

Revelation 13

Truth Seekers

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Revelation 13 is a continuation of the story we began in chapter 12 of the **Great Controversy** between Christ and Satan... played out through all of human history. The story still continues to progress, as we'll see. But this time it zeros in on certain aspects of history (and our future), and gives more clarity and details. Just like Dan 7 does.

In Chapter 12 we were introduced to the main characters in the Great Controversy – the **Church, Christ and Satan**. The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon. We also saw how this mess all began, with war in heaven. And then a detailed look at God protecting his church during the 1260 years of papal persecution.

In Chapter 13 we're introduced to the **great world power** that Satan has and will use to deceive the world, and try and eliminate God's people, the truth, and win the Great Controversy through force.



In Chapter 11 we saw the first mention of the **Beast** in Revelation. It's mentioned one time in Chapter 11, and then nineteen times in Chapter 13 alone. The Beast becomes very prominent in the story, especially at the very end of time. It is the kingdom of

the antichrist. So the question is "Who or what is the **Beast**?"

The Bible doesn't say. But it's important to know what it is because we want to know what the **Mark of the Beast** is. Some of the most solemn warnings found in the Bible are in Rev 14 about not receiving it. Understanding what the Beast is is crucial to understanding its Mark. Or rather its mark of *authority*.

The same is true of the Little Horn we studied in Dan 7, the bible doesn't identify it. But it does give us enough **historical characteristics**, that we can look at history and draw solid and reasonable conclusions. And identify it.

When we studied Daniel 7, we built a solid case that the **Little Horn** is historically identified as the Roman Catholic Church. Historically it is the only world power that fits all of the

identifying marks given in Daniel 7, perfectly.

If we can show that the **Beast in Rev 13** is the same thing as the Little Horn in Daniel 7, then we'll know beyond a reasonable doubt what and who the Beast really is in Revelation. We'll be on solid ground.

Rev 13.1-10

Here are some **comparisons** of the Beast that comes up out of the sea, with the Little Horn of Daniel, that will establish the link between the two.

Compare Daniel 7 and Revelation 13

First of all, both are *associated* with a **Beast**: the Little Horn came *from* the 4th Beast, which was pagan Rome. The Beast of Rev 13 is described as a Beast.

Both are described as self-exalting and **blasphemous**: Compare Dan 7:8,20; Dan 8:11,25 with Rev 13:1,5

Both are described as very **powerful**: Compare Dan 7:20; Dan 8:24 with Rev 13:4-7. Also Little Horn Dan 8:24 "not by his own power", Beast Rev 13:2 "and the dragon gave him his power"

Both **persecute** God's people. And for the same specific **period of time**.

This period of time is mentioned 7 times in the Bible –

Daniel 7:25, Daniel 12:7, Rev 11:2, Rev 11:3, Rev 12:6, Rev 12:14, Rev 13:5

Notice that in all cases it's describing God's people being persecuted. This period of time (persecution) is important because it places the Beast in history: 538 AD, the official beginning

of the papacy - 1798 AD papacy ended,
for a time = exactly 1260 years.

Both will extend until the **end of time**
and are destroyed supernaturally:
Compare Dan 7:26-27; Dan 8:19,25 with
Rev 20:10. Remember the **IRON**
component in the feet of the Dan 2
statue extends until the end of time.
And is **Rome**.

There's 5 solid connections. The
reasonable conclusion is that the Beast
of Rev 13 *is* the Little Horn power of
Dan 7, which is the Roman Catholic
Church, who has been given its power
to rule & deceive by Satan, the dragon.

We've let **history** identify the great
enemy of God of the past, and now the
enemy in our present and future, at the
end of time. Now we're prepared to
move forward with Chapter 13.

It's important to understand that we're not talking about Catholic *people*, but rather the **apostate religious system** itself – a false, man-made religious system that is ultimately opposed to the truth found in the Bible.

The Roman Catholic Church fits perfectly all of the historical identifiers we've seen. The beast that comes out of the sea in Rev 13 is exactly the same as the little horn of Dan 7. They are the same. One is past, the other is current.

Compare Daniel 7 and Revelation 13

- ✓ Same imagery as Daniel's dream
Dan 7 vs Rev 13.2
- ✓ Described as a beast, world power
Dan 7.3 vs Rev 13.1
- ✓ Self-exalting and blasphemous
Dan 7.8 vs Rev 13.5
- ✓ Both are clearly opposed to God
Dan 7.8 vs Rev 13.5

- ✓ Both are described as very powerful
Dan 7.20 vs Rev 13:4-7
- ✓ Both persecute God's people
Dan 7.25 vs Rev 13.5
- ✓ And for the same length of time
Dan 7.25 vs Rev 13.5
- ✓ Both extend until the end of time
Dan 7:26-27 vs Rev 20.10
- ✓ Both destroyed supernaturally
- ✓ It wants only one thing: **worship**

Vs 1 The “sea” is “water” which represents peoples, multitudes, nations and languages in Bible prophecy. Compare scripture with scripture, let the Bible interpret itself –

Rev 17:15

Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.

