



Worksheet #19

“The Mark of the Beast”

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the Beast

Creator vs. Imitator

Everything Satan does in his quest to “be like God” is merely a counterfeit of something originally instituted by God. He counterfeits Christ and the Trinity, as well as other true establishments of God:

God’s Original

Church: Carries the child of the King of Heaven Rev. 12

City: New Jerusalem Rev. 3:12; Rev. 21:2

Sign of Loyalty: Seal Rev. 7:1-3; Rev. 14:1

Satan’s Counterfeit

Church: Fornicates with the kings of the earth Rev. 17

City: Babylon Rev. 14:8; Rev. 18:21

Sign of Loyalty: Mark Rev. 13:16-18; Rev. 14:9,10

Revelation 13:12-17 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

- Earth beast (United States) works for the sea beast (Papacy) after its wound is healed (1798).
- The United States, though respecting the two separate kingdoms of church and state, eventually works like Satan: with deception first, then persecution.
- The United States sets up an “image” to the papacy for the world to worship.
- Punishment for those who refuse to worship the image is first financial but ultimately capital.

What’s In A Name?

- Jesus Christ has a name written on Him. **Revelation 19:6**
- The antichrist has a name written on him. **Revelation 17:5**
- God’s followers have His name written on them. **Rev. 3:12; 14:1; 22:4**
- Satan’s followers have his name written on them. **Revelation 13:17**
- The antichrist blasphemes the name of God. **Revelation 13:6**
- The antichrist’s followers blaspheme the name of God **Revelation 16:9**
- Christ’s followers glorify the name of God **Revelation 15:4**
- A name is a reference to character **Exodus 34:5-8**

Why the Forehead and Hand?

- Forehead = Active agreement; Hand = passive acceptance
- God accepts worship from conviction; Satan accepts worship from coercion.



Outward Sign of Inward Character

- After Abraham's unfaithfulness with Hagar, the Lord instituted circumcision as sign of faith between Himself and His covenant people, Israel. **Genesis 17:9-11; Romans 4:11**
- At the exodus from Egypt, blood on the doorpost was a sign of loyalty. **Exodus 12:12, 13** (Ezekiel 9:3-6)
- Servants wishing to remain in their lord's service were identified correspondingly. **Exodus 21:1-6**
- The ultimate sign of loving loyalty is commandment-keeping. **Deut. 11:1; Dan. 9:4; John 4:15; 1 John 5:3**



Seal of God

- In ancient times, one's seal --in a signet ring-- was his signature. **Genesis 38; Esther 8:8; Daniel 6:17**
- In its most basic structure, a seal contains three elements: _____, _____, and _____.
- In a previous study, we saw that God's signature of completed work was Sabbath rest.
- The Sabbath commandment (Exodus 20:8-11) just happens to contain all three elements of a seal!

Name: "Lord your God" | **Title:** Creator | **Territory:** "The heavens and the earth..."

- **Revelation 14:7** "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

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- In the closing days of earth's history, the world will be divided into only two groups, representing either the character of Christ or the character of Satan.
- Everyone will have made their choice to either serve Christ and keep His commandments or serve the antichrist and keep his commandments.
- The final test of loyalty will be about worship: either Jesus Christ and His true Sabbath day or the antichrist and his counterfeit sabbath day.
- Despite Satan's efforts to deceive and coerce, a remnant will remain loyal to the Lord. **Rev. 12:17**

Daniel 3: A Preview of What's To Come

- King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attempted to change the prophetic history God outlined.
- In his pompous arrogance, this king of Babylon had an image built to honor his greatness.
- A command to worship the image was given: first by inducement (music), then by force (death).
- When those who refused to worship the image were thrown into the fire, Jesus was with them.