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Rev. 13:17 and he provides that **no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.**

Rev. 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, **for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six. Please keep in mind that in Hebrew the word for mark as used here means "piercing" of the skin.**



This verse is probably the most famous verse in the book of Revelation. There has been movies, books, songs, and a plethora of things based on the 666 theme. Before we try to understand the meaning behind 666, FIRST we need to take heed to John's exhortation. John first tells us that wisdom is needed. I will be the first to admit that this verse has perplexed me for years as well as many prophecy students. I have heard many interpretations surrounding the meaning behind 666. I would like to present a few popular theories on the meaning of 666.

In Hebrew they used letters to represent numbers. This system is called gematria. "Aleph" (the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet) represented one, "bet" represented two, and so on. Many claim that in Hebrew the gematria value of the Hebrew name "Prince Charles Mem Whales", which is how his name would be formally recognized in Hebrew, is 666. Using the same principal in the English language, the name Prince Charles Of Wales is equivalent to Chaldea 666. Prince Charles name is the only name in the world that in both English and Hebrew gematria equals 666. Is this coincidence? Some would like to think maybe one of his sons will be the anti-christ, but none of their names add up to the correct gematria value.

The first century Believers equated 666 with Caesar Nero. If you assign this number order to the alphabet (100 = A, 101 = B, 102 = C, etc.) the numerical value of the name Hitler equals 666. If you take the title that is on the pope's official hat, assign the corresponding Roman numerals to each letter, and add them up you will get the number 666. Some have even suggested that the "WWW" for the World Wide Web also equals 666.

What do we really know about 666? First, John says it is the name of a man (the beast) and the number of his name (Rev. 13:17). Second, we are told to count the number of the beast because it is the number of a person. Does this mean we are to count $6 + 6 + 6 = 18$. Or is the value of the mark six hundred and sixty six?

It is interesting to note that both Saturn and Mystery are Chaldean words, and they are correlative terms. As Mystery signifies the Hidden System of the Roman Catholic Church, so Saturn signifies the Hidden god of the Roman Catholic church. To those who were initiated the god was revealed; to all else he was hidden. That is one of the main reasons why for hundreds of years the RCC used the Latin language in its services. This was done because Latin was the mystery language (hidden language) that only the initiated could understand, equivalent to a declaration that the RCC is the Church of Mystery. I would like to also add that the name "Saturn" in Chaldea is pronounced "Satur", which in Chaldea consists of only four letters, thus "Stur". This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666. S=60, T=400, U=6, and R=200, STUR=666. Saturn and Janus, the hidden god (similar in fact to "Amen") is another of the many gods the Pope represents. Coincidentally, Saturn and Janus were both identical gods well known to all Romans in days of old, to the uninitiated and the initiated alike. Janus (in Babylon) was also known as "E-anush", or "the Man", or "godman", referring to the Babylonian Messiah. Keep this in mind when looking at Rev. 17:5.

Just as the identity of the anti-messiah has been concealed, so is the meaning of the number 666. I really don't think we will know the full truth until the beast comes to power. Until then, I would like to offer a simple, and hopefully reasonable, solution to the 666 debate.

Towards the end of the Bible in the book of the Revelation (chapters 13 and 14) there is prophecy concerning an end-time dictator who is scheduled to rule the whole world. In symbolic language he is called **The Beast!** Elsewhere in Scripture he is known as:

- * The Man of Sin
- * The Man Lawlessness
- * The Son of Perdition
- * The Little Horn
- * The Antichrist

When he appears he will order every soul on earth to receive his **mark**, his identifying **sign** or **signature** in their foreheads or right hands. No one will be able to buy and sell without first accepting the **mark!** This will be **economic sanctions** on a scale the world has never known. Regardless of nationality, color, or creed, it will apply to everyone who refuses to receive the **Mark of the Beast**. You may be sure it will be a testing time for all mankind and comparatively few people will pass the test. In the same prophecy **Yahveh, the Almighty One of Israel**, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob warns mankind that all who accept the Mark of the Beast will experience the full measure of His wrath, which is to be poured out undiluted, *'without mixture, into the cup of His indignation.'*

It is a terrifying prophecy to say the least and one you must understand if you want to escape the wrath of the Almighty. Bible commentators have through the centuries endeavoured to interpret this prophecy; and there is no shortage of explanations available.