So it says the Beast “comes out of the

sea", meaning simply that the Beast will come from another nation – from a **populated area**. This is historically what happened – the Roman Church came from the Roman Empire, the most populated place on earth. In addition, it rose up among (and at the same time) as the 10 kings of Daniel 7 that would become the nations of Europe. It rose to power among the multitudes, among the "waters" or "sea".

Heads, Horns & Crowns

Rev 12:3

Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven *heads* and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

Rev 13:1

And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven

heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

Revelation 17:3

So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven *heads* and ten horns.

The Seven Hills of Rome



Vs 2 The Beast is described as having the aspects of a leopard, bear, lion. We've heard these descriptions before: Daniel chapter 7 - Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and then a terrifying indescribable beast representing Rome.

Why is John's Beast described like this?
Three reasons:

1. To show us the definite link between John's revelation, and Daniel's prophetic visions six centuries earlier.
2. To show us that this Beast can be (and is to be) identified *historically*. It's identity is rooted in **history**.
3. And to show that the evil that this Beast ultimately represents has always been with us, it's nothing new.

The second part of verse 2 is interesting. It's no surprise to find out that **Satan gave power and authority** to the Roman Church – the very Church that twisted the pure, simple Biblical Christianity into a graceless, man-made, ritual based religious system that actually persecuted those who wanted to follow the Bible and the Bible only.

This didn't just happen on it own. If you can't beat them, join them.

The interesting word here (and another identifier of the Beast) is that the Beast has a throne (KJV "seat", most other translations "throne"), given by the Dragon. And according to verse 4, he is worshipped.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

The Pope's throne



Vs 3-10 A fatal wound means that the Beast should have died. Pope Pius VI was taken prisoner in 1798 under orders of the revolutionary French government, and sent into exile where he eventually died. The 1260 prophetic years came to an end.

George Trevor says in the The Fall of the Western Roman Empire "The papacy was extinct. Not a vestige of its existence remained. Among all the Roman Catholic powers not a finger was stirred in its defense. The Eternal City had no longer prince or pontiff. Its bishop was a dying captive in a foreign land. The decree was already announced that no successor would be allowed in its place." But it wasn't long before the Papacy was up and running again.

Rev 13:3

One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

And this is what this verse means,

Revelation 17:8

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

The last part of verse 3 is an example of the historical mixed with the future.

Anywhere the phrase “all the world” or similar is used is future events, because at no time in history can it be shown that all the world did anything associated with the **Roman Catholic Church**. This is a literal statement. For example,

Rev 13:3

The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

Rev 13:8

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--

Rev 3:10

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Rev 16:14

They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

These are mostly end time events.
However, compare verse 5 with verse 7.

Rev 13:5

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to

continue forty and two months.

This is historical, the past, because it gives the time frame of persecution as the **1260 years** during the Middle Ages. Verse 7 however is our future.

Rev 13:7

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

It's the same type of persecution in the past and our future: religious persecution. Following Jesus and the Bible only vs following the worldwide false narrative, that we will be discussing in future studies.

Vs 4 This verse mentions a word that will be the central issue at the end of time, during the Great Tribulation. What is it? Worship is referred to 4 times

before Ch 13, and then 17 times from Ch 13 to the end. It will be THE central issue during the end times. We'll be talking more about this.

True worship in Revelation

Revelation 22:9 KJV

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

True | Revelation 5:14, 7:11, 14:7, 19:4

False worship in Revelation

Revelation 14:9 KJV

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..

False | Revelation 13:4, 13:12, 13:15

Vs 5-7 These verses are almost a parallel description of the Little Horn power, like we've discussed. Compare,

I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Daniel 7:8

"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

Daniel 7:21

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall

intend to change times and law. Then
the saints shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.
Daniel 7:25

His power shall be mighty, but not by
his own power; He shall destroy
fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive;
He shall destroy the mighty, and also
the holy people.
Daniel 8:24

Vs 8 This verse is good news if you're a
believer at the end of time. Why?

Those whose names ARE written in the
book of life are those who have put their
faith in Christ.

Ps 69:28

Let them be blotted out of the book of
the living; let them not be enrolled
among the righteous.

Rev 20:15

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

These are **righteous people** who will be alive, and actually see the Second Coming of Christ. They also go through the Great Tribulation at the end of time. They are the 144,000 – the remnant – that appears in Rev 7 & 14. We'll study this group of people more in chapter 14.

Vs 9-10 These verses go back to verse 7 – the Beast will persecute God's people not only during the 1260 years, but even more so during the Tribulation at the end of time.

Compare with this verse (below) If the Beast persecuted God's people while it "once was", how much more when it will be "yet to come"? Even though God will protect His sealed children from His

God's wrath, they will apparently not all be protected from the wrath of the Beast.

Rev 17:8

The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come. [was – now is not – will come again..... past – present – future]

The Land Beast



Vs 11 Now we take a dramatic turn. There's not one Beast at the end of time, but two. Who is this second beