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666 and the mark of the beast is the severest warning you will find in the entire Bible but today there is a massive number of interpretations on what 666 and the mark of the beast is. Most people believe that 666 is the mark of the beast but note closely that [Revelation 13:17](#) says, "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." Did you note that the mark of the beast is different to the number of his name being 666, which is the number of a man? The day will come when all people will get either the mark, the name, or the number. This doesn't mean that the government will say someday, "Do you want the mark, the name, or the number?"

Prophecy minded Christians of today imagine that 666 and the mark of the beast will come from the devil and will be enforced by the Antichrist and will be used to control buying and selling, and they assume it will be centred around some kind of high tech computer technology. [Revelation 13:16](#) says "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" The Bible does not specifically say it will be a "miniature biochip" or even that it will involve technology at all. These modern words, "computer," "biochip," "technology," "bar code," and "scanner" do not appear in Revelation. People just assume that it will happen this way.

The Bible does specifically say in [Revelation 19:20](#), "He deceived them that had received the mark of the beast" Did you notice that those who receive 666 or the mark of the beast are deceived. It stands to reason therefore that 666 and the mark of the beast must involve some sort of subtle deception, that is, it must not be too obvious or easily noticed. If it were, how could almost the entire world be misled? Jesus warned us that Satan's deceptions are so deceptive they can "deceive, if possible, even the elect." [Matthew 24:24](#). How deceptive would it be for someone to command everyone to accept a computerized biochip in their foreheads or in their hands? How many real people do you know who would accept big government implanting biochip technology inside their heads?

When we look carefully at Revelation, we discover that the mark of the beast is not the only thing placed in people's foreheads. Amazingly, the forehead is mentioned many times apart from the mark. The first time the mark is mentioned is in Revelation 13:16. Three verses later John saw a group called the 144,000 with the "Father's name written in their foreheads" [Revelation 14:1](#). This solitary verse places new light on the whole topic. One group gets the mark of the beast while the other group gets the Mark of God, that is, the name of God in their foreheads. Referring to the saved, the very last chapter of the Bible says, "They shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." [Revelation 22:4](#). Hence both saints and sinners will all have something in their foreheads one day. Does this mean that God's people will walk around with actual visible letters written on their foreheads?



The apostle John, who wrote Revelation, also saw an evil scarlet woman riding a beast. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" [Revelation 17:5](#). No one doubts this is a symbolic prophecy. There will be no real prostitute riding a beast and therefore the writing of that mysterious name upon her forehead is also symbolic as the woman here symbolically represents a Church.

Was the mark the Lord set upon Cain a physical mark or was it symbolic also? [Genesis 4:15](#) reads, "And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him." Did Cain spend the rest of his life with writing on His forehead and would anyone have acknowledged it?

The idea of the hand and forehead is not only found in Revelation. It is by no coincidence that Moses speaking of the Ten Commandments told the Israelites, "These Commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts... Tie them as symbols on your HANDS and bind them on your FOREHEADS" [Deuteronomy 6:6, 8](#). Note the KJV translates "on your foreheads" to "frontlets between thine eyes" which means forehead. Again Moses said, "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your HANDS and bind them on your FOREHEADS." [Deuteronomy 11:18](#). In other words, God said His Ten Commandment law was to be a sign upon our hands and foreheads. Where does the mark of the beast go? What about the Seal of God? So what is the symbolism behind your HANDS and FOREHEAD?

Some believe 666 and the mark is a microchip injected into the hand or forehead. Others feel it may be connected to a credit or national health card or even a bar code or tattoo. Are we to speculate to understand Bible prophecy? [2 Peter 1:20](#) "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." So what are all these theories you hear today on 666 and the mark of the beast being technology? They are speculation, which we are told not to do and are not necessary. So how about we take the Biblical approach and see what God's Word says 666 and the mark is.

Who is the beast that enforces the mark?

A sensible approach to understanding 666 and the mark of the beast would be to first identify who the beast is so we can then establish what 666 and their Mark is. So let's start with the origins of antichrist. John said that in his time there were MANY Antichrists and anyone that denies Jesus came in the flesh is antichrist. [2 John 1:7](#). This for example would include a Church that denies Jesus came in the flesh by saying that Christ took on the sinless nature of Mary's flesh. It may shock you to know that John said the origin of antichrist was from the early Church. [1 John 2:18-19](#) "Little children, it is the last time: and as you have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there MANY antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from US, but they were not of US; for if they had been of US, they would no doubt have continued with US: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of US." John is warning us that antichrist was part of the early Church that he and the other disciples established but went out on their own and formed their own Church. This is not an individual although could be headed by an individual, especially when you consider that Revelation 13:18 says that 666 is the number of a man heading this beast power. John is also pointing out that Antichrist means in place of Christ and not just against Christ. So who claims to be God on Earth and places himself in place of Christ? Which Church broke away from the early Church and makes this blasphemous claim?

Daniel 7 unlocks Revelation 13 and reveals who the beast is

When Bible prophecy is symbolic in nature, the well known and proven day for a year principle is applied demonstrated by Luke 13:32-33, Ezekiel 4:6, and Numbers 14:34. Beginning with [Daniel 7:3](#), we find Daniel in vision and he sees “four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.” These four beasts were like a lion (*Babylon*), a bear (*Medo-Persia*), a leopard (*Greece*) with four heads (*Alexanders four generals that took over when he died suddenly*) and some dreadful, terrible beast (*Rome*) that had ten horns. Some privately speculate that the Beast is Satan which is easily proved wrong by [Revelation 20:10-11](#) which says, “And the **DEVIL** that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the **BEAST** and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” Since we are told not to speculate, what does the Bible say a Beast is? [Daniel 7:23](#) states, “The fourth **beast** (*Rome*) shall be the fourth **kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”



[Daniel 7:24](#) informs us that “the ten horns out of this kingdom (*Rome*) are ten kings (*divided Europe*) that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.” When the Roman Empire collapsed it divided into ten kingdoms. The king that subdued three of these ten kingdoms is called the little horn in Daniel 7:8 because it is a small kingdom and history reveals that the three of the ten kingdoms it destroyed were the Vandals the Heruli and the Ostrogoths. History already proves beyond doubt that this diverse kingdom was a religious political power that was responsible for their demise because they opposed them. Do you know who this little horn is yet which is synonymous with the beast enforcing the mark? [Daniel 7:25](#) informs us this little horn power would “speak great words against the most High [God]” and oppress God’s people and most importantly it states that he will *think to change times and laws*. What power changed the law of God? This is a very significant statement that many do not even stop to consider but is of the utmost importance and we are warned of this change with very good reason. Most Christians are keeping this law unknowingly in reverence to the beast power and the majority of Christians have absolutely no idea.

Moving now to Revelation Chapter 13, we see something really incredible. John in his vision sees exactly the same thing that Daniel saw as a composite beast. Note how it matches Daniel seven precisely. It says that a beast (*kingdom government or political power*) with seven heads and ten horns rises out of the sea with a crown upon each horn (*ten kings*) and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. Verse 2 goes on to say the beast was like unto a *leopard* and feet of a *bear* and mouth of a *lion* (*same four beasts*) and that the dragon (*Satan*) gave this beast his power, his throne, and his vast authority. Verse 3 through 6 then states that one of the seven heads (*head representing the Papacy*) had received a fatal wound (*causing death*) but his deadly wound was healed and all the world would wonder after the beast and they worshipped the dragon which gave power to the beast and they worshipped the beast also. The beast was allowed to make proud claims which were insulting to God, and it was permitted to have authority for 42 months. [Daniel 7:25](#) says, “a time (*1 year*) and times (*2 years*) and the dividing of time (*half a year = total 3.5 years * 12 Months = 42 months*)” which of course is the same period of time. (*Bible time works in lunar months which = 30 days * 42 months = 1260 days and using the day for a year rule = 1260 years*). It opened its mouth and uttered *blasphemies against God* and blasphemed his name and his residence, that is, those who are living in heaven. Verse seven states that it was also allowed to fight against God’s people and defeat them, and it was given authority over every tribe, nation, language and race.

How many countries have beasts that represent their country? For example; Australia has the Kangaroo and America, the Bald Eagle. God has done the same thing with symbolic Bible prophecy and has used beasts to represent kingdoms. This is seen in [Daniel 7:17](#) and [7:23](#) where the Bible clearly identifies a Beast as a kingdom or government or a political power and does not mean something beastly as many assume. After the severest persecution in A.D. 321, Constantine who was a pagan became Caesar in Rome and he saw the balance of power shifting from paganism to the Church. So in 321 A.D. Constantine passed the first law enforcing Sunday worship. Previously there had never been a law enforcing Sunday observance. Two years later Constantine joined the Catholic Church and so now we had a mingling of paganism with the Church. In order to control the eastern and western halves of his empire, Constantine moved his empire from Rome to Byzantium by building a city there, which he named Constantinople after himself and thus transferred his headquarters over to Constantinople leaving Rome vacant. As a result the Papal Church moved in and sat on the throne of Caesar and so the Church took over Rome. This explains what [Revelation 13:2](#) means, “and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” The dragon as previously stated represents Satan. See [Revelation 12:9](#) and [20:2](#).

[Revelation 13:5](#) says this first beast would also blaspheme God. [Luke 5:21](#) reads, “And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?”

Today in the Catholic Church they allege that every Priest has power to forgive sins. Catholic Quote: “To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of God... The Jews justly said: ‘Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ But what only GOD can do by His omnipotence, the PRIEST can ALSO do by saying ‘Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis’ [I absolve you from your sin].” — Alphonsus de Liguori, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest*, pages 34-35.

No man on Earth can forgive sins. As for power, Elizabeth I defied the Pope and he sent word to all Catholics in England not to obey the Queen. Henry of Germany offended the Pope and he had to stand barefoot in the snow for three days to pay penance to the Pope before he would forgive him.

The Papacy also regularly make claims to take the place of God on Earth, which is clearly according to the Word of God blasphemous. [John 10:33](#) says, “The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone you not; but for blasphemy; and because that you, being a man, makest thyself God.” As stated previously, the beast makes many blasphemous claims and this is another Biblical definition for blasphemy and criteria for identifying the beast enforcing the mark.

Remember that the apostle John demonstrated that antichrist came from the early Church and he also demonstrated that antichrist was in place of God. Does the Pope put himself in place of Christ, and hence match the definition of antichrist?

"We hold upon this earth the place of God almighty." — Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical Letter, June 20, 1894.

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of human flesh." — Catholic National, July 1895.

"The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth." — Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Chapter XXVII, p. 218, "Cities Petrus Bertanous."

Revelation 13:7 says the beast would fight against God's people and defeat them. This coming statement is not intended to foster any ill towards another as this would be contrary to Christian teaching and not only that but over the centuries, many wonderful Christian people from the Catholic Church have done many outstanding deeds. But truth is truth and the sad truth is the Roman Catholic Church murdered and tortured between 50 and 150 million people as heretics.

Who do the Catholic Church say are heretics?

"Heretics (those who are not members of the Catholic Church or who do not hold to Catholic doctrine) worship a God who is a liar, and a Christ who is a liar." — St. Augustine, (quoted in "Patrologiae Cursus Completus: Series Graeca", by Fr. J. P. Migne, Paris: 1866, 42:207).

How does the Papal Church say they should deal with heretics?

"When confronted with heresy, she (Catholic Church) does not content herself with persuasion, arguments of an intellectual and moral order appear to her insufficient, and she has recourse to force, to corporal punishment, to torture." — The Rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris, H.M.A. Baudrillart, quoted in The Catholic Church, The Renaissance, and Protestantism, p 182-183.

"A heretic merits the pains of fire...By the Gospel, the canons, civil law, and custom, heretics must be burned." — The American Textbook of Popery, p 164 (quoting from the "Directory for the Inquisitors").

What about this mysterious number 666 that sends a shiver down the spine of so many people when they hear or see it, as they conceive it as being the devils number. Is 666 really the devils number? The book of Revelation says that 666 is the number of his name and that it is the number of a man. [Revelation 13:16-18](#) reads, "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: **17** 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**. **18** Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding **count the number** of the beast: for it is the **number of a man**; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." The word translated "count" in the verse eighteen above means to *count, compute, calculate or reckon* according to the Thayer dictionary.

So 666 is the number of a mans name and Revelation says that this man is the head of this antichrist beast power. Since the beast power is the Papal Church, it is not hard to work out who the most prominent man of this system is. The Pope wears a *triple* tiered crown which signifies he is the king of Heaven and Earth and Purgatory. This of course is obviously wrong. There is a King of Kings and His name is Jesus Christ our Lord. He is King of Heaven and King of Earth and since there is no purgatory, that one can go to the Bishop of Rome. On the original crown are inscribed the words in Latin, the Papal title "VICARIUS FILII DEI", which means "Vicar of Christ" or Substitute for Christ, which is synonymous with Antichrist, i.e., assuming the power of God on earth. The literal meaning of each word of this Papal title is as follows: VICARIUS - *substituting for, or in place of*, FILII - *means son* and DEI - *means God*. They now deny that this was ever a Papal title but the evidence though it is no longer blatantly obvious, does still exist. Here is one of their very own quotes.

Question: "What are the letters supposed to be in the Pope's crown, and what do they signify if anything?"

Answer: "The letters inscribed in the Pope's mitre are these: *Vicarius Filii Dei*, which is the Latin for *Vicar of the Son of God*. Catholics hold that the Church which is a visible society must have a visible head. Christ, before His ascension into heaven, appointed St. Peter to act as His representative. Upon the death of Peter the man who succeeded to the office of Peter as Bishop of Rome, was recognized as the head of the Church. Hence to the Bishop of Rome, as head of the Church, was given the title 'Vicar of Christ.' Enemies of the Papacy denounce this title as a malicious assumption. But the Bible informs us that Christ did not only give His Church authority to teach, but also to rule. Laying claim to the authority to rule in Christ's spiritual kingdom, in Christ's stead, is not a whit more malicious than laying claim to the authority to teach in Christ's name. And this every Christian minister does." — Our Sunday Visitor, (Catholic Weekly), April 18, 1915, thirteenth question under "Bureau of Information," p. 3, (on page 2 appears "sanctions for the editor" from Pope Pius X, dated May 17, 1914; from the Apostolic Delegate, John Bonzano, dated April 27, 1913; and from J. H. Alerding, Bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., dated March 29, 1912).



V=5	F=0	D=500
I=1	I=1	E=0
C=100	L=50	I=1
A=0	I=1	
R=0	I=1	
I=1		
U=5		
S=0		

Total 112 + 53 + 501 = 666

Some that oppose this truth say it was manufactured by the largest Sabbath keeping Church today but you might be surprised to know that the knowledge of 666 being the number of the Pope is not new. This was common knowledge by many of the early Protestants since about 1620 which is more than 200 hundred years before this Church existed. You can always guarantee there will be opposition to all truth as the enemy will do every thing in his power to ensure that truth does not become popular or common knowledge.

Above is a Papal tiara that was presented to Pius IX by Belgium in 1871. Select the picture of the tiara to view full size or here for a [cropped version](#). The complete inscription including text on the unseen sides is: IESV CHRISTI VICARIO INFALLIBILI ORBIS SVPREMO IN TERRA RECTORI REGVM ATQVE POPVLORVM PATRI which translates to: *To the Infallible Vicar of Jesus Christ To the Supreme Governor of the World on Earth To the Father of Nations and Kings*.

Every criteria specified by the Bible is met by this beast that enforces the mark. The Bible says this beast would receive a deadly head wound. The Pope took over Rome and rose to power in 538 A.D. The Bible informs us they would have uninterrupted power for 1260 years which brings us to 1798. So what happened in 1798? Precisely on time as prophesied, in 1798 Napoleon sent his General Berthier down to Rome to kidnap the Pope and exiled and imprisoned him in France. In 1799 the Pope became ill and died. The head of the Catholic Church was dead! This is the deadly head wound. For a while there was no head of the Roman Church. The Encyclopaedia Americana, 1941 edition says. "In 1798 he (Berthier) made his entrance into Rome, ABOLISHED THE PAPAL GOVERNMENT and established a secular one." The Bible says the deadly wound would be healed, and in 1800 they elected a new Pope and the healing of the deadly wound began.

However, this newly elected Pope had no real power until 1929 when a man in Italy called Benito Mussolini signed a concordat in Rome giving back to the Pope, not the whole city but over 100 acres which is now known as the Vatican, and so the healing of the deadly wound continues. As a result, the Bible says, "the whole world wondered after the beast." This picture shows Benito Mussolini reading his credentials prior to signing the Lateran Treaty on behalf of King Victor Emmanuel III. Cardinal Gasparri (person seated), signed on behalf of Pope Pius XI. American Presidents have bowed before the Pope but they have never bowed before the head of any other Church.



With the arrival of the printing press in the 15th century and the resulting explosion of Bibles accessible in the common language from many Protestant sources, it became readily evident to those who could now study the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation particularly, that Bible prophecy identified by the use of symbols, a persecuting apostate Church generally known as antichrist. If we list the many characteristics of antichrist, the following becomes readily apparent.

1. It would rise to be a great power after the fall of the pagan Roman Empire. (after 476 A.D.)
2. It would geographically be a small nation. (a little horn)
3. It would uproot three of the ten kingdoms the Roman Empire collapsed into and reveals who on this point alone.
4. It would rule over many nations, people and tongues. (it will be universal)
5. It would be headquartered in the city of seven hills, Rome.
6. It would be a religio-political entity - a political city-state ruled by a priest-king.
7. It would have a priest-king that would make great and blasphemous claims.
8. It would claim authority over all kings.
9. It would claim its power to change the holy times and laws of God as its MARK of authority.
10. It would be an apostate Church that makes the nations drink her cup of apostate doctrine.
11. It would be a "mother" Church, with apostate daughters coming from her.
12. It would be a persecuting power, killing the faithful saints of Jesus Christ as heretics.
13. It would hold power and authority for 1260 years following the fall of pagan Rome.
14. It would suffer a deadly wound that will end 1260 years of dominance and persecution.
15. It would be revived after the deadly wound and all the world would wonder at its revival.

In this the "Historical" interpretation, the antichrist was clearly not merely just a single individual, it was a system of apostasy and persecution that would hold control for over twelve centuries. The inevitable conclusion of those who studied these prophecies in scripture, before and during the Protestant Reformation, was that there was only ONE entity that fits all the above characteristics: the Papal dynasty of the Roman Catholic Church. Is it any wonder that the Catholic Church was so violently opposed to the scriptures being available for everyone to read for themselves?

The Protestant Reformation

Satan obviously does not want anyone to know who the Antichrist beast power is as this would certainly give Christians the upper hand in understanding what 666 and the mark of the beast is. So naturally, Satan has many counter lies coming against this truth. Besides the fact that history and the Bible is clear that it can be none other than the Papacy, are these just our thoughts or is it the understanding of many theologians? The Protestant Reformation in the 1500's literally changed the course of history and helped move Europe out of the Dark Ages and led to the rise of true religious freedom. Its original principles eventually found expression in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America which teaches that when it comes to religion, the governments on earth have no right to control the conscience.

True Protestantism teaches the priesthood of all believers (2 Peter 2:9-10) and every person anywhere can be saved by coming directly to our loving heavenly Father through His only Son, Jesus Christ (John 14:6). "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5. It also teaches salvation by grace through faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8) and the supremacy of the Bible above the visible Church, (2 Timothy 3:16) above traditions, Pastors, Kings, Priests and Popes.

Below are several quotes on what the major Protestant Reformers taught about antichrist. Please note that no offence is intended towards any person, for this would be contrary to the teaching of Jesus Christ (John 13:34-35), but rather to just simply present what some of the most significant Christian leaders who have ever lived believed about "the man of sin" (2 Thessalonians 2:3), "the little horn" (Daniel 7:8) and "the beast" (Revelation 13:1) and about the antichrist.

John Wycliffe "When the western church was divided for about 40 years between two rival popes, one in Rome and the other in Avignon, France, each pope called the other pope antichrist - and John Wycliffe is reputed to have regarded them as both being right: "two halves of Antichrist, making up the perfect Man of Sin between them." — Ibid

Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) (Anglican): "Whereof it followeth Rome to be the seat of antichrist, and the pope to be very antichrist himself. I could prove the same by many other scriptures, old writers, and strong reasons." (Referring to prophecies in Revelation and Daniel.) — *Works by Cranmer*, Vol. 1, pp. 6-7.

John Wesley (1703-1791) (Methodist): Speaking of the Papacy, John Wesley wrote, “He is in an emphatical sense, the Man of Sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he is, too, properly styled the Son of Perdition, as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers... He it is...that exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped...claiming the highest power, and highest honour...claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone.” — *Antichrist and His Ten Kingdoms*, by John Wesley, pg. 110.

Martin Luther (1483-1546) (Lutheran): Based on prophetic studies, Martin Luther finally declared, “We here are of the conviction that the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist.” (Aug. 18, 1520). — *Taken from The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, by LeRoy Froom. Vol. 2., pg. 121. “Luther ... proved, by the revelations of Daniel and St. John, by the epistles of St. Paul, St. Peter, and St. Jude, that the reign of Antichrist, predicted and described in the Bible, was the Papacy ... And all the people did say, Amen! A holy terror seized their souls. It was Antichrist whom they beheld seated on the pontifical throne. This new idea, which derived greater strength from the prophetic descriptions launched forth by Luther into the midst of his contemporaries, inflicted the most terrible blow on Rome.” — *Taken from J. H. Merle D'aubigne's History of the Reformation of the Sixteen Century*, book vi, chapter xii, p. 215.

John Calvin (1509-1564) (Presbyterian): “Some persons think us too severe and censorious when we call the Roman pontiff Antichrist. But those who are of this opinion do not consider that they bring the same charge of presumption against Paul himself, after whom we speak and whose language we adopt... I shall briefly show that (Paul's words in II Thess. 2) are not capable of any other interpretation than that which applies them to the Papacy.” — *Taken from Institutes of the Christian Religion*, by John Calvin.

Roger Williams (1603-1683) (First Baptist Pastor in America): Pastor Williams spoke of the Pope as “the pretended Vicar of Christ on earth, who sits as God over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God, but over the souls and consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God himself...speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but he is the son of perdition (II Thess. 2).” — *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, by Froom, Vol. 3, pg. 52.

John Knox (1505-1572) (Scotch Presbyterian): John Knox sought to counteract “that tyranny which the pope himself has for so many ages exercised over the church.” As with Luther, he finally concluded that the Papacy was “the very antichrist, and son of perdition, of whom Paul speaks.” — *The Zurich Letters*, by John Knox, pg. 199.

Cotton Mather (1663-1728) (Congregational Theologian): “The oracles of God foretold the rising of an Antichrist in the Christian Church: and in the Pope of Rome, all the characteristics of that Antichrist are so marvelously answered that if any who read the Scriptures do not see it, there is a marvelous blindness upon them.” — *Taken from The Fall of Babylon* by Cotton Mather in Froom's book, *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, Vol. 3, pg. 113.

The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647): “There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition that exalteth himself in the church against Christ and all that is called God.” — *Taken from Philip Schaff's, The Creeds of Christendom, With a History and Critical Notes*, III, p. 658, 659, ch. 25, sec. 6.

A Great Cloud of Witnesses: “John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, [Tyndale Bible] Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer; in the seventeenth century, Bunyan, the translators of the King James Bible and the men who published the Westminster and Baptist confessions of Faith; Sir Isaac Newton, John Wesley, Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards; and more recently Spurgeon, Bishop J.C. Ryle and Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones; these men among countless others, all saw the office of the Papacy as the antichrist.” — *Taken from All Roads Lead to Rome*, by Michael de Semlyen. Dorchester House Publications, p. 205. 1991.

What does it mean that this beast power would change God's law?

We saw earlier that Daniel 7:25 says that this beast power would change the law of God. Did the Roman Catholic Church change God's law and so meet this criteria? Does the Pope believe he can change the law of God?

“*The Pope is of great authority and power, that he is able to modify, declare, or interpret even divine laws. The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth...*” — Lucius Ferraris, in “*Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica, Juridica, Moralis, Theologica, Ascetica, Polemica, Rubristica, Historica*”, Volume V, article on “Papa, Article II”, titled “Concerning the extent of Papal dignity, authority, or dominion and infallibility”, #30, published in Petit-Montrouge (Paris) by J. P. Migne, 1858 edition.

“*We may according to the fullness of our power, dispose of the law and dispense above the law. Those whom the Pope of Rome doth separate, it is not a man that separates them but God. For the Pope holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man but of the true God....dissolves, not by human but rather by divine authority....I am in all and above all, so that God Himself and I, the vicar of God, hath both one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do...Wherefore, no marvel, if it be in my power to dispense with all things, yea with the precepts of Christ.*” — *Decretales Domini Gregori ix Translatione Episcoporum*, (on the Transference of Bishops), title 7, chapter 3; *Corpus Juris Canonice* (2nd Leipzig ed., 1881), col. 99; (Paris, 1612), tom. 2, *Decretales*, col. 205 (while Innocent III was Pope).

What law did the beast change and by whose authority?

In 1562 the Archbishop of Reggio openly declared that tradition now stood above scripture. This is what he wrote. “*The authority of the Church is illustrated most clearly by the scriptures, for on one hand she recommends them, declares them to be divine, and offers them to us to be read, and on the other hand, the legal precepts in the scriptures taught by the Lord have ceased by virtue of the same authority. The Sabbath, the most glorious day in the law, has been changed into the Lord's day. These and other similar matters have not ceased by virtue of Christ's teaching (for He says that He has come to fulfill the law, not to destroy it), but they have been changed by the authority of the Church.*” — Gaspare de Posso, Archbishop of Reggio, Council of Trent.

In the Roman Catholic Catechism we also find the following questions and answers in regards the Sabbath:

Question: Which day is the Sabbath day?

Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the council of Laodicea (A.D. 364), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. — Rev. Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p. 50, 3rd edition, 1957.

We know what 666 is but what is the Mark of the Beast?

Knowing who the first beast of Revelation 13 is that enforces the Mark, perhaps the best approach would be to ask the Catholic Church what they say their Mark is. But first consider these ten points identifying what the mark of the beast is.

Ten Points defining 666 and the Mark of the Beast

- 1) The mark comes from the beast, which represents the Roman Catholic Church.
- 2) The mark of the beast is deceptive and so is not obvious. (Revelation 19:20)
- 3) The warning against the mark will be given with a loud voice, thus it must be clear and easy to understand. (Revelation 14:9)
- 4) The three angels reveal a comprehensive message from God before the second coming of Jesus Christ to the entire world to help people understand the mark. (Revelation 14:6-16)
- 5) The mark involves a special sin against God Himself, for those who receive it will drink the wine of His wrath. (Revelation 14:9-11)
- 6) The mark will be received on the forehead, which represents the mind, or on the hand, which represents the actions. (Revelation 14:9; Deuteronomy 6:5-8; 11:18)
- 7) The mark has something to do with the changing of God's law. (compare Daniel 7:25 with Revelation 13:16)
- 8) Those who worship Jesus Christ as Creator will not get the mark. (Revelation 14:7, 9-11)
- 9) Those who keep the Ten Commandments will not get the mark. (Revelation 14:9, 12)
- 10) 666 is the number of a mans *name* from the beast power that we have to add or count. (Revelation 13:17-18)

What does the Roman Catholic Church say their Mark is?

The following quotes from the Roman Catholic Church are their views on being able to change the Ten Commandments of God. Note what the Roman Catholic Church actually say their MARK is. Their statements are extremely credible when you consider their definition is perfectly consistent with absolutely all other scripture in regards to the mark of the beast.

"The Pope is of great authority and power, that he is able to modify, declare, or interpret even divine laws. The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth..." — Lucius Ferraris, in "Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica, Juridica, Moralis, Theologica, Ascetica, Polemica, Rubristica, Historica", Volume V, article on "Papa, Article II", titled "Concerning the extent of Papal dignity, authority, or dominion and infallibility", #30, published in Petit-Montrouge (Paris) by J. P. Migne, 1858 edition.

*"Of course the Catholic church claims that the change [i.e. Sabbath to Sunday] was her act, and the act as a **MARK** of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things."* — H.F. Thomas, Chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons. [Parenthesis added]

*"Sunday is our **MARK** or authority. . .the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact"* — Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1,1923.

The Catholic Church declares their MARK to be their power to change God's *times and laws*. (Daniel 7:25) The only problem here as we have already seen from scripture, is that man cannot change God's laws. The created can not change what the Creator has put in place for His creation such as His unchanging law of love. See also Mark 7:6-9.

The Great Controversy

Remember that a woman in prophecy represents a true or an Apostate Church. Revelation chapters 12-19 all reference the same Apostate Church that persecuted the saints for 1260 years. For more information see [Mystery Babylon](#) and for a very deep and detailed study that proves beyond doubt [Who is the Antichrist](#), select this link.

What is about to be presented here has seismic implications and is something that Satan has hundreds of deceptions to prevent the Christian world from knowing. Our adversary will stop at nothing to have you see the greater picture of what is happening in this regard. It is literally about good and evil, God's true Church and an apostate Church and most importantly, and do NOT miss this point - whom we Worship. [Revelation 13:2](#) says "...and the dragon [Satan] gave him [the Pope] his power, and his seat, and great authority." If you observe nothing else here, please at least understand the following points. **Satan wants to be worshipped as God** (Isaiah 14:12-14). Worship is ultimately found in the Church so Satan has to achieve his worship from the Church. He also found that he could inflict more damage on the Church from within, so Satan gave his "power, and his seat, and great authority" to the first beast of Revelation 13, the Papacy, which is the "great whore", mystery Babylon the mother of harlots that is drunk on the blood of the saints she murdered through the dark ages (Revelation 17:1-6). **He did this to obtain the Worship he coveted.**

The Levite Priests had the colour blue in their robes (Exodus 28:4-6) which represented God's law (Numbers 15:38-40). Did you note that this Harlot woman (Church) has exactly the same colours of the Old Testament Priest's robes except blue? Catholic Priest robes are also missing the colour blue and not by coincidence. This whole scene is symbolic of a Church in control of state (kingdom) that has changed and forgotten the law of God. The Sabbath is a **SIGN** that it is the true God we worship and belong to; therefore, keeping the wrong day has us fall short of this promise. Paganism from Satan is deeply rooted in Sun worship, so one of the first things Satan had to accomplish was to change the day of worship to a day that he instituted and DIFFERENT from the day that is a **SIGN** that we belong to God.

God created the world in six literal days so we have a six day week... right? No. God added ONE extra day to the week so man could rest in Jesus and Worship Him totally on this day. The extra day added cannot go in place of the first day as it was a **WORK** day and was used for creating this world. The Seventh day which is the extra day God added with only one purpose is the day that God blessed and sanctified and made Holy. It is not just about a day of worship, **IT IS A SIGN** that it is God we worship and give our allegiance to. It is **NOT** a sign that it is God we belong to if we keep another secular day. It is THE Seventh day that was added to the week for this ONE and ONLY purpose. It cannot move or end as it is part of a much bigger plan that Christians need to open their hearts and spiritual minds to.

We find in the Bible that the number SEVEN to God represents perfection and completeness. On the other hand, man was created on day SIX and this number represents the worship of man, the number of man and signifies his rebellion, imperfection, works and disobedience. The image that Nebuchadnezzar made in rebellion to God was 60 cubits high, six cubits wide and when the other dimension is not given it is the same as the width. This means this man made image had the dimensions of 666. The number THREE represents the God head and so *triple six* represents something very wrong.

If this very special Commandment, the Seventh day Sabbath, were abolished at the cross then we would no longer need the Seventh day of the week and therefore God would have changed our week back to SIX days representing man and no longer perfection and completeness. Would God change the days of the week to a number representing man and not perfection and completeness? Not a chance! The Seventh day is here to stay and was added for no other purpose. Number SEVEN and the Seventh day is very significant in more ways than one and is something we need to try and understand. Napoleon knew the significance of this and hated Christianity which is also part of why he ended the Popes rule and tried to change to a ten day week. His attempt at doing so obviously failed. Due to the significance and importance of a SEVEN day week, God no doubt had his hand on this situation as well to ensure it did not come to pass.

There are now over [500 different denominations](#) that keep the Seventh day Sabbath, but why does most of the remainder of the Christian World have literally hundreds of different reasons for NOT keeping the true Sabbath? How many reasons do you think there should be as to why the very law that God spoke and wrote in person has been reduced to nine Commandments? One might imagine one or two reasons, but I have been given more than a hundred. This absolutely ridiculous number of excuses can only be possible if the enemy is desperate to convince us that this day has no significance. If Christians don't start opening their minds to the significance and truth of this one Commandment then many will perish in the end as the book of Revelation tells us when it says the whole world will be deceived.

[Revelation 13:12](#) says, "*And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*"

Is the entire world truly and literally going to bow down and worship the Catholic Church? That is just not feasible, logical or possible. So what does this verse actually mean? Looking at this from a different angle for a moment, how is it that we show it is God we obey and worship and hence give our allegiance to? In reference to God feeding His people with manna in the wilderness, for forty years God worked three miracles every week to show Israel which day was holy. **1)** No manna fell on the seventh day. **2)** They could not keep it overnight without spoilage, but **3)** when they kept it over the Sabbath, it remained sweet and fresh. What did God do to see if His children would keep His Commandments?

[Exodus 16:4](#) "*Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, **that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.***"

God wanted to find if they would obey Him and keep ALL of His Commandments and laws, and how did God do that? He tested their allegiance to Him by seeing if they would keep His Seventh day Sabbath or not. The Sabbath was the test Commandment to see if they would obey God and worship Him alone. Did they pass the test?

[Exodus 16:28](#) "*And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse you to keep **my Commandments and my laws?***"

They failed to keep the Sabbath on the seventh day as instructed by God as miserably as most do today and He accused them of breaking ALL His Commandments and laws. This is very significant. It is a SIGN that it is God we obey and worship by keeping this one Commandment. It proves our allegiance to Him. This is the only Commandment that defines that it is God the Creator that we do worship. Here are some of the scriptures that show the Sabbath is a sign that it is God we love, obey and worship and that it is God that sanctifies and makes us Holy when we keep His weekly Sabbaths.

[Ezekiel 20:12](#) "*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.*"

[Ezekiel 20:20](#) "*And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a SIGN between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.*"

[Exodus 31:16-17](#) "*Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a PERPETUAL covenant. 17 It is a SIGN between me and the children of Israel FOREVER: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.*"



Does this perpetual covenant that is a SIGN forever, (Exodus 31:13-17) apply only to the Israel of God? Today there is an Israel of the flesh (1 Corinthians 10:18) and an Israel of God, Galatians 6:16. The Israel of the flesh are those that are Jews by birth. The Israel of God is anyone who belongs to Christ and is under the New Covenant. If we are Christ's then we are spiritual Jews and the Israel of God. If we reject this truth then we cannot be under the New Covenant. Observe below who the New Covenant was ONLY made with. This came into effect when the Jews rejected God's message from Stephen (Acts 6:8-7:60) and stoned him. See also Romans 2:28-29, Romans 9:6-8 and Galatians 3:28-29.

[Hebrews 8:10](#) "*For this is the covenant that I will make with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*"

America already has blue laws for Sunday worship already in place in most states and something we will go into more detail later. Some crisis in earth's final history will no doubt bring about a new world order that will cause a reuniting of Church and State (two horns, Revelation 13:11-12) as in the dark ages. As a result these blue laws will be enforced and accepted as being for our benefit. So how will the world be made to worship the Papacy? In exactly the same way we prove our allegiance to God. By worshipping on the day that Satan instituted through his agent the Papacy. When you worship on their day, you give your allegiance to the enemy who gave them their "power, seat and great authority" (Revelation 13:2) for this purpose. This is total rebellion against God and why it carries the wrath of God (Revelation 14:9-11). By worshipping on the Seventh day, it proves that we walk in God's laws and that we are giving our allegiance to Him.

Revelation 14 is unmistakably about whom we worship and keeping God's Commandments. It is easy to see if you truly love God with all your heart, might and soul. So does the fourth Commandment and the day matter? Even if you don't fully understand it, you better believe it's very important to God. We need to understand that we demonstrate our worship to God by our love and obedience. Isn't love and obedience through faith what is important to God? Who are we going to give our allegiance to? Are we going to keep the day that Satan desires to be worshipped on or the day that God added to the week that is also a memorial of creation and a day that defines that it is God we Worship and belong to? *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

When God gave the Ten Commandments in fiery majesty, He had purpose in every Commandment. Not one was intended to change. Each and every one are to last as long as heaven and earth. If you study the table below you should see the bigger picture and why Satan changed the day through paganism.

God's True Church	The Apostate Church
 <p>"a woman clothed with the sun..." is the church <small>Rev. 21:9; Rom. 7:8</small></p>	 <p>"The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality" contrast intended <small>Revelation 17:4</small> between the true church and the apostate church</p>
Clothed with the sun (God/Church is light. 1 John 1:5; Matthew 5:14)	Clothed in purple and scarlet (Sin/Corruption. Revelation 17:3; Isaiah 1:18)
The remnant Church (from the original) (Revelation 12:17)	Mother of Harlots (other Churches came from her) (Revelation 17:5)
It is God who wants the Worship and receives it (Revelation 14:7)	It is Satan who wants the worship and receives it (Revelation 13:4)
Christ is the head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23)	Man is the head of the Church (Catholic Church quote)
Christ is it's power and authority (Jude 1:25)	Satan gave it its power and authority (Revelation 13:2)
Based on scripture (Acts 17:11, 1 John 2:5)	Based on Tradition (Catholic Church quote, Mark 7:6-9)
Keeps God's Commandments (Revelation 12:17, 14:12)	Changed God's Commandments (Daniel 7:25)
Worships God only (Keeps 2nd Commandment)	Worships Idols (2nd Commandment deleted)
Keeps God's true Sabbath day of Worship	Changed the Sabbath to Satan's day of Worship
True day of Worship is based on the Word	False day of worship comes from Paganism
True day comes from worship of the Son of God (Exodus 31:16-17; Isaiah 58:13-14)	False day came from worship of the Sun god (Ezekiel 8:16)
Our allegiance is to God when we worship on His holy day	Our allegiance is to Satan when we worship on their day
Jesus is the capstone (Matthew 21:42; 1 Peter 2:7)	Satan through Paganism is the capstone (Revelation 13:2)
Does not commit fornication (Revelation 12:17, 14:12)	Commits spiritual fornication (Revelation 14:8, 17:2, 4, 18:3, 9)
Works on destroying the powers of Satan (Luke 9:1)	Satan through her tried to destroy God's true Church (Revelation 13:7, Daniel 7:25)
Preaches the 3 angels messages One message warns of the Mark of the Beast	Does not preach the 3 angels messages The MARK of the Beast is her MARK
Reigns with Christ for ever and ever (Revelation 22:5)	Destroyed by God and thrown into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20)

The Mark of the Beast cannot be a Computer Chip



Many have been led to believe that the mark of the beast must be an implanted computer chip such as a biochip or verichip, partially because the KJV Bible states that the mark is **in** the hand or **in** the forehead. The mark of the beast is Satan's counterfeit for the mark of God which is called His seal. Is the mark or seal of God a computer chip or some other technology? Of course not. It is symbolic as is the mark of the beast. As the mark of the beast is symbolic, "in" or "on" is not relevant but for the sake of clearing up this misconception, we will discuss this speculation that scripture says is not allowed or necessary. Below you will find three of the scriptures concerned.

The Strong's number for the word that the KJV Bible has translated as "in" is G1909 and I have given the Thayer definition below as it is easier to understand. You will note that the word "in" does not even qualify for a mention.

Thayer Definition: G1909 epi

1) upon, on, at, by, before. 2) of position, on, at, by, over, against. 3) to, over, on, at, across, against.

The Greek word 1909 “epi” means “upon or on” and you will also note that exactly the same Greek word (1909) is used in all these verses and the KJV Bible actually did get it correct in just one place in the latter part of Revelation 20:4. There you will note they translated exactly the same Greek word “1909” as “upon” which is correct.

Revelation 13:16 And²⁵³² he⁴¹⁶⁰ causeth³⁹⁵⁶ all³³⁹⁸ both²⁵³² small^{3173 (2532)} and⁴¹⁴⁵ great²⁵³² rich^{4434, (2532)} and¹⁶⁵⁸ poor²⁵³², free¹⁴⁰¹ and²⁵³² bond¹⁴⁰¹, to²⁴⁴³ receive^{1325, 846} a mark⁵⁴⁸⁰ in¹⁹⁰⁹ their⁸⁴⁸ right¹¹⁸⁸ hand⁵⁴⁹⁵, or²²²⁸ in¹⁹⁰⁹ their⁸⁴⁸ foreheads³³⁵⁹.

