

THE MARK and IMAGE OF THE BEAST quotes

1) “And [the Lamb-like beast] 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.” Revelation 13:14-17.

“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. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:9-12.

“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.” Revelation 15:2-4.

“And the first [angel with plagues] went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.” Revelation 16:2.

“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” Revelation 19:20.

“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.” Revelation 20:4.

2) The Greek word used for “mark” is “Charagma”, and it translates and means “a stamp (as a badge of servitude), mark” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, word #5480). This Mark of the Beast is a stamp or sign or seal or badge of servitude to some power or being.

In order to know what is this Mark of the Beast, we must know what the identity of the Beast is.

Correctly understanding the prophetic symbols of the beasts listed in Daniel and Revelation, you would discover that the Beast connected with this “Mark” refers only to the Roman Catholic Church. Those who received this Mark had worshiped this Beast (see Revelation 14:9), so then this “Mark” of Catholicism is connected with the issue of worship.

“Protestants...accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change...In observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the Pope.” Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950.

“It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church.” Priest Brady, in an address, reported in the Elizabeth, N.J. “News” of March 18, 1903.

“It was the Catholic Church which...transferred this rest (Saturday as the Sabbath) to the Sunday....Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the (Catholic) Church.” Monsignor Louis Segur, “Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today,” p 213.

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (from Saturday to Sunday) was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and religious without her, and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.” Letter from H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.

3) Since the Catholic Church changed the original day of worshipping God from Saturday to Sunday, then this change is the mark or seal or sign of this Beast’s authority and power! So then Saturday must be the mark or seal or sign of authority and power to someone else!

“And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” Genesis 2:2-3.

“Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them....And hallow My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.” Ezekiel 20:12, 20.

This means that Saturday — the seventh-day of the week, the day before Sunday, is the Sabbath day of the Lord God. Because God Himself has blessed and made this Sabbath day holy, then this holy day is the mark or seal or sign of God’s authority and power. And God even told His people not to forget this fact!

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11.

4) God states that “the seventh-day [or Saturday] is the sabbath [or worshiping day] of the Lord thy God” Exodus 20:10. But the Beast states:

“The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant...changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.” Catholic Mirror, September 23, 1893.

“Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles...From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first.” The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900.

“...prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the Holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says ‘Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.’ The Catholic Church says, No. By my divine power I abolish the sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church.” Priest Thomas Enright, Redemptorist Catholic College, Kansas City, Mo., lecture “Sunday in History”, p 56, February 18, 1884.

The mark or seal of the God of heaven is choosing to worship the Lord on Saturday - His Sabbath - according to God’s commandment. In doing this it is a sign that you show that you love, serve, and worship God by recognizing His authority to rule over you as your God. While the mark or seal of the Beast is worshiping on Sunday - the day of the sun or of the Blazing Star or Lucifer, his sabbath - according to his commandment. In doing this it is a sign that you show that you love, serve, and worship the Beast and Lucifer by recognizing his authority to rule over you as your god.

5) The Mark of the Beast will be placed in either the forehead, or in the right hand (Revelation 13:16, 14:9). As we have seen that this Mark is symbolic and not literal, then how can it be received in either our forehead or right hand?

Receiving this symbolic Mark in our forehead would signify mental acceptance of the mark. Or in other words, you actually believe Catholicism's claim to have the authority of changing God's Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday, and you have then chosen to obey their command to keep Sunday as the sabbath. Receiving this symbolic Mark in your right hand would signify willing service for the mark. Or in other words, even though you do not believe Catholicism's claim to have the authority to change God's Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday, or even believe in a day of worship at all, yet you have chosen to go along with the command to keep Sunday holy anyway.