Here 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.***

Who has understanding? Who can identify the mark of the beast?

Psalms 111:10

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: **a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.***

Those who keep the commandments have a good understanding. They are the ones who can rightly discern

the mark of the beast and avoid it.

And what is the punishment for receiving the mark of the beast?

Revelation 14:9-11

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

***The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

*And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: **and they have no rest day nor night**, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

The end.