



Fear Elohim, and keep His commandments:
for this is the whole duty of mankind
Eccesiastes 12:13

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"And 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." Rev13:16

What is this 'Mark' spoke of in the Book of Revelation and how will it be implemented upon mankind? Will a charismatic world leader suddenly come to power in the Middle East, solve the geo-political problems between the Western and Arab nations, and then proclaim himself the new saviour of mankind? Will the World at large then receive his 'mark' implanted through some high-tech electronic device under the skin of their forehead or hand? Or perhaps all this is just some movie plot designed to sell you an interesting story line with religious overtones about the end of the world?

This subject however is no joking matter to millions of professing Christians in the world who are eagerly awaiting for the return of the Messiah Yahushua to 'Snatch' them away from any 'tribulation' that may occur in their lifetime as a result of an anti-Christ figure rising to power over the nations.

What you need to understand clearly is that the present day church system is already under the control of the Beast. But this second Beast is NOT some worldly dictator as everyone is suspecting. Actually the Beast John was shown in Rev13:11 is the Church System that has become fully apostate. It's not merely the Catholic System as many have identified over the years, but the ENTIRE professing Christian religious establishment, all preaching the Message of the Beast!

John was also shown an IMAGE created by the Beast that lives and breaths and causes everyone (in the system) to Worship the first beast and 'Receive' a mark on the right hand or forehead. This IMAGE has the appearance of a Lamb but speaks the language of the Dragon through an army of false teachers convinced that the IMAGE they have created is really Y'Shua the Messiah! This false messiah is the focal point of present day professing Christianity. What he represents to them is the fallacy of reformed theology.

According to this IMAGE the people can be 'Saved in their sins', Receive a magic moral transfer of Y'Shua's righteousness and obedience, have their sins forgiven in advance and be made eternally secure in their vile and sinful condition. As the Rev13 passage says: 'He CAUSES them to receive a mark', this army of false teachers are dispensing this mark to all who will receive it! The expression John is using is a metaphor.

The common message today is 'Receive 'Jesus' as your personal Saviour' by repeating a series of words repeated after the Pastor or someone supposedly leading you to 'the Lord'. But what they are actually receiving is the IMAGE of a messiah created by the Dragon who has appeared to professing Christianity as the LAMB! (or a wolf in sheep's clothing, Matt7:15) This is the Strong Delusion spoken of in 2Thess2:10.

and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved.

How does the Mark of the Beast play into this? That's the part FEW (if any) can understand.

The Mark is dispensed either on the forehead or right hand and no one is forced to take it. They freely receive it as a gift from the great Beast Image they bow down to. Everyone is expecting some kind of physical mark in the form of modern technology. (a chip or implant of some sort) So everyone is looking in the WRONG place for this to come to pass. The real Mark is 'Spiritual' in nature and consists of a false Gospel Message that you can be 'saved in your sins'. (*There may well be some physical marking of sorts in the end times to continue the delusion of those who will be deceived – something that they will declare to be The Mark*).

The extreme importance of crucifying the flesh with its passions and desires is expressed throughout Scripture. It is the VERY essence of real repentance. Without it NO ONE can be truly saved. The body of sin MUST be done away with in repentance, die with Y'Shua, once and for all to the old man and be raised to the Newness of life in the Spirit. (Rom 6:4-6, Gal5:24)

Rom 6:4 We were therefore buried with Him through immersion into death, that as Messiah was raised from the dead by the esteem of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have come to be grown together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also of the resurrection,

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was impaled with Him, so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, to serve sin no longer.

Gal 5:24 And those who are of Messiah have impaled the flesh with its passions and the desires.

However the IMAGE that has taken full control of professing Christianity has removed this essential step of repentance from the salvation process which has resulted in people unknowingly receiving the MARK.

Sin enters into the mind through the eyes (2Pet2:14). You take possession of it when the desire (lust) unites with the will. (James1:14-16, you latch on to it and perform the act!) This is why the double-minded cannot enter into the Kingdom. (Js1:8) But under the IMAGE this has been reversed! The Mark, (your own evil eye of the flesh) is retained and you 'receive' it as a gift of eternal life. Herein is how the professing Church world is deceived into exchanging the Truth of YHWH for a lie. (Rom 1:25)

Rom 1:25 who changed the truth of Elohim into the falsehood, and worshipped and served what was created rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amēn.

The Name written on the forehead of the saints is the revived spirit that takes place through repentance and faith proven by deeds. (Acts3:19) The mind is fixed on things above not on things of the earth. (Col3:1-3) It is the SINGLE eye Y'Shua spoke of in Matt 6:22, grounded in a good and honest heart.

Mat 6:22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, all your body shall be enlightened.

You have to understand that the Book of Revelation (John's vision) is written to the Church, not the world at large. Out of the Seven Churches addressed in chapters 2-3, only two remained faithful and did not deny His Name. Therefore John's vision has everything to do with the corruption of the Gospel Message under an apostate system gone haywire.

I contend that these Churches addressed by the Spirit represent the condition of professing Christianity down through the ages. Although every generation, including the early Saints, thought the time was near and that they were experiencing the final days before Y'Shua's return. But that's part of the overall deception to keep the mind in a state of confusion concerning these things. Such is the nature of the so-called Rapture theory. First developed by a Dispensational teacher named John Nelson Darby in the early 1800's, who supposedly received a vision from a self-proclaimed Prophetess named Margaret McDonald in Glasgow. She claimed to have received a vision from YHWH about a 'secret' Rapture of the church that was about to take place so that they would escape the Great Tribulation coming on the earth (there is some truth regarding the rapture but it pertains to Y'Shua returning for His Bride – not the whole body of 'believers'. Understand that the lie is contained in the **distortion of truth** in order to deceive – to some this lie appears to be truth. The lie has the 'appearance' of Truth).

The teaching spread quickly among the early Charismatic's. At a prophecy conference in Dublin Ireland in 1830, Darby officially introduced the Doctrine of Dispensationalism. His contention was that the return of Y'Shua would happen in two stages separated by a seven year tribulation period. During this time the Anti-Christ would appear on the scene, deceive the entire world and unite the political and religious powers of the earth under a New World Order. YHWH would then judge this vile system by pouring out His Wrath in the form of the Trumpets, Seals and Bowls. Y'Shua would return at the end, bind Satan in the bottomless pit and reign on the earth for a thousand years of Peace.

Since the formation of these fallacies, many have cashed in on the hype by writing books and making further predictions, and in modern times producing full length movies. Nothing has come to pass of course because NONE of them has any Spiritual understanding into the Mark they have received under the false Gospel Message dispensed by the IMAGE. To this day the fallen apostate Church is waiting for some kind of tangible sign to indicate the Rapture is near and Y'Shua is about to return. They debate timetables and cannot completely agree on a Pre-Mid or Post-Trib Rapture or whether or not Y'Shua will actually reign on earth in physical form for a thousand years.

But they ALL preach the message of the Dragon! The Woman on the Scarlet Beast is the present day Church! Living the life of the sinful world. Your own Pastors, teachers, Bible Scholars, Sunday school teachers and leaders are working the Mystery of lawlessness (2Thess2:7) directly under the noses of the people! And they are completely blind-sided by the subterfuge. No one suspects their own church to be part of a wide ranging satanic deception. A virtual army of false teachers is actively dispensing the Mark to millions of unsuspecting souls who receive it with gladness and joy. Those who oppose this false message and will not receive it as truth are forbidden to 'buy and sell' inside the system. Therefore the real message of repentance and faith proven by deeds is heresy to the church.

How can this apply to all of mankind when most of the World does not adhere to Christianity? The Passage in Rev13 is universal; ALL of mankind receives this Mark. **Mankind without YHWH/Y'Shua is the 'Beast' – they have the Mark by default through their lives of sin.**

Explain to me how Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism are going to receive this mark. It would NEVER happen because they are mortal enemies of Christianity. But applying the Mark to mankind solves the problem because anyone who is in bondage to the Lust of the eye and flesh already has it! The Bible teaches that you are a 'slave to whom you obey - sin to death or obedience to righteousness' Rom 6:16. The Mark can also be defined as a sign placed on the branded slave, showing ownership. Thus the Mark has much significance as to WHO a person is serving. (The flesh or the Spirit)

By necessity the professing church system of today is making their so-called converts servants of sin. They are told they are born in sin, can never stop sinning and are saved in sin. The deception is complete. The 'evil eye' remains and they all bow to the IMAGE.

