

The Mark of The Beast

Part 4

The Scriptures

The primary reference to the Mark of the Beast is in Revelation chapter 13:

“And I saw another **beast** coming up out of the land, and **it** had two horns, like a lamb, and **it** was speaking as a dragon, and all the authority of the **first beast** doth **it** do before **it**, and **it** maketh the land and those dwelling in it that they shall bow before the **first beast**, whose deadly stroke was healed, and **it** doth great signs, that fire also **it** may make to come down from the heaven to the earth before men, and **it** leadeth astray those dwelling on the land, because of the signs that were given **it** to do before **the beast**, saying to those dwelling upon the land to make an image to **the beast** that hath the stroke of the sword and did live, and there was given to **it** to give a spirit to **the image** of the beast, that also **the image** of the beast may speak, and that **it** may cause as many as shall not bow before **the image** of the beast, that they may be killed. **And it maketh all, the small, and the great, and the rich, and the poor, and the freemen, and the servants, that it may give to them a mark upon their right hand or upon their foreheads, and that no one may be able to buy, or to sell, except he who is having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.** Here is the wisdom! He who is having the understanding, let him count the number of **the beast**, for the number of a man it is, and **its** number is six hundred and sixty six.”

Rev 13:11-18

Summarizing **the Mark's** characteristics:

1. Executor: the **2nd Beast (False Prophet)**
2. Scope: Everyone
3. Location: on right hand or forehead
4. Carrot/Stick: financial transactions

Notice:

1. *Everyone* gets it without respect to rank or position in society
2. *Only* those who have it may buy or sell.

God warns repeatedly against taking **the Mark** of destruction.

Note that taking **the Mark** results in the same torment from God as bowing to **the Beast** or **his image**:

“And a third messenger did follow them, saying in a great voice, 'If any one *the beast* doth bow before, and his image, and doth receive a *mark* upon his forehead, or upon his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, that hath been mingled unmixed in the cup of His anger, and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone before the holy messengers, and before the Lamb, and the smoke of their torment doth go up to ages of ages; and they have no rest day and night, who are bowing before *the beast* and *his image*, also if any doth receive *the mark* of *his* name. Here is endurance of the saints: here are those keeping the commands of God, and the faith of Jesus.’”

Rev 14:9-12

God warns that those who take the Mark will also suffer a grievous sore some time later:

“And I heard a great voice out of the sanctuary saying to the seven messengers, 'Go away, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God to the earth;' and the first did go away, and did pour out his vial upon the land, and there came a sore—bad and grievous—to men, those having the mark of the beast, and those bowing to his image.”

Rev 16:1-2

People are *deceived* into taking the Mark, so it is not *obviously* dangerous.

Like Eve, they are led astray by their own judgment:

“And I saw **the beast**, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, having been gathered together to make war with him who is sitting upon the horse, and with his army; and **the beast** was taken, and with him **the false prophet** who did the signs before **him**, *in which he led astray those who did receive **the mark of the beast***, and those who did bow before **his image**; living they were cast—the two—to the lake of the fire, that is burning with brimstone; and the rest were killed with the sword of him who is sitting on the horse, which sword is proceeding out of his mouth, and all the birds were filled out of their flesh.”

Rev 19:19-21

But there are some who are not deceived, who discern and overcome the temptation to take the Mark:

“and I saw as a sea of glass mingled with fire, and ***those who do gain the victory over the beast, and his image, and his mark, and the number of his name,*** standing by the sea of the glass, having harps of God, and they sing the song of Moses, servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and wonderful are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty, righteous and true are Thy ways, O King of saints, who may not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? because Thou alone art kind, because all the nations shall come and bow before Thee, because Thy righteous acts were manifested.'”

Rev 15:2-4

Those who do not succumb to the False Prophet's deception, who reject the Mark in spite of the personal cost even to death, reign with Christ for a thousand years:

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them, and the souls of those who have been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus, and because of the word of God, and ***who did not bow before the beast, nor his image, and did not receive the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand***, and they did live and reign with Christ the thousand years; and the rest of the dead did not live again till the thousand years may be finished; this is the first rising again.”

Rev 20:4-5

Now let's look at the Mark itself.

KJV with Strong's numbers:

“And^{G2532} **he**^{G4160} causeth^{G3956} all,^{G3398} both small^{G2532} and^{G3173} great,^(G2532) rich^{G4145} and^{G2532} poor,^{G4434} ^(G2532) free^{G1658} and^{G2532} bond,^{G1401} to^{G2443} receive^{G1325} ^{G846} a **mark**^{G5480} in^{G1909} their^{G848} right^{G1188} hand,^{G5495} or^{G2228} in^{G1909} their^{G848} foreheads:^{G3359} And^{G2532} that^{G2443} no^{G3361} man^{G5100} might^{G1410} buy^{G59} or^{G2228} sell,^{G4453} save^{G1508} he that had^{G2192} the^{G3588} **mark**,^{G5480} or^{G2228} the^{G3588} name^{G3686} of **the**^{G3588} **beast**,^{G2342} or^{G2228} the^{G3588} number^{G706} of **his**^{G848} name.^{G3686}”

Rev 13:16-17

The Greek for 'mark' indicates the use of a sharpened, pointed instrument to engrave a sign of ownership:

G5480

χάραγμα

charagma

khar'-ag-mah

From the same as G5482; a scratch or etching, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): - graven, mark.

G5482

χάραξ

charax

khar'-ax

From “charasso” (to **sharpen to a point**; akin to G1125 through the idea of scratching); **a stake**, that is, (by implication) a palisade or rampart (military mound for circumvallation in a siege): - trench.

This idea aligns with the 'stylus' used by the ancients for writing in wax or clay.



This stylus has a point on one end to scratch letters and a flattened surface on the other to scrape the surface of a writing tablet. Ancient Greek writing tablets were typically made of wood, either with a recessed inner face to hold beeswax or flat with a painted white surface.



The Beast is not original in 'marking' his own, however.

God originates the idea which the Beast *counterfeits*.

God's 'mark' is not 'scratched on' but 'pressed in' with a signet; and it is a mark of protection, rather than of destruction:



“and I saw another messenger going up from the rising of the sun, having a seal of the living God, and he did cry with a great voice to the four messengers, to whom it was given to injure the land and the sea, saying, 'Do not injure the land, nor the sea, nor the trees, till we may seal the servants of our God upon their foreheads.' And I heard the number of those sealed, (one hundred and forty four thousands were sealed out of all the tribes of the sons of Israel):”

Rev 7:2-4

“And out of the smoke came forth locusts to the earth, and there was given to them authority, as scorpions of the earth have authority, and it was said to them that they may not injure the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but—the men only who have not **the seal of God upon their foreheads**, and it was given to them that they may not kill them, but that they may be tormented five months, and their torment is as the torment of a scorpion, when it may strike a man;”

Rev 9:3-5

KJV with Strong's numbers

"Saying,^{G3004} Hurt^{G91} not^{G3361} the^{G3588}
earth,^{G1093} neither^{G3383} the^{G3588} sea,^{G2281} nor^{G3383}
the^{G3588} trees,^{G1186} till^{G891} ^{G3757} we have
sealed^{G4972} the^{G3588} servants^{G1401} of our^{G2257}
God^{G2316} in^{G1909} their^{G848} foreheads.^{G3359}

Rev 7:3

KJV with Strong's numbers

And^{G2532} it was commanded^{G4483} them^{G846}
that^{G2443} they should not^{G3361} hurt^{G91} the^{G3588}
grass^{G5528} of the^{G3588} earth,^{G1093} neither^{G3761}
any^{G3956} green thing,^{G5515} neither^{G3761} any^{G3956}
tree;^{G1186} but^{G1508} only^{G3441} those men^{G444}
which^{G3748} have^{G2192} not^{G3756} the^{G3588} **seal**^{G4973} of
God^{G2316} in^{G1909} their^{G848} foreheads.^{G3359}

Rev 9:4

G4972

σφραγίζω

sphragizō

sfrag-id'-zo

From G4973; to **stamp** (with a **signet** or private mark) for security or **preservation** (literally or figuratively); by implication to keep secret, to attest: - (set a, set to) seal up, stop.

G4973

σφραγίς

sphragis

sfrag-ece'

Probably strengthened from G5420; a **signet** (as fencing in or **protecting** from misappropriation); by implication the stamp **impressed** (as a mark of privacy, or genuineness), literally or figuratively: - seal.

G5420

φράσσω

phrassō

fras'-so

Apparently a strengthened form of the base of G5424; to fence or inclose, that is, (specifically) to block up (figuratively to silence): - stop.

G5424

φρήν

phrēn

frane

Probably from an obsolete φράω phraō (to rein in or curb; compare G5420); the midrif (as a partition of the body), that is, (figuratively and by implication of sympathy) the feelings (or sensitive nature; by extension [also in the plural] the mind or cognitive faculties): - understanding.

God's mark is His Name:



*"be it known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that **in the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth...in him hath this one stood by before you whole...and there is not salvation in any other, for **there is no other name under the heaven that hath been given among men, in which it behoveth us to be saved.**"*

Act 4:10-12

“And I saw, and lo, a Lamb having stood upon the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty-four thousands, having the name of his Father written upon their foreheads;”

Rev 14:1

“and any curse there shall not be any more, and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face, and His name is upon their foreheads, and night shall not be there, and they have no need of a lamp and light of a sun, because the Lord God doth give them light, and they shall reign—to the ages of the ages.”

Rev 22:3-5

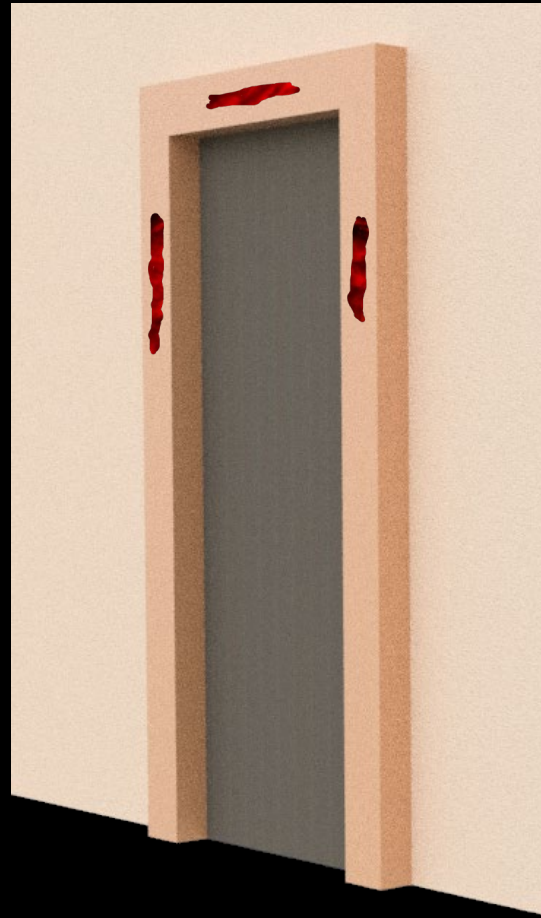
In Ezekiel, God places HIS mark as a sign of protection on His own people, so that the destruction passes them by:

“And He calleth unto the man who is clothed with linen, who hath the scribe's inkhorn at his loins, and Jehovah saith unto him, 'Pass on into the midst of the city, into the midst of Jerusalem, and thou hast **made a mark on the foreheads** of the men who are sighing and who are groaning for all the abominations that are done in its midst.' And to the others he said in mine ears, 'Pass on into the city after him, and smite; your eye doth not pity, nor do ye spare; aged, young man, and virgin, and infant, and women, ye do slay—to destruction; and against any man **on whom is the mark ye do not go nigh**, and from My sanctuary ye begin.’”

Eze 9:4-6

This reminds of another 'mark' on one's home which cause the Angel to pass over and not kill the first-born.

It, too, was a mark of protection:



“and ye have taken a bunch of hyssop, and have dipped it in the blood which is in the basin, and have **struck it on the lintel**, and on the **two side-posts**, from **the blood** which is in the basin, and ye, ye go not out each from the opening of his house till morning. 'And Jehovah hath passed on to smite the Egyptians, and hath seen **the blood on the lintel, and on the two side-posts**, and Jehovah hath passed over the opening, and **doth not permit the destruction** to come into your houses to smite.”

Exo 12:22-23

“and they did overcome him because of the
blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of
their testimony, and they did not love their
life—unto death;”

Rev 12:11

You *DO* know that your body is a *house*, right?

That brings us to Part 5...