Revelation 14:9 And²⁵³² the third⁵¹⁵⁴ angel³² followed¹⁹⁰ them⁸⁴⁶, saying³⁰⁰⁴ with¹⁷²² a loud³¹⁷³ voice⁵⁴⁵⁶, If any man¹⁵³⁶ worship⁴³⁵² the³⁵⁸⁸ beast²³⁴² and²⁵³² his⁸⁴⁸ image¹⁵⁰⁴, and²⁵³² receive²⁹⁸³ his mark⁵⁴⁸⁰ in¹⁹⁰⁹ his⁸⁴⁸ forehead³³⁵⁹, or²²²⁸ in¹⁹⁰⁹ his⁸⁴⁸ hand⁵⁴⁹⁵,

Revelation 20:4 And²⁵³² I saw¹⁴⁹² thrones²³⁶², and²⁵³² they sat²⁵²³ upon¹⁹⁰⁹ them⁸⁴⁶, and²⁵³² judgment²⁹¹⁷ was given¹³²⁵ unto them⁸⁴⁶; and²⁵³² I saw³⁵⁸⁸ the souls⁵⁵⁹⁰ of them that were beheaded³⁹⁹⁰ for¹²²³ the witness³¹⁴¹ of Jesus²⁴²⁴, and²⁵³² for¹²²³ the word³⁰⁵⁶ of God²³¹⁶, and²⁵³² which³⁷⁴⁸ had not³⁷⁵⁶ worshiped⁴³⁵² the³⁵⁸⁸ beast²³⁴², neither³⁷⁷⁷ his⁸⁴⁶ image¹⁵⁰⁴, neither^{2532, 3756} had received²⁹⁸³ his mark⁵⁴⁸⁰ upon¹⁹⁰⁹ their⁸⁴⁸ foreheads³³⁵⁹, or²⁵³² in¹⁹⁰⁹ their⁸⁴⁸ hands⁵⁴⁹⁵; and²⁵³² they lived²¹⁹⁸ and²⁵³² reigned⁹³⁶ with³³²⁶ Christ⁵⁵⁴⁷ a thousand⁵⁵⁰⁷ years²⁰⁹⁴.

Matthew 6:10 Thy⁴⁶⁷⁵ kingdom⁹³² come²⁰⁶⁴. Thy⁴⁶⁷⁵ will²³⁰⁷ be done¹⁰⁹⁶ in¹⁹⁰⁹ earth¹⁰⁹³, as⁵⁶¹³ it is in¹⁷²² heaven³⁷⁷².

You will note that the translators of the KJV Bible made this mistake in more than one place. In Matthew 6:10 from the Lord's prayer, we find it should be “ON” Earth not “IN” Earth. Almost all other translations got this right as they did also in reference to on hand or on forehead. Note the NKJV Bible translation below which has it translated correctly.

Revelation 14:9 “Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark **on** his forehead or **on** his hand,”

One could say that this still does not rule out a microchip. The fact is the Bible does not specifically say at all what the mark is. It does not say it is a chip implant, a barcode or some card system or anything else. Without reasonably clear scriptural support, it is all speculation. We are however given some clear clues on what it is related to. So what information do we have that might indicate that it is not a microchip? Look at the verses again that reference the mark.

Revelation 14:9 “...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive **his mark**...”

Revelation 14:11 “...who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of **his name**.”

Revelation 15:2 “...and over his image, and over **his mark**, and over the number of his name...”

Revelation 16:2 “...which had the mark **of the beast**, and upon them which worshipped his image.”

Revelation 19:20 “...the mark **of the beast**, and them that worshipped his image...”

All these verse are associated with the beast (Catholic Church) or its representative (the Pope). It is the MARK of the Catholic Church. Is technology the mark of the Catholic Church? Not at all. It's possible that microchip implants or some other type of technology might be used to control buying and selling but technology does not fit the mark of the beast given the above verses. The Catholic Church has enforced many things by death over the centuries but it was never technology, it was ALWAYS their religious viewpoint that was enforced by death and Revelation says that it will be again.

One time (Revelation 14:11) it's called “the mark of His Name”

Two times (Revelation 16:2; 19:20) it's called “the mark of the Beast”

Three times (Revelation 14:9; 15:2; 20:4) it's called “His Mark.”

So we know that the mark is associated somehow with his name and his number and the number 666 is the number of a man. As seen previously, the Pope fits this criterion perfectly. We now have at least three things which lean away from the theory of it just being a chip or similar technology. What we also know is that “buying and selling” is NOT just for those that have the MARK, but ALSO for those that have the NAME of the beast, or the NUMBER of his name.

Revelation 13:17-18 “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**. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding **count the number of the beast**: for it is the **number of a man**; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. [666]”

This is not just an issue of some symbolic mark which we will give even more scriptural evidence supporting this soon. The very clear issue is also not to receive their *mark* or their *name* or the *number of his name*. Revelation 13:17 clearly shows THREE reasons why a person can't “buy or sell.” It says, “And that no man might buy or sell, save he...”

- 1) that had the **MARK**,
- 2) or the **NAME of the beast**,
- 3) or the **NUMBER of his name**.

So even if you do **NOT** have the “**MARK OF THE BEAST**” but you have the **NAME** or the **NUMBER** you are still able to “buy or sell.” When all these factors are taken into consideration, it shows that the mark itself cannot be some form of technology. The evidence is clearly that it is symbolic and is to do with the fact that they changed God's laws on worship, which Daniel 7:25 says they would. They deleted the second Commandment (idolatry) and changed the fourth (Sabbath) and as we have unmistakably seen, those that do NOT get the mark worship God only and keep His Commandments.

Do both these laws relate to the mark? Another way we can still incur the wrath of God is by not just having the mark of the beast but also for worshipping it. Does everyone remember what happened when Pope John died? Literally millions of people lined up for days to look upon a dead Pope. Never before have I ever seen one man get so much worship let alone a DEAD man. It dominated television for weeks and got the attention of the whole world. Look at what the latter part of Revelation 13:3 says, “...and all the world wondered after the beast.” Isn't this what happened when the Pope died? The entire world wondered after the Catholic Church at this time?

Isn't the Pope the only religious person that the President of the United States has ever bowed down to and knelt before? Isn't this idolatry at its worst? No man should be worshipped. Revelation 14:9 shows the consequences are just the same if you worship the Catholic Church or its representative the Pope. This also takes away from the issue of the mark and the number as being associated with a computer chip or any other form of technology as worship of the Pope receives exactly the same consequences from God.

Revelation 14:9 "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,**" (Remember the forehead and hand is also symbolic. The forehead represents the mind and the hand represents one's actions. (Exodus 13:9, 16; Deuteronomy 6:8; 11:18)

What do we actually know for certain about 666 and the mark of the beast?

- 1) We know the mark comes from the beast, which represents the Roman Catholic Church.
- 2) We also know that 666 is the number of a man (Revelation 13:18) which is associated or a representative of the beast. (Roman Catholic Church) This can only be the Pope and as shown earlier meets the criteria perfectly.
- 3) Those who worship Jesus Christ as Creator DO NOT get the mark. **Revelation 14:7** "Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**" Remember the Sabbath is a memorial of creation and sign that it is God alone we worship. Note also how Revelation 14:7 above references the fourth Commandment which the Greek Lexicons also point out. **Exodus 20:11** "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."
- 4) Those that worship the Beast DO receive the mark and God's wrath. **Revelation 14:9** "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,**"
- 5) Those that keep God's Commandments DO NOT receive the mark and avoid the wrath of God. **Revelation 14:12** "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Are you beginning to see a pattern here? If you worship God and keep His Commandments you DO NOT receive the mark or the wrath of God. If you worship the beast, which breaks God's second and fourth Commandment, then you DO receive their mark and incur the wrath of God. One group keeps the Commandments and the other group does not.

In Daniel 3:16-28 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace but God was with them through the persecution and in this case took them safely through it. They refused to disobey God's second Commandment. There is obviously a strong link here to obedience to God and who we worship in regards to the mark. Remember it was the breaking of God's Commandments that got this world into this mess in the first place.

The Bible often refers to times of patience with times of suffering. Revelation 13:10 speaks of the "patience of the saints" after they endured the 1260 years of persecution from the Roman Catholic Church which is the first Beast. As stated earlier, 50 - 150 million Christians were tortured and murdered. Revelation 14:12 is the verse following the mark of the beast warning, and the "patience of the saints" as those who will endure through the second time of persecution from the Roman Catholic Church and still keep God's Commandments. These are those who truly trust and love God.

Revelation 13:10 "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

In Revelation 14:9-11 we see in what we will call group one, the consequences for those who worshipped the beast and so received the mark of the beast. Remember this is the mark of the Catholic Church. And what is their mark?

Revelation 14:9-11 "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,** 10 **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: 11 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.**"

Again we see how God's people will have to endure a time of tribulation from the Beast yet again by the statement "Here is the patience of the saints." You will note in the next consecutive verse we see in what we will now call group two, a very special characteristic of this group compared to group one in which group two keep the Commandments of God despite the persecution for not worshipping the beast or receiving their mark. These are truly God's faithful children.

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

The Papacy enforced Sunday worship through the dark ages and persecuted millions of Christians that they called heretics. Revelation 13:11-18 tells us the second beast will give power back to the first beast and force all to worship the first beast (Papacy). They deleted the second Commandment and they want our worship which breaks this Commandment. They mock Protestants today for keeping their day rather than God's and they changed the Sabbath and murdered millions the first time, until they received a deadly wound (Revelation 13:3) in 1798 when Napoleon's General Berthier put the Papacy out of action. Verse 3 also says that this wound will be healed. For the wound to be fully healed they need to be as they were before the wound. This was when they were persecuting millions of Christians as heretics falsely. The Bible also clearly says that they are coming back. (Revelation 13:11-12) Do you think they will do it again given that chance? If we really think the Papacy won't enforce Sunday worship again as they did before then we are very much dreaming. If we obey the Catholic Church and worship on their day, we are again breaking one of God's Commandments. But not only that, it is the Commandment that is SIGN that defines who we belong to and DO worship.

Will Sunday laws really be Re-Enacted?

The first Sunday law was enforced by Emperor Constantine in March, 321 A.D. when he joined the Roman Catholic Church. The big question is, will history repeat itself? The Bible says yes. The following is the historical quote of this first Sunday Law. "*On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed.*" Source: Codex Justinianus, lib. 3, tit. 12, 3; trans. in Philip Schaff, History of the Christian Church, Vol.3 (5th ed.; New York: Scribner, 1902), p.380, note 1.

The following quote informs us why this first Sunday law was enacted and it has nothing to with any instruction noted from scripture but was done as a result of paganism that entered the Church through Constantine. Constantine joined the Church as a result of what he believed to be divine vision of a cross in the sky which had accompanying words. As a result he marched his pagan army through the Jordan river claiming they were now baptized. They went in dry pagans and came out wet pagans. You will note the change was done entirely in favour of Sun worship. "*The Church made a sacred day of Sunday ... largely because it was the weekly festival of the sun; for it was a definite Christian policy to take over the pagan festivals endeared to the people by tradition, and to give them a Christian significance.*" Source: Arthur Weigall, The Paganism in Our Christianity, p. 145. Copyright 1928 by G. p. Putnam's Sons, New York.