Christians today fear anything related to the Number 666 and entertain numerous conspiracy theories concerning the Governments ability to inflict just such a system upon its people to enslave them. But given the present condition of the professing church, somewhere between lukewarm, corrupt and dead spiritually, much of the hype concerning the 'end times' is just another means to keep the focus off the Truth.

Ask yourself, if Satan is behind all the evil that exists in the world and the plot to overthrow the Kingdoms of the earth, would anything he put into action be done in such an 'obvious' manner? Would he not work his schemes on mankind with much stealth, cunning and massive deception? The Bible says that he can actually appear as an angel of light and minister of righteousness when spreading his lies and deceit. (2Cor11:13-14).

MOST professing Christians are deeply deceived already by his lies that promise them liberty in Y'Shua while they remain slaves to their own inner corruption. Is it any wonder then that this 'mark', that they think will be as obvious as a chip under the skin, is just another in a long list of STRONG delusions brought about by professing Christianity's LACK of love for the Truth?

The Apostle, who wrote the Book of Revelation, said this, 1John2:15-17:

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes** and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the lust of it, but he who does the will of Elohim abides forever."

Y'Shua said, concerning the lust of the eyes, Matt5:28-29:

"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna."

Y'Shua also said this concerning the eye, Matt6:22-23:

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is single, your whole body is full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

Scripture teaches unquestionably that the 'evil eye' (Mark7:22) is the single most source of lust and corruption of man's inner being – "from within, out of the heart of man" (Mark7:21). The remedy is a radical removal of this source and a singleness of devotion to the True Light giver, Y'Shua the Messiah. But from WHERE does this 'evil eye' ignite these deadly passions within and henceforth cause the whole body to be cast into the fire?

Revelation 13:18 says that 666 is the 'Number of a man!' Is this merely the 'number' of his name as many have been lead to believe through present day teaching? Howbeit, when our decimal numbering system was not invented until around 800AD? Who translated the original notation by John and what 'system' did he use to distinguish the weight of these numbers? In ancient Greek the letters of the Greek alphabet contained numerical value, each corresponding with a certain value weighted against Roman numerals. This translates into our 666, the number contained in our English Bibles and feared by millions of professing Christians as some mysterious individual yet to be revealed who will number the people of earth as his servants.

However NOTHING could be further from the truth. Unknown to the Apostle John at the time, the number of man is indeed 666. The carbon atom consists of 6 protons, 6 neutrons, and 6 electrons; the Atomic number of Carbon is 6. The human body consists of 18% carbon (a multiple of 3x6) & over 60% oxygen! The imperfect number of man is indeed 666! Our own flesh contains this 'mark' by the every fact that we exist as human beings. 666 is represented in the unrighteous ways of mankind – **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.**

It is also however no coincidence than the names of many people and powers (Pope, Hitler, USA etc) calculate to 666. This is the hand and working marvel of YHWH – this reveals that each do individually contain the 'value' of rebellious man – The Beast. But this identified being/power is not 'The Beast' in isolation but rather a single element of 'The Beast' – through association to sinful 'mankind'.

But what does it mean to 'receive' the mark on the forehead or hand? Will the Beast and False Prophet force you to take this mark as a form of worship or will you escape their clutches in the nick of time because you 'believe' in Y'Shua? The Truth may surprise you!

Strange translations.

The word translated 'forehead' in Rev13:16 and elsewhere in Revelation is NOT used anywhere else in the New Testament. The Greek Word is 'Metopon', a combination of two Greek expressions, meaning simply, 'With an eye.' (Ops....an eye, Meta...with). The 'hand' in the ancient world denoted a place of honour where some sort of designation as to your status in life would be displayed. This 666 is NOT the number of an individual man, but as the Greek word in verse 18 translates, 'anthropos' or MANKIND.

The MARK then represents the lustful eye of man, attached to the things of this world, 'receiving' from his own 'animal' like nature, and the pride of life.



The image of the **Beast** John beheld was the VERY image of **unregenerate man**, professing to a form of godliness but denying its power to destroy the sin nature inside! Beast is translated as a 'savage, ferocious animal' is this NOT a perfect description given of man in his godless state of rebellion?

