

Mark of the Beast

Who is "the Beast"? - Rev 13:11-14 - 11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. 12 He exercised all the authority of the **first beast** on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. 13 And **he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.**

We must be aware of what he uses to deceive - Rev 13:14-17 - 14 **BECAUSE OF THE SIGNS** he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, HE DECEIVED the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and **cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.** 16 **HE ALSO FORCED EVERYONE, SMALL AND GREAT, RICH AND POOR, FREE AND SLAVE, TO RECEIVE A MARK ON HIS RIGHT HAND OR ON HIS FOREHEAD,** 17 **SO THAT NO ONE COULD BUY OR SELL UNLESS HE HAD THE MARK, WHICH IS THE NAME OF THE BEAST OR THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME.**

The mark is something that represents the Beasts name - Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

He will totally go against God - 2 Thess 2:1-4 - **Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him,** we ask you, brothers, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don't LET ANYONE DECEIVE YOU in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 **He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped,** so that **he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**

Some say the one that is holding him back is the Holy Spirit and that He will go with the Rapture - 2 Thess 2:5-8 - 5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 And **now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.** 7 **For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work;** but **the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.** 8 And **then the lawless one will be revealed,** whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

The man will deceive those that refuse to follow truth, and after a time they WILL NOT be able to follow Truth - 2 Thess 2:9-12 - 9 **The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,** 10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. **THEY PERISH BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO LOVE THE TRUTH AND SO BE SAVED.** 11 **FOR THIS REASON** God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and **SO THAT all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.**

The outcome of those that receive the mark - Rev 14:9-12 - 9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "**If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand,** 10 **he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury,** which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for **those who WORSHIP THE BEAST and HIS IMAGE,** or for anyone who **RECEIVES THE MARK OF HIS NAME.**" 12 **This calls for patient endurance** on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

Please don't be misled in thinking the mark is not worshipping on the Sabbath day - Col 2:16-18 - 16 Therefore **do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.** 17 **THESE ARE A SHADOW OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TO COME; THE REALITY, HOWEVER, IS FOUND IN CHRIST.**

- **WORSHIP THE BEAST**
 - Allegiance, Loyalty, or basis on anything else other than Christ
 - Country
 - Cause
 - Group
- **HIS IMAGE**
 - Statue
 - Picture
 - symbol
- **RECEIVES THE MARK OF HIS NAME** – Based on the Beast and his image and totally against God