After Constantine's first Sunday law, the Roman Catholic Church continued enforcing Sunday law in Europe for more than a further 1,000 years. Sunday laws were also enforced in England for centuries. Amazingly, this practice was continued in colonial America. In the 1600s, if you lived in Massachusetts, Virginia, or Connecticut, you were required by law to attend church on Sunday. Disobedience was punished by heavy fines, whipping, confinement in a cage, and in some cases, even by death. Hence colonial Protestant America still followed Constantine and the Catholic Church in the uniting of church and state, and enforcing Sunday laws.

The American Revolution resulted in complete separation from England and in the forming of a new nation. The American Constitution and the Bill of Rights fully established the doctrine of religious freedom. The First Amendment now denies the right of government to enforce religion. The Statue of Liberty at the entrance to New York harbour remains a monument against Rome and against the history of religious persecution in Europe. So in the United States Church is separate from the state. Both have their place and both remain free. Yet history reveals that Protestant America has never completely cut loose from the City of Seven Hills, from the Vatican itself.

On May 21, 1888, a New Hampshire Christian senator introduced the following bill into the fiftieth Congress, "*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that no person, or corporation, or the agent, servant, or the employee of any person or corporation, shall perform or authorize to be performed any secular work ... on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day*" (*The National Sunday Law, Arguments of Alonzo T. Jones before the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor at Washington, D.C., December 13, 1888. 1889, p. v.*). The whole purpose of this bill was to produce enforced Sunday keeping nationwide, and this proposed legislation had the support of Christian Churches across America. But this was just groundwork for future legislation and the Blair Sunday bill was finally ruled unconstitutional, and it died in committee.

Bible prophecy predicts that what happened in Europe leading to the forming of the Beast power that resulted in 1260 dark years of Papal rule will eventually happen in America leading to the "*image of the beast.*" Rome was disintegrating in the fourth century and Constantine decided that the solution to the problem was to unite the government of Caesar with the Roman Catholic Church and to enforce the keeping of Sunday. Something similar will happen again. During some future crisis that will result in people becoming very religious, Protestant America will conclude that the only solution to the national emergency will be to unite the Church with the federal government and enforce the keeping of Sunday.

Pope John Paul II issued an extensive pastoral letter on May 31, 1998, *Dies Domini* (The Day of the Lord), which contained a passionate appeal for the revival of Sunday observance. The Pope said the prevailing neglect of Sunday reflects a spiritual crisis inside the Catholic Church and within Christianity in general. Notice his words: "*The Lord's Day has structured the history of the Church through two thousand years: how could we think that it will not continue to shape the future?*" Shockingly, the Pope then urged world governments to enforce Sunday laws! "*In the particular circumstances of our own time, Christians will naturally strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.*" Such statements are right in line with this official Vatican position, "*Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church's holy days as legal holidays*" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, p. 528. 1994.)

The founder of the Christian Coalition Pat Robertson also shares this view. In his best-selling book, *The New World Order*, he correctly emphasizes the need for America to come back to God. His book envisions a time when this will occur. But he also writes: "*The next obligation that a citizen of God's world order owes is to himself. 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,' is a command for the personal benefit of each citizen. ... Only when people are permitted to rest from their labors, to meditate on God, to consider His way, to dream of a better world can there be progress and genuine human betterment ... Laws in America that mandated a day of rest from incessant commerce have been nullified as a violation of the separation of church and state*" (Pat Robertson, *The New World Order*, p. 236. 1991).

Pat Robertson is envisioning an America that has returned to God. As part of this new world order, he also sees an America that is keeping the Sabbath, but by the Sabbath, he in fact means Sunday. He then looks back to the days of colonial America when Sunday was enforced by law. He wants to see this again. He says what is stopping Sunday laws from being enforced is the separation of church and state, which, he has concluded, is really a doctrine of the liberal left. This is a mistake. The founding fathers separated government and religion as a reaction to the Church of Rome and in favour of inalienable rights. As we have seen, the Catholic Church is against the separation of Church and state and is in favour of Sunday laws. When Protestants attack the separation of Church and state and at the same time seek for Sunday laws, "*They know not what they do.*" What they will be doing is lining up with the Catholic Church and preparing the way for the image of the beast and for the enforcement of their mark.

"Those who fail to learn the lessons of history are condemned to repeat its mistakes." It already happened in Europe. The Roman Empire was falling apart, so Constantine decided to unite the government of Caesar with the Roman Catholic Church and to enforce the keeping of Sunday. This helped form the beast, and it will happen again in America. Our country is now sinking in the quicksand of sin, and immorality is raging out of control. Like the approaching footsteps of a midnight thief, the final crisis is coming. In a soon coming dramatic hour of desperation, prophecy predicts America will reject over two hundred years of freedom. Sincere, yet misguided Christians will take the reins of government. The appropriate separation of government and religion will disappear as Protestant America forms an image of the Roman Catholic Church. In a final attempt to bring America back to God, Sunday observance will once again be enforced by law. But this time, the enforcement will be universal. Protestants, Catholics, and even the apparitions of Mary, will all be united in this. The reasons will sound good and the movement will look Christian, and it will seem like our only hope. But deep in the midst of these turbulent waters will be Satan himself. He will have finally pulled off his ultimate masterpiece of delusion. He will have led Christians, in the name of the Lamb, to enforce the mark of the beast. Those who refuse to cooperate will not be able to buy or sell. This is not some fictitious issue and it will apply to you and me.

When the mark of the beast is finally enforced by law all around the world, the Good Shepherd will call His faithful sheep and during the fateful crisis, there will be sincere Protestants and Catholics everywhere who have never really understood the important issues. The Spirit of the Almighty God will speak to their hearts. The three angels' messages will be read in print, and will be heard from television, radio, the pulpit, the World Wide Web and even via satellite. People will have a chance to learn the real truth. Christ will be lifted up and His cross will be seen, and the actual cause of His death will be more deeply understood by Christians. Why did Jesus die? The Bible says, *"Christ died for our sins."* [1 Corinthians 15:3](#). What is sin? *"Sin is the transgression of the law."* [1 John 3:4](#). Simply put the pieces together. Jesus Christ died because we have broken the Ten Commandments, including the forgotten one, which says, *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."* [Exodus 20:8](#). Therefore Jesus Christ our Creator also died because we broke His very significant Sabbath day!

During this final crisis surrounding this 666 and the mark of the beast issue, it will be understood that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world and the Maker of all life. The Sabbath will be presented as the special day that it is, which uniquely reveals Jesus and His love for His own horribly lost world. Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12:8). People will then be brought face to face with the core issue that will ultimately decide their destiny. Will they worship Jesus Christ, the Creator and keep the Commandments of God? Or will they worship the beast and his image and receive his mark? Humanity will have reached the final crossroads. Heaven's clock will have struck the midnight moment. The last hour of decision will have come. During those closing seconds, the seventh day Sabbath will represent our allegiance to Jesus Christ, the Maker of all life, while Sunday will represent allegiance to Rome and their agent the devil himself.

Jesus said, *"If you love me, keep my Commandments."* [John 14:15](#). The whole heart of the issue is our love for Jesus our Lord and saviour. Out of sincere appreciation for His grace and for the magnitude of His sacrifice for the sins of all humanity, Jesus Christ's true followers will fully take their stand on the Lord's side, no matter what the cost. The three angels' messages will be and are clear. Those who accept the gospel and embrace the Lamb, worship the Creator, and keep His Commandments will not receive the mark of the beast. This is what the Bible says! The third angel's message describes God's final apocalyptic people in the following way. *"Here is the patience [endurance] of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."* [Revelation 14:12](#). Parenthesis added.

During planet Earth's last and final crisis, when the mark of the beast is globally enforced by law and after someone truly sees the real core issue but still chooses to believe in Papal Rome's secular Sunday instead of the Holy Bible Sabbath of Jesus Christ, then and only then, will God Almighty look into the inner recesses of that person's mind and consider that person to have the mark in the forehead. Those who don't believe in Sunday keeping, but still choose to go along with it because of the intense economic and social pressure to conform, they will receive the mark in their right hand. Those who endure and reject the use of force and choose to follow the Lamb, keeping the Sabbath no matter what the cost will be revealing their supreme loyalty to the great Creator of heaven and earth. They have the name of God in their foreheads.

Remember the importance of worship in regards to the mark of the beast? We can see conclusively that worshipping God and not the beast and keeping His Commandments is related to the mark of the beast (Revelation 14:12) and this would also include the second Commandment. The Sabbath defines who we DO worship which the Papal Church changed and say is a MARK of their authority and hence the central issue. But where else in the Bible do we find such an example?

In the third chapter of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar makes an image of gold with the dimensions of 60 cubits high, plus 6 cubits wide and 6 deep [666] that he commanded all to bow down and worship. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not disobey God's Commandment and refused to obey the king. The king therefore threw them into a blazing furnace that was heated seven times hotter than usual. The King in amazement said, *"Why do I see four men walking around in the fire? They are not tied up, and they show no sign of being hurt and the fourth is like that of the Son of God. Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! They disobeyed my command and risked their lives rather than bow down and worship any god except their own. There is no other god who can rescue like this."* As a result, the king promoted them to higher positions in Babylon.



Here is the perfect and most beautiful example of true obedience to God. This is an example God has given us, which is a parallel of the mark of the beast issue in Revelation Chapters 13 and 14 that demonstrates how we should respond in Earth's final days, that is, we should obey God rather than man and not worship the Beast or his image. So do we worship on the Pope's day specified by the beast and receive the mark of the beast, or on the day God commanded and receive the Mark of God being His Seal? Do you love the "praise of men" more than the praise of God? Or do you have the FAITH and the COURAGE to obey God's Commandments, even if you were to lose your job and perhaps some of your friends or even your own life as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were prepared to do? The choice should be simple.

Summary and Revision on 666 and the Mark of the Beast

After one has heard so many theories on what 666 and the mark of the beast is, when one is told it has to do with worship and obeying God and is especially to do with showing our allegiance to God by keeping His Sabbath and worshipping Him only, many understandably look at you if as if you have lost your mind. Most people are looking for something more complex and sinister. But ask yourself this. Does God care about computer chips and barcodes and all the other theories on 666 and the mark of the beast? Why would He? Where do we get any such indication that this is an issue with God anywhere in the Bible? What if someone held you down and forced this technology upon you. Does this mean that God is going to pour out His most fierce wrath imaginable upon you? Of course not. This is our loving God that forgives the most dreaded sins. So what does God really care about? What is the whole Bible a plan of? What was the whole sanctuary system all about that the Children of Israel had to obey and is continued into the New Testament? What does the whole story of the Old Testament work towards? It is about the first coming of Christ and the whole plan of salvation. So what is it we need to be saved from? The consequences of sin of course. God hates sin and is what the entire theme of the Bible is all about. Saving us from the consequences of sin. This is what is important to God. Not some computer chip. The Mark is symbolic and this should be clear by the fact that God also Seals us with His Mark in our forehead and by the fact that the law is to be a sign upon our HANDS and FOREHEAD. This is not coincidence by any means. Do you really believe it is by chance that the MARK competes for exactly the same locations which symbolize our obedience to God's law and especially when Revelation shows so distinctly that those who do NOT get the mark keep the Commandments of God?