"Lovers of themselves, lovers of money, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, proud, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying it's power!" 2Tim3:2-5

Y'Shua said you must CUT off the offending member or risk being thrown whole into Gehenna, Matt 5:27-30. You are told NOT to present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but to Elohim as being alive from the dead! (Rom6:13). Eph5:30 says we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones! Therefore put to death your members which are on earth, lust, uncleanness, passion, evil desires covetousness and idolatry (Col 3:5). James says that it is LUST that is at war with our members, (James4:1).

Everything goes back to the 'eye' and man's attempt to serve TWO Masters. When only singleness of eye will put to death, (or cut off the offending members, metaphor), the deeds of the body in order that he may live. WHO is it that dispenses this 'Mark', look again at Rev13:16, WHO causes man to 'receive' this mark....THE FALSE PROPHET! Again, Scripture DOES NOT teach that this is an individual person rising up out of the masses, but a SYSTEM at work from the beginning enslaving men in their own lusts.

"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work!" 2Thess2:7

"But there were false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you!" 2Pet2:1

"MANY false prophets have gone out into the world." 1John4:1

"Even now MANY anti-Christ's have come." 1John2:18

WHO is causing professing Christians to 'receive' this mark? THOSE who preach the Grace of God as License for immorality! Such teaching is rampant in the present day church. The False Prophet is proclaiming a FALSE Gospel! That's the deception, the STRONG DELUSION spoken of in 2Thess2:11. The PERFECT LIE! Everyone is looking for an outward sign of End time Prophecy when it's in their OWN Flesh they are held captive.

"For to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that ones slave whom you Obey!" Rom 6:16.

Peter and Jude spoke plainly of these men and how to recognise them. They will teach destructive heresies, exploit you with deceptive words and cause the way of truth to be blasphemed, 2Pet2:1-3. They will walk according to their own 'lusts, self willed and presumptuous, 2Pet2:10. They have 'eyes' full of adultery that cannot cease from sin, beguiling unstable souls and they love the wages of unrighteousness, 2Pet2:14. Like natural brute 'Beasts' made to be caught and destroyed, 2Pet2:12.

Jude added, 'They are spots in your love feasts, clouds without water, trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots!' Jude12. 'They are sensual persons who cause divisions, not having the Spirit' Jude19.

Scripture often refers to corrupted man as a 'dog' returning to its own vomit or a 'sow' wallowing in the mire, 2Pet2:22. Y'Shua calls false teachers 'Savage Wolves' who are known by their fruits, Matt7:15. Outside the Great Kingdom will be the 'dogs', immoral, murderers and idolaters who love and practice a lie, Rev22:15. At the end no one is magically transformed into a set-apart and upright Saint, pure and chaste for YHWH, Rev22:11 States,

"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still, he who is filthy, let him be filthy still, he who is righteous, let him be righteous still, he who is set-apart, let him be more set-apart."

If the Nature of the Beast remains in you and your flesh is in control, you have ALREADY received the 'Mark' spoken of by John. If you are double-minded, impure and friends with the world, you need to 'cleanse and purify' the offending members, humble yourself and draw near to YHWH. (James4:7-10.) The False Prophet is teaching you a gospel of sin! Although it appeals to your flesh now, it will indeed exclude you from the Kingdom.

Why 'pluck out' an eye to enter into life? To what purpose would removing this important member of the body serve, if the remaining eye remains corrupt and full of darkness? The simple answer of course, is NONE whatsoever! ONLY if the remaining eye is fixed in singleness of purpose and devotion to Y'Shua and the Narrow Way to the Kingdom, would it be sound and FULL of light. That's why Jesus said you CANNOT serve two masters, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit, Matt6:24, 7:18. Those who attempt to serve YHWH in this manner are 'double-minded' and unstable in every way. Unfit for the Kingdom! Y'Shua said

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mat 16.24). Follow Him in His ways of righteousness – His commandments. "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14.45)

The Beast John saw rising up out of the sea in Revelation 13, with all its horns, crowns and heads represents **mankind** in all his regalia. He draws his power and authority from the great Dragon (Satan, the Prince and power of the air & god of this age, Eph2:2, 2Cor4:4, 1Jh5:19) Through man, this dragon makes war against everything decent and set-apart (holy), despises the Saints of YHWH and works his most devious schemes and deceptions against them. Men delight in imitating this animal nature, taking on its attributes, mimicking its savage instincts. They fight and war, kill and destroy, dog eating dog in a world perishing in its own corruption.