There are probably as many explanations of the **Mark of the Beast** as there are religious denominations; and you are free to make your choice and believe the one which suits you best. But to be honest, we have to admit that nowhere in the Bible does the Almighty categorically say what the **Mark of the Beast** is. To be sure, He has given us some very good clues, which point the Believer to the truth: but of the Mark itself Scripture provides no clear cut definition. Nevertheless, in spite of this apparent lack, we will soon discover that Yah is by no means at fault here, the prophecy concerning the Mark of the Beast deserves careful consideration; for it is a revelation of such awesome prospect that only fools will continue to ignore it. Here, indeed, are divine threatenings which every man and woman the world over should pay special heed to; because they deal with a degree of punishment more severe than we can imagine, let alone describe. Please understand that I have no wish to dramatize the issue; nor do I want to piously play it down as though it were of little account. The gravity and urgency of this prophecy demands that I fearlessly present the facts to all who seek to escape the wrath of Yahveh the Mighty One of Israel.

Can you think of anywhere else in the Bible where people receive a mark? There are a few verses that stand out:

Gen. 4:15 So Yahveh said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And Yahveh appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him." This sign, mark, is commonly seen on Hindus, between their eyes. It has many meanings, but basically it is known to represent death, or the third eye.

Deut. 6:4-9 "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! ADONAI Eloheinu, ADONAI echad [Hear, Isra'el! ADONAI our God, ADONAI is one]; and you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources. 6 These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart; and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them on your hand as a sign, put them at the front of a headband around your forehead, 9 and write them on the door-frames of your house and on your gates.

Ezek. 9:4 Yahveh said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, [even] through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst." Here the mark is the exact opposite of the mark of Cain. It is used as a sign of Holy people.

UNDERSTANDING BIBLE PROPHECY

There exists in Scripture a fundamental principle regarding the **origin and understanding** of Bible prophecy. The principle is mentioned in this passage:

2Pet. 1:20-21 *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of Yahveh spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

Origin

Bible prophecy is not the product of human intellect or will power. It is a gift from Adonai. Holy men of old were inspired by the Holy Spirit: or, as the text says, "they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

Understanding

In exactly the same way, the understanding of **Bible prophecy** is also not a matter of human intellect or will power. One must be **given the understanding** just as the prophets of old were given the prophecy. In other words, spiritual eyesight is also **a gift from Yah**. This means that without the Holy Spirit it is virtually impossible to correctly understand, appreciate or even believe a Bible prophecy. Understanding must come from above either through:

Direct revelation, which few of us are privileged to receive, or

From the Bible itself, and then only if the Holy Spirit opens our minds to understand.

As far as this generation is concerned, we must look to the Bible to **interpret itself**: for none of us can compare with the prophets of old who had **direct revelation**.

Bearing these basic facts in mind, we will now seek to solve the mystery of the Mark of the Beast by **comparing Scripture with Scripture**. When we do this we see that **Yah also places His Name (His seal) in the foreheads of those who follow Him**.

Rev. 7:2-4 *And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Yahveh: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, {3}: Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our Yahveh in their foreheads. {4}: And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a 144,000 thousand four hundred and forty (correction made) of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

Rev.14:1 *"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him a 144,000 thousand four hundred and forty (correction made) having His Father's name written in on (correction made) their foreheads.*

After examining these verses about **Yah's name**, one cannot fail to see a similarity with those verses containing those two clues about the **Beast's Mark or name**. For here in this prophecy we are given a preview of two groups of people.

1. Those who accept the **Father's Name or Seal in their foreheads**. (Rev.7:2-4, Rev.14:1)
2. And those who accept the **Beast's Name or Mark in their foreheads**. (Rev.13:16)

In other words, **the Mark of the Beast and the Seal of Yahveh are both names and are both placed in the foreheads** of the people who receive them. Here we can clearly see that the Beast is attempting to **duplicate or counterfeit** the Almighty's program by similarly inscribing his **mark, his name** in people's foreheads. This passion to counterfeit the Almighty is a typical Satanic trait: for he never tires of counterfeiting the handiwork of Yah: not just to be like Him - which would be admirable - but to replace Yah. Beware of spiritual counterfeits which are **substitutes** of the genuine article.

These facts lead us to the conclusion that the **Beast's Mark is simply a counterfeit or substitute of Yahveh's signature and seal**. It follows that any information which we obtain concerning the **Seal and Signature of Yah** will obviously help us decipher the mystery of the mark of the beast.

