

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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Revelation 13:11-18 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And 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: 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. 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.”

Moderator: Last week we talked about the False Prophet and we the deceptions he'll be allowed to perpetrate on the unbelieving world. First, we'll talk about the “image” constructed to worship the satanic trinity of the two beasts and the devil himself Now we'll talk about the Mark of the Beast from Revelation 13:15-16:

• #1 THE MARK OF THE BEAST (Rev. 13:16)

Revelation 13:15 “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

Revelation 13:16 “And 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:”

Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Moderator: This thousand years refers to the Millenial Kingdom promised after the beasts were destroyed. Christ will sit on the literal throne of David in Jerusalem for the whole 1,000 year period. One thing I think should be noted...Anyone who takes this mark is damned to the lake of fire forever. Those who refuse the mark will be hunted down and murdered but since they refused to take the mark, this is proof that they are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. It's a binary choice, just as it is today...either you trust in Christ or you refuse to believe or trust in the Lord Jesus with all the terrible consequences this brings.

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.”

Moderator: There are people who say that couldn't happen in the United States, but I believe it will be world-wide. Christians will die for their belief in America. We see the roots of this already beginning. Anti-Semitism will join Anti-Christianity right here. Most likely, guillotines will appear in every

state, in every county, in every town. These executions will be horrible and most people will be totally blind to it as being murder. They will reason that If the Beast says it's necessary, we must do it. Some people believe capital punishment is wrong now. But we know it IS NECESSARY as a deterrent to criminals that don't want to die. The death penalty was instituted by God. Are we going to say that God's Laws given to Moses is wrong?

I want also to discuss the issue of a cashless society. We see already that retail businesses are rejecting cash as a way to buy or sell. This is “natural” if people want to have the government being in charge with everything sold or bought. Let’s not get too angry at this turn of events, it’s a sign that we are even closer to the rapture of the church. The mark of the beast is the final version of this whole issue. I’m not saying that we can’t resist. We can resist and we should but it’s inevitable, it’s written in the Bible, not in actual words, but the one world government will have its way. This is a clear sign that all of these things weren’t possible 100 years ago, but today, it’s not only probable, it’s inevitable.

Now, a question arises about the last verse in Chapter 13...the number of the beast:

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.”

Pastor Rains: I want to make a point here, We know that the possibilities of any of these things have been solved in just the last few years. But we don't know who this "666" man is. It may be a mystery that is solved just before (or after) the rapture of the church.

Regarding a question about children receiving the mark during the tribulation, I believe God would ignore this, because they are not of the age of accountability. So don't worry about the children, they are going to Heaven!

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