

MARK OF THE BEAST

There are only two places in the Old Testament where the number 666 (the **mark of the beast**) appears. One of them is the amount of gold Solomon received in a specific year.

- **1 Kings 10:14:** "Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,"
- **2 Chronicles 9:13:** "Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;"

666 of the male descendants of Adonikam returned with Zerubbabel to Jerusalem. (This is the second passage in the Old Testament where the **mark of the beast** appears.)

- **Ezra 2:13:** "The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six."

Jesus will write His name upon those who are His. (This is a contrast to the **mark of the beast**, which is linked to the name of the antichrist.)

- **Revelation 3:12:** "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

The **mark of the beast** won't appear in the world until after the antichrist has been resurrected in the second half of the tribulation.

- **Revelation 13:3, 16:** "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. ... 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 false prophet is the one who will try to force everyone to receive the **mark of the beast**. (It will be put on people's right hand or forehead.)

- **Revelation 13:12, 16:** "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. ... 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 **mark of the beast** will come in three different varieties: it will be a mark, or a name (which will be the name of the antichrist), or a number (666).

- **Revelation 13:17:** "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."

The only people who will be able to engage in commerce in the second half of the tribulation are those who have on their hand or forehead either the **mark of the beast**, or the name

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The 144,000 witnesses who God will raise up to preach the gospel during the first half of the tribulation period will have the name of the Father written in their foreheads. (This is a contrast to the **mark of the beast**, which is linked to the name of the antichrist.) It's worth noting that the mark of the beast doesn't appear in the world until *after* the 144,000 are killed. That means their mark comes first.

- **Revelation 14:1:** "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

God won't use the 144,000 to warn people about the **mark of the beast** because they will all be dead by the time it appears. (God also won't use the church, because they won't be around during the tribulation.) Instead God will send an angel into the world to command people not to take it.

- **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, 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: 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."

Before people take the **mark of the beast**, an angel will preach the gospel to them, and another angel will warn them of the consequences of taking it. This means God will warn everyone in advance of the consequences of taking it.

- **Revelation 14:6, 9-10:** "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, ... 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, 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:"

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Taking the **mark of the beast** is unforgivable. There's no way to repent of it. (It's possible that taking the mark turns people into beings who are no longer human, much like the nephilim who existed before the Flood. Since the death and resurrection of Christ can only save human beings, if people become transhumans then there will be no way to save them.)

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The torment of those who take the **mark of the beast** isn't something that will happen out of sight. Instead both Jesus and His angels will witness it for all of eternity.

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Those who say that God isn't present in Hell are wrong. Those who take the **mark of the beast** will be tormented *in the*

presence of the Lord Jesus for all of eternity. This is true even though they're going to be cast into the lake of fire.

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Those who take the **mark of the beast** will face the full force of the everlasting wrath of God, which won't be diluted in any way. They will be tormented with fire and brimstone for all of eternity, and will never be given any rest or relief.

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From the moment the **mark of the beast** is introduced to the world, it's better to be dead than alive. This is because those who are alive will be tempted to commit an unforgivable sin (taking the mark), while those who are dead are safe from that temptation and can rest.

- **Revelation 14:13:** "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in

the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

The time for Jesus to reap the world will come after the appearance of the **mark of the beast**.

- **Revelation 14:14-15:** "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Before the harvest is ready and the reaping happens, God will send *three* angels. They will preach the everlasting gospel, warn of the fall of Babylon, and warn people not to take the **mark of the beast**. The reaping only happens after the *whole world* has been reached with the gospel and told not to worship the antichrist or take his mark.

- **Revelation 14:15-16:** "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

The martyrs are those who got victory over the **mark of the beast**. This is because they chose death instead of taking it (and that was counted as a great victory).

- **Revelation 15:2:** "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

The seven last plagues of the tribulation are sent upon the world after the antichrist has murdered those who refused to take the **mark of the beast**. The reason we know this is because when the temple in Heaven is opened, the martyrs (which are people who didn't take the mark) are already in Heaven and have sung their song.

- **Revelation 15:2-3, 5-6:** "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. ... And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles."

The first vial of the seven last plagues will only impact those who took the **mark of the beast** and worshiped his image.

- **Revelation 16:2:** "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and

upon them which worshipped his image."

The first vial of God's wrath will inflict those who took the **mark of the beast** with a terrible sore.

- **Revelation 16:2:** "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

The judgments of God get much worse in the second half of the tribulation, after the antichrist has martyred those who refused to take the **mark of the beast**. (In the first half of the tribulation only a third of sea life died. Now *all* of it dies.)

- **Revelation 16:3:** "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."

In the second half of the tribulation, all of the water in the world (both salt water and fresh water) will be turned to blood. God will do this after the antichrist murders those who refuse to take the **mark of the beast**.

- **Revelation 16:3-6:** "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."

During the second half of the tribulation there will be enormous temptation for people to abandon their faith and take the **mark of the beast**. Those who resist that temptation will be greatly blessed.

- **Revelation 16:15:** "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

The reason the false prophet will perform miracles will be to deceive those who took the **mark of the beast**.

- **Revelation 19:20:** "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

The tribulation martyrs didn't take the **mark of the beast**. (They will be resurrected at the beginning of the millennium, and will reign with Christ over the world during that era.)

- **Revelation 20:4:** "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

The rest of the dead (including those who took the **mark of**

the beast) won't be resurrected at the beginning of the millennium. Instead they'll be resurrected after the millennium (for the purposes of judgment).

- **Revelation 20:5:** "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."