YAH'S SIGN AND SEAL

According to the dictionary, the words '*sign*,' '*seal*,' '*signature*,' '*mark*,' '*inscription*,' etc., are synonyms. That is, they are different words with shades of similar meaning. Yahveh's seal, in short, is linked with His sign, His signature and His Name. And so for that matter is your own **sign or signature**. It is simply an inscription of your own **name**.

Well may we now ask, "**What then is the Almighty's Sign?** Is it a visible signature, mark or name that He inscribes on the foreheads of His people?" Obviously not, for this is a symbolic prophecy and, besides, Yahveh's law expressly forbids us making or receiving any marks on our bodies. **Lev. 19:28-29** "*You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am Elohim. 'Do not profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land will not fall to harlotry and the land become full of lewdness.'*" The Most High would hardly, therefore, expect His servants to receive a literal **mark or tattoo** on their foreheads if His law expressly forbids receiving marks. Oh no, Yah's signature or sign is certainly not a literal inscription or mark on the forehead.

Yah's signature or sign is very different from all these things, and because of its strangely unique nature

we will allow the Scriptures to tell you what it is.

Exod. 31:13 "*But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for [this] is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am Yahveh who sanctifies you.*"

Ezek. 20:12 "*Also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Yahveh who sanctifies them.*"

Ezek. 20:20 '*Sanctify My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am Yahveh your Elohim.*'

And there you have it! The Sabbath days in the Almighty's law are His signature, the special identifying SIGN He places on His people to signal to the universe that they are His: and that He has set them apart to sanctify them.

WHAT OF THE ALMIGHTY'S SEAL?

We are also told in **Isa. 8:16** that the God of Israel seals His people with His Law. **Bind up the testimony, SEAL THE LAW among my disciples.** In other words, the Almighty seals His people with **obedience**. Obedience, incidentally, is doing what the Most High commands, following in His steps, endeavouring to behave like Him. **The word "OBEY" you will find is the most dreaded word in christianity. It is the ultimate swear word to them obviously because they will have no part of obedience to the Living Word (Torah) of Holy One Of Israel. It is not on their mind or on their heart of stone.**

WHERE DOES YAH PLACE HIS SEAL AND SIGNATURE?

The Scriptures tell us that they are inscribed in the Believer's '**forehead**' meaning his/her 'mind.'
Hebr. 8:10: *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Yah I will put my laws into (onto) their mind, and write them -in-(on) their hearts: and I will be to them a Father, and they shall be to me a people:*

Deut. 6:8 *And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.*

Exod. 13:9 *And it (the Feast of Unleavened Bread) shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that Yah's law may be in thy mouth.*

According to these Scriptures, the Almighty's Seal is His law, and His Signature is defined as being the Sabbath days in His law. These are inscribed in the Believer's forehead, his mind. Yes, believe it or not, Yah's Sabbath days constitute His signature, His sign: and like Himself they cannot be changed or done away with. It's that simple.

THE ALMIGHTY'S SABBATHS

Do you know what the Almighty's Sabbaths are? Can you turn to the Scriptures and identify the Sabbath days of the Holy One of Israel?

The answer is: they are the seventh day of the week (Saturday) and the seven annual Sabbaths mentioned in Leviticus chapter 23. (The Feasts of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles). **These Sabbath days are the sacred memorials of Yah's finest and greatest achievements in the Plan of Salvation. They are the divinely appointed anniversaries of His work of creation, redemption and sanctification.** They represent the Almighty's signature and as part of His holy law are scheduled to be inscribed on the very minds of His true followers. This means that they will be understood, accepted, appreciated, remembered and observed for all time by the true children of the Most High. The anti christ is the one who promotes lawlessness.

In short, the Almighty is going to seal and sign His people of **OBEDIENCE, with HOLINESS.** When that event occurs, **we will bear His Name in our minds (forehead), and actions (right hand): which means we will reflect our heavenly Father's holy character.**

Why are these Sabbath days so important? They are important because they are a declaration of faith in the Person, the character, the handiwork, and the sanctifying power of **Yahveh the Almighty God of the Hebrews, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel.** In modern terms the Sabbath days listed in Leviticus 23 are the Eternal's '*trade mark,*' '*logo,*' '*His signet,*' '*His signature,*' '*His company seal,*' '*His badge,*' '*the 'symbol of His presence,' 'His Name:.'* When they are faithfully remembered, kept in mind, (in the forehead) by a Believer, they signal to the universe that person is Yahveh's property, and that He is even now impressing His Name upon that person's soul.