Deuteronomy 6:5-8 says, *“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These Commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your HANDS and bind them on your FOREHEADS.”*

This passage is right after the second reading of the Ten Commandments and as you can see is also shown by verse 5. What does God say is important to Him? **1 John 5:3** *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his Commandments: and his Commandments are not grievous.”*

From Genesis to Revelation we find the entire Word of God primarily centres around the whole plan of salvation. Sin is the issue and especially that one Commandment that defines that it is God we love and worship and give our allegiance to. This is what is truly important to God. He wants our love and obedience and worship and we are also told that He is a jealous God. The issue is unmistakable. That is why Jesus came and died for us. Because of our sin. Before the second coming of Christ, the issue is going to be made clear by God to all, and everyone is going to be given the choice as to whether they effectively give their allegiance to Satan by worshipping on the day he instituted through the Papacy or whether they are going to give their allegiance to God by obeying Him and keeping His Commandments. If you stop and think about it for a moment, you will realize this would be very important to God. For us to know this and yet still worship on a day that the enemy put in place would certainly make God VERY angry. This would be in absolute rebellion against God and His law. Do you really think that this would not incur the full wrath of God? What is the whole duty of man?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 says, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his Commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”*

Who gets to eat from the tree of life in the heavenly city? How many scriptures do we need to see to make us realize the importance of living an obedient and righteous life and that this is the most important issue to God?

Revelation 22:14 *“Blessed are they that do his Commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”*

Does this following verse speak of persecution? **Revelation 13:15** *“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.”*

It certainly does and Revelation 14:12 is speaking of those that do not get the Mark while enduring this persecution. The word used is patience but also means and translates to endurance. It means here are those that endure? Endure what? The time of persecution under the Papacy that forced all to obey them during the dark ages or you were tortured and murdered if you failed to bow down to them and obey their rules such as their enforced Sunday worship. Read [“Foxes book of martyrs”](#) if you want the horrific details. They did it before, they are coming back, and they will enforce it again.

Revelation 14:12 *“Here is the patience [endurance] of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”* Parenthesis are added.

We don't need to speculate. Revelation 14:7 says worship God who created the heavens and the earth. Verse 8 says Babylon is fallen. This is spiritual Babylon which is the Papacy. Verse 9 says don't worship the Beast which also refers to the Papacy and we do this by obeying them and keeping their Sunday worship law which they say is a “MARK” of their authority. Verse 10 and 11 informs us of the consequences of worshipping the Papacy by keeping their day of worship in place of God's and verse 12 says that those who do not get the Mark endure yet another time of persecution under them but still keep God's Commandments through the faith of Jesus. No speculation! When you know who this beast power is and what they did in the past and that the Bible says they are coming back, it is not hard to see. Just read what it says!

This is historical fact and not fiction. All it requires on our part is to realize that the Seventh day Sabbath is very important to God even if we don't think the day has any significance. The Word tells us several times that it is a SIGN that we love and worship God. It is a SIGN that it is God that sanctifies us. It is a SIGN that He is our God and that we are His children. It is a SIGN that it is God that makes us Holy. Why do some find this so hard to understand? Jesus also said that not a letter of the law will pass while heaven and earth still exist and this alone nullifies all the misunderstandings and excuses.

The Sabbath is valid from creation to eternity

The Sabbath has existed since creation when God added the 7th day to the week with the one and only purpose of a Sabbath rest. This is the only reason we have a 7 day week. God also blessed and sanctified this day for Holy use. This was done before sin had entered the World and was part of God's perfect plan. Note also that the word translated "rested" in our English Bibles in Genesis 2:3 is "shabath" in Hebrew which means Sabbath. Here is the word Sabbath right at creation. Saturday is also called the Sabbath in over 105 languages just as it was named at creation. This dates right back to Babel in Genesis 11 where Saturday was recognized as the Sabbath day and was incorporated into the very name of the day. In English we have the Pagan name Saturday. In reference to the future destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., Jesus says, "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath." [Matthew 24:20](#). Would Jesus say this if we were not keeping the Sabbath anymore? Of course not! The gospel of Luke states in [Luke 23:56](#) that when the body of Christ was being prepared, "they rested the Sabbath day according to the Commandment." Luke's gospel was written 30 to 50 years after the cross and Luke still shows that the Commandment is unchanged. If it were changed, Luke would have undoubtedly told us since it is one of the Commandments. What was Paul's *custom* and *example* while establishing the early Christian Church? Notice in Acts 17:1-2 that this is a Jewish synagogue and that the Jews have all through history, without change, worshipped on Saturday as they still do today. The Jews and Pharisees which Paul was since CHILDHOOD have ALWAYS kept Saturday as the Sabbath. Acts 26:4-5. This is solid proof of Saturday Sabbath keeping AFTER the cross and undoubtedly applies to both Jews and Gentiles. Acts 13:42-44; Acts 18:4. Isaiah also prophesied in [Isaiah 66:22-23](#) that, "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make ... and from one Sabbath to another, shall ALL flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." We should of course expect nothing less than this solid evidence since Jesus said that not a letter of the law is going to pass as long as heaven and earth are still here.

The Bible says where there is no law there is no transgression (Romans 4:15) so the Ten Commandments had to exist from the very beginning or Cain could not have been guilty of murder, and since the Sabbath was sanctified and made Holy before sin at creation and the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, it had to be kept by Adam and Eve. It was also kept by Abraham, it was kept in the exodus from Egypt before the Ten Commandments were given, when God tested if His children would keep all Ten Commandments by seeing if they would keep THE Seventh day as God requested. It was kept by the Jews, it was kept by Jesus, it was kept by Paul, it was kept by the Apostles, it was kept by the early Church by both Jews and Gentiles, and this is also verified by Jesus who showed it would be kept in 70 AD when the temple was destroyed. History also further proves this by the fact that unbiased history sources show that it was still being kept around 90-120 AD where some Christians first changed to Sunday to avoid persecution for Judaism. The official day change began with Constantine in 321 AD in honour of Sun worship and was finalised by the Papacy in 363-364 A.D. The Sabbath was almost murdered out of existence through the dark ages when the Roman Catholic Church ruled as Church and state for those terrible 1260 dark years, and Revelation 12:17 speaks of a remnant of God's original Church that would arise after these dark ages that Satan would hate and make war with because it would start keeping all of the Ten Commandments of God once again. To top this all off, God showed Isaiah that we will still be keeping the Sabbath in the new Heaven and the New Earth. Here is the Sabbath being kept from creation and throughout all eternity.

Below are some more quotes from the Roman Catholic Church that are about their change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday which explains how Satan has deceived most Churches into ignorantly accepting Sunday as the Sabbath.

Does the Bible Support the Change to Sunday?

"Is not every Christian obliged to sanctify Sunday and to abstain on that day from unnecessary servile work? Is not the observance of this law among the most prominent of our sacred duties? But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify." — James Cardinal Gibbons, *The Faith of Our Fathers* (1917 edition), p. 72-73 (16th Edition, p 111; 88th Edition, p. 89)

"For example, nowhere in the Bible do we find that Christ or the Apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is the 7th day of the week, Saturday. Today most Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Roman Catholic] church outside the Bible." — Catholic Virginian, October 3, 1947, p. 9, article "To Tell You the Truth."

Who Made Sunday Holy?

"Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. 'The day of the Lord' was chosen, not from any direction noted in the Scriptures, but from the (Catholic) Church's sense of its own power...People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy." — St. Catherine Church Sentinel, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995.

"Question - Which is the Sabbath day? Answer - Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question - Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer - We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 364), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." — Rev. Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p. 50, 3rd edition, 1957.

Whose Day of Worship is Sunday?

"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 News*, Elizabeth, New Jersey, March 18, 1903.

"They deem it their duty to keep the Sunday holy. Why? Because the Catholic Church tells them to do so. They have no other reason...The observance of Sunday thus comes to be an ecclesiastical law entirely distinct from the divine law of Sabbath observance...The author of the Sunday law...is the Catholic Church." — *Ecclesiastical Review*, February 1914.

Who Do We Reverence by Keeping Sunday Holy?

“It was the Catholic church which...has transferred this rest to Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Therefore 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.

“I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who can 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 a reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church.” — father T. Enright, C.S.S.R. of the Redemptoral College, Kansas City, in a lecture at Hartford, Kansas, February 18, 1884, printed in *History of the Sabbath*, p. 802.

666 and the Mark of the Beast in the Old Testament

It is interesting to note that out of the 404 verses of Revelation, 276 of them are from the Old Testament. This is how we understand Bible prophecy; by comparing scripture with scripture. To help give us a better understanding of 666 and the mark of the beast issue, God has given us an Old Testament story that mirrors the mark of the beast issue and shows us how we need to respond and precisely reveals what the real issue is truly all about without the need for any speculation.

There is no doubt that it is about whom we give our ALLEGIANCE to by who we love, obey and WORSHIP. I am sure that most of you know by now that there are two Commandments that define worship. The first is the second Commandment on idolatry which defines who or what we should not worship. The other is the fourth Commandment which is about who we do love and WORSHIP. As stated earlier, I do not believe for one moment that it is coincidence that these are the two Commandments that the beast power changed. Revelation 14:7 says we should worship God and this is about the fourth Commandment the Sabbath. It is very interesting to note that this verse also quotes part of the fourth Commandment and is not found elsewhere in the Word of God. Revelation 14:9-10 says who we should not worship which in this case is the beast power, being the Papal system. We are told that those who refuse to worship the beast power will be persecuted and even face death. This is the meaning of the phrase, “*Here is the patience of the saints*” found at the beginning of Revelation 14:12. As previously noted, the word *patience* also translates to *endurance*; in other words here are those that endure. Those that refuse to worship the beast power will need to have much patience as they endure a time of persecution because they refuse to worship by their rules and instead keep the Commandments of God and worship Him only. This is why the remainder of Revelation 14:12 quotes that those that *endure* keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. They worship God only and keep His Sabbath and do not worship the beast power which is idolatry.