Those who attempt to 'buy and sell' in this world without the 'mark', meet with a constant source of frustration. The 'Sound' eye is SINGLE, full of honest, sincerity and serves its Master in just such manner with 'singleness' or sincerity of heart, Col3:22. Redeemed by a 'Purchased Price' (1Cor7:23) the Saints of the Most High Elohim triumph over the 'mark'! Although they may be severely persecuted, stripped of earthly goods and put to death, they will OVERCOME the Beast by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of

their testimony! (Rev12:11)

In Mystery Babylon the fallen worship the Beast and his image. They bow at the shrine of vain amusement and heap unto themselves teachers to tickle their ears and turn them away from the truth. They walk as enemies of the Cross of Y'Shua, whose god is their belly and whose glory is their shame, their mind set on earthly things - **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life**. The great system of wealth and fortune, adorned in the finery of modern convenience will become their smouldering ruin. And all who have 'received' the 'mark' will suffer eternal loss.

While the professing church waits for the 'rapture' they serve the Beast and the False Prophet, having received his mark through the corruption of their own eye. Lusting after the things of the world and calling it 'Christian' they have tested the depths of Satan and toy with immorality. A bed of affliction awaits them and great tribulation unless they repent and return to their first love. Rather than strengthening the little that remains of godliness in their midst, they rely on dead works to substitute for true holiness. Many have already had their names blotted OUT of the Book of Life and are completely unaware! The remainder sleep the deadly slumber of death, not hot, or cold, but 'lukewarm' (wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked!) primed to be spewed out of the Master's mouth. Rich and increased with goods, the modern church is gathering in the **Tares** (those that will not repent after the warning from the Two Witnesses) for the final burning and refusing to heed the WORDS of warning contained in Scripture before it's too late. (Rev2:1-11, 18-27, 3:1-6, 14-22)

There are many mysterious symbols and strange illustrations contained in the book of Revelation that have confused readers for generations. What did John see in this fantastic Cosmic Vision of end time events? Was it the close of an age, the final Judgment of mankind or the ravings of a lunatic? Whatever is your understanding of this Book looking back or forward through time, one thing is certain, it's the Corruption of the FLESH that Y'Shua came to destroy, so that man would no longer have to serve his own '**beast**' like nature - **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life**. The ENTIRE focus of Y'Shua's message is aimed at saving man from the corruption that is in the world through LUST! (2Pet1:3-11)

2Pe 1:4 Through these there have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that through these you might be partakers of the Mighty-like nature, having escaped from the corruption in the world, caused by lust.

All things that pertain to life and godliness, the exceeding great and precious promises, the Divine Nature of Y'Shua, each one is a vital element in man's eternal redemption. Through these he can add to his faith, make his calling and election sure, never stumble or fall away, and NOT lose sight of the fact that he was cleansed of his former sins to live a life worthy of the high calling in Messiah Y'Shua. By which he will have an entrance into the everlasting Kingdom supplied to him abundantly IF he endures to the end in Y'Shua.

Those who insist on the more theatrical view of prophecy have probably already fallen prey to the false prophet (or risk the danger of strong delusion) and his wiles. FEW today are circumspect concerning their faith, redeeming the time wisely, realising that the days are evil. FEW guard their hearts, Test the spirits and know the difference between truth and error. The prevailing winds of false doctrine are at gale force in our time and NO ONE is sounding the alarm!

So sleep on church, enjoy the party, raise your voices to heaven and shout for Joy! Perhaps you can drown out the cries of the damned and the shrieks of millions of souls falling daily into the refiner's fire while you stuff your face full of food and satisfy your belly with worldly pleasures! You have sown to the wind and will reap the whirlwind.

You have ploughed wickedness and reaped iniquity! Sow for yourself righteousness and reap in mercy! Break up your fallow ground and seek YHWH while He may yet be found! The Day of YHWH will be darkness and not light, a day of vengeance and flaming fire from above, to punish those who will not OBEY the Gospel of Y'Shua the Messiah. Those who have received the 'Mark'the evil eye of the flesh they have REFUSED to pluck out and cast from them....will be removed from His presence forever, but His Saints will reign with Him in eternity.

The Mark of The Beast is received by indulging in the ways of fallen man – manifested through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

The 'seal' of YHWH is to follow His ways of Righteousness in both thoughts and actions.

"He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

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