Isa. 8:16 *"Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*

Hebr. 10:16 *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith Yahveh, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.*

Now do you understand? Have you begun to grasp the awesome, spiritual significance of Yahveh's Law; and especially the Sabbath days in His law? In truth, they alone constitute the Almighty's Signature which He inscribes upon the minds of Believer's; which week by week and feast by feast strikingly sets them apart from all the peoples of this world, peculiar.

Yes, the Eternal's unchanging signature is the seventh day Sabbath (Saturday) and the seven annual Sabbaths in the Sacred Calendar. **Take these Sabbath days away, remove them from the environment of worship and you will lose the one and only identifying sign that distinguishes the servants of the God of Israel, from the rest of humanity.** That is a fact, a fact which will increasingly amaze you the more you consider it.

Paul's prophecy of **the Lawless One, the Man of Sin** is also another eye opening commentary on this same satanic power who will arise in the last days to oppose Yah and His law. **2Ths. 2:8** *"Then that lawless one will be revealed whom Yah will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;"*

You will notice in this chapter how the Apostle Paul describes the activities of the Antichrist as

"lawlessness." He calls him the "Man of Sin," (verse 3) the "mystery of iniquity" (verse 7). Look at all the lawless people that consider themselves Christians.

1John 3:4: Sin is the transgression of the law.

The 'Man of Sin', as the term implies, is an antagonist of divine law. He absolutely detests the Almighty's law and every commandment in it. He not only breaks Yah's law, but his main objective is to lead others into breaking it, into disobedience, into sin. That's why he's called the 'Man of Sin.' He's done a good job so far hasn't he?

According to the prophet Daniel (chapter 7:25) the main thrust of the Beast's hatred is directed against the divine commandment dealing with **sacred times**. And this can only mean the Sabbath commandment, which alone deals with the **element of time**.

Dan. 7:25 *And he (the little horn) shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.* The only laws in Scripture which deal, with the element of 'time' are the Sabbath laws of the Most High. These laws are directly linked with the Feast days in the sacred calendar. The Little horn vainly imagines that he can change Yah's law.



From this it becomes evident that the Man of Sin, the Antichrist, the Little Horn power, the **Beast**, will vainly imagine that he can somehow change the Sabbath days of the Almighty and replace them with days of his choosing - counterfeit sabbaths! And that dear reader is exactly what the Antichrist has tried to do. He has tried to set aside the sacred Sabbaths of the Most High by popularizing numerous festivals of his own choice. In other words, he has **dared to think that he could change the commandment**

concerning time in Yahveh's law. He's trying to

delete the Signature of the Almighty, by somehow replacing it with his own sign, his Mark!

A very well known early father of the Roman Catholic Church was excommunicated and banned by the Pope in 1246. Eberhard II, archbishop of Salzburg Germany (1200-1246) set forth the teaching that the "little horn" was the Pope, a wolf in shepherds' garb, the anti-christ, the son of perdition. John Foxe, noted writer of Foxe's Book Of Martyrs (1331-1360), John Wyclif, famous for his book The Mirror Of Antichrist, Walter Brute (1391), Sir John Oldcastle (1360-1417) famous preacher of Herefordshire, John Huss (1369-1415), Martin Luther (1483-1546), Nicolaus Von Amsdorf (1483-1565), Philip Melanchthon (1497-1560), John Calvin (1509-1564), John Knox (1505-1572), Huldreich Zwingli (1484-1531), John Napier (1550-1617), William Tyndale (1484-1536), King James (1566-1625), Nicholas Ridley (1500-1555), John Bradford (1510-1555), Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556), John Hooper (1495-1555), Thomas Becon (1511-1567), Hugh Latimer (1490-1555), John Jewel (1522-1571), Edwin Sandys (1519-1588), and John Wesley (1703-1791), founder of Methodism are just some of the famous respected preachers and teachers of years gone by, that spoke clearly about the Pope being the antichrist. The churches have already clearly fallen into the Roman anti-christ's trap. The Harlot is still leading her daughters, (those so-called SUNDAY type Protestants) in the business of religion, around the world.

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