So what about this Old Testament example? This example was given previously but let’s just revise this because of its importance and understanding this example God has given us. In Daniel 3, King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold *image* with dimensions equal to 666 that he commanded all to worship. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not disobey God’s commandment and refused to obey the king. Since they refused, the king threw them into a blazing furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. The King in amazement said, “*Why do I see four men walking around in the fire? They are not tied up, and they show no sign of being hurt and the fourth is like that of the Son of God. Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! They disobeyed my orders and risked their lives rather than bow down and worship any god except their own. There is no other god who can rescue like this.*” As a result, the king promoted them to higher positions in Babylon. This is a beautiful example of the obedience God desires from us and what is required of us during the time of tribulation when the mark of the beast issue is finally enforced. You will note from the table below that this is indeed the perfect parallel of the mark of the beast issue in Revelation Chapters 13 and 14 that wonderfully demonstrates how we do need to respond in the end times. So what is it we should do? We should obey God and Worship Him only and not Worship the Beast or his image and keep God’s Commandments even if it means enduring tribulation or facing death.

Now that this issue has been made very clear; keep in mind that it is especially about who we love, obey and WORSHIP and keeping the Commandments of God. It is extremely important not to forget that the Sabbath is not just about resting but is a SIGN that it is God we WORSHIP. Observe the parallels in this passage in regards to the mark of the beast issue.

Perfect Parallels between 666 and the Mark of the Beast and Daniel chapter three		
Daniel 3:1	Powerful kingdom in control	Revelation 13:11
Daniel 3:1	Makes an image	Revelation 13:14
Daniel 3:5	Image Worship is commanded	Revelation 13:15
Daniel 3:6	Those who refuse to Worship the image are threatened with death	Revelation 13:15
Daniel 3:4	It applies to all nations and people	Revelation 13:16
Daniel 3:1	Size of the metal man/image and the number of the man is 666. When width only is given, the depth is the same as the width	Revelation 13:18
Daniel 3:18	The choice is about who we Worship. That is to Worship God only or Worship a false image	Revelation 14:7 Revelation 14:9-10
Daniel 3:18	Should Worship God only	Revelation 14:7
Daniel 3:18	Keeps the Commandments of God	Revelation 14:12
Daniel 3:17	Prepared to endure tribulation rather than break the Commandments of God	Revelation 14:12
Deuteronomy 6:5-8 Deuteronomy 11:18	God’s Ten Commandments are a sign on our HAND and FOREHEAD which is the same location as the mark of the beast	Revelation 13:16

Satan's counterfeit system of Worship

To further demonstrate that the issue of 666 and the mark of the beast revolves around worship, the following explanations and the table below has been added to even better illustrate this fact. As we have already demonstrated, the scriptures shows that Satan wants to be worshipped as God. If Satan asked us to worship him, would we do it? Of course not. Does Satan know this? Of course he does. So what Satan does, is he gets himself a front man and props him up by giving him his power, throne and great authority. (Revelation 13:2) So when the beast power is being worshipped, who is really being worshipped? Satan himself! This is called worship by representation.

Jesus said in [John 14:6](#) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." So how do we worship the Father in spirit and in truth? We worship Jesus as He is our representative before the throne and the Father gave His power, throne and great authority to Jesus. As Jesus said in [Matthew 28:18](#) "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**" So the way we have access to the father is by Jesus Christ. We worship Jesus in spirit and in truth and that worship is transferred to the Father because He is the representative of the Father. Jesus also said in [John 14:9](#) "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? **he that has seen me has seen the Father;** and how sayest you then, Show us the Father?"

In the book of Revelation we find Satan counterfeits many things. Example: We find a counterfeit trinity. We of course have the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and in the book of Revelation you have the dragon which is Satan, the false prophet and the beast. Many will say that the Bible does not use the word trinity which is true. It is a contraction of the words "tri" which means three and divinity which means God. The Bible actually uses the word Godhead so if you don't like the word trinity use the word Godhead which still says that God is three in one, i.e. Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

There are many more things that Satan counterfeits of God eg. When God brought His chosen people out of the land of Egypt, He performed many miracles like turning Aaron's rod into a serpent, changing rivers to blood and bringing up frogs to cover the land. The pharaoh's magicians through the power of Satan were also able to perform all these same miracles. (Exodus 7:10-11; 7:20-22; 8:6-7)

In Job 1:16 Satan burned up Job's sheep and servants with "fire from heaven" and in Job 1:19, Satan used a "great wind" to bring down a house killing the occupants and in Job 2:7, Satan smote Job with "sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." If Satan has power to change rods to serpents, change rivers to blood, bring up frogs to cover the land, control the weather, bring down fire from the heavens (see also Revelation 13:13) and inflict illness, then he can certainly heal people. Note Satan needed God's permission to inflict illness on Job. (Job 1:12; 2:6) So we know God heals and Satan counterfeits, God gives the gift of tongues and Satan has a counterfeit, God has true Prophets and Satan has counterfeit false Prophets, (Matthew 24:11) God is going to seal His people with His mark in their foreheads (Revelation 7:3) and as we already know Satan has a counterfeit mark in the forehead and hand. (Revelation 13:16)

As already stated and seen, the issue of 666 and the mark of the beast is unmistakably about worship and in Revelation we find that Satan has a total counterfeit system of worship in relation to Christ's ministry in regards to the mission of the beast power and their mark. This can easily be seen with careful exegesis and study. The table below makes it very easy to see Satan's total counterfeit system of worship. When referencing scriptures, do not forget that a lot of symbolism is involved in the book of Revelation. Where obvious, scripture references have not been given. Many people have been given the mindset that Antichrist means against Christ but Antichrist also means in place of or as a substitute as is the case here in Revelation. So in actual fact, the Antichrist will not appear as a violent opposer but a subtle impostor.

10 Points revealing Satan's Counterfeit System of Worship	
The ministry of Christ	This mission of Antichrist
1) Rises from the water to begin ministry (Baptism) Matthew 3:16-17	1) Rises from the water to begin mission Revelation 13:1
2) Resembles Father John 14:9, Hebrews 1:1-3	2) Resembles Satan Compare Revelation 13:1 and Revelation 12:3,9
3) Horns and Crowns Revelation 19:12-16, Revelation 5:5-8	3) Horns and Crowns Revelation 13:1
4) Receives authority from the Father Matthew 28:18	4) Receives authority from the Dragon (Satan) Revelation 13:2
5) Ministry lasts 3.5 years	5) Mission lasts prophetic 3.5 years Revelation 13:5
6) Wounded to death on the cross and then resurrected	6) Wounded to death then deadly wound healed Revelation 13:3
7) Receives worship after resurrection	7) Receives worship after deadly wound is healed Revelation 13:3-4
8) Given universal dominion	8) Given universal dominion Revelation 13:7
9) Placed the Sabbath on the Seventh day of the week as the true day to achieve the Worship He desires When kept, it defines it is God we give our allegiance to.	9) Changed the Sabbath to the First day of the week as the counterfeit day so Satan could achieve the Worship he desires. When known, who do we give our allegiance to?
10) God has His own Mark (seal) Revelation 9:4	10) The beast has its own Mark Revelation 13:16

The Facts:

- 1) The Roman Catholic Church changed the Ten Commandments. They deleted the second Commandment (idolatry) and changed the fourth Commandment (the Sabbath). Put simply, the Catholic Church changed the Commandments that tell us who we should and should not worship.
- 2) God warns us in Daniel 7:25 that the Catholic Church would think to change God's law. The word "think" is used because in reality you can't change the law of God. They think they did but as far as God is concerned they have not.
- 3) The Mark of the Beast is about who we should and should not Worship and hence give our allegiance to.
- 4) The Second Commandment on idolatry defines who or what we should not Worship. Exodus 20:4-6
- 5) The Sabbath Commandment defines who we do Worship. Exodus 31:13-17, Romans 2:28-29, Galatians 3:28-29.
- 6) Revelation 14:7 below references the Sabbath Commandment which the Greek Lexicons also inform us. Exodus 20:11 "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea,"
- 7) The Catholic Church has at every possible opportunity tried again to enforce Sunday law Worship again.
- 8) America has Sunday laws in over 36 states that are called blue laws because at present they are not enforced.
- 9) In Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would rather die than break one of God's Commandments by Worshipping a golden metal man that had dimensions that were 60 cubits high plus 6 cubits wide and 6 deep [666]

Here are all the verses consecutively that refer to the mark of the beast in Revelation 14 which are broken into groups so one can see more clearly exactly what these verses are referring to. Don't speculate, just read what they say.

This verse says who we should worship which is about the Sabbath and the verse also references the Sabbath.

Revelation 14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

These two verses warn us who we should not worship which is to do with the second Commandment.

Revelation 14:8-9 "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **9** 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,"

These two verses tell of the consequences for worshipping the beast.

Revelation 14:10-11 "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: **11** 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."

And this last verse tells us that those who refuse to bow down to the Catholic Church will once again endure tribulation as in the Dark Ages but still faithfully keep the Commandments of God by the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience [endurance] of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Parenthesis are added.

Final Conclusion:

Both Deuteronomy 6:5-8 and Deuteronomy 11:18 say that God's law is to be a sign upon our hands and forehead. The hands represent our actions i.e. what we do in obeying the law. The forehead represents our heart and mind i.e. our desire to obey God's law. This is what the Bible shows from Genesis to Revelation to be truly important to God.

Deuteronomy 6:5-8 NIV "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These Commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your **hands** and bind them on your **foreheads**."

Deuteronomy 11:18 NIV "Fix these words of mine in your **hearts and minds**; tie them as symbols on your **hands** and bind them on your **foreheads**."

Note how Deuteronomy 11:18 above relates fixing the words of God's Ten Commandment law in our *hearts and minds* with being a sign upon our *hands* and *forehead*.

To even further demonstrate the issue, Hebrews 10:16 informs us that under the New Covenant, God is going to write His law in our *hearts* and *minds*.

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

God has a Mark and the Beast has a counterfeit Mark. The beast changed both of the Commandments that say who we should and should not worship. The mark of the beast passage says who we should and should not worship and those who do not get the mark of the beast keep the Commandments of God. The mark of the beast is on your hands or forehead and keeping God's Commandments is a sign on our hands and forehead. Your forehead represents your heart and mind, i.e. your desire to obey God's Commandments. God hates sin and it is His desire that we keep His Commandments. This is what is important to God. **1 John 5:3** "For this is the love of God, that we keep his Commandments: and his Commandments are not grievous." Satan hates God's remnant Church that also keep God's Commandments **Revelation 12:17** "And the dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman [Church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." From Genesis to Revelation, over and over again we see that keeping God's Commandments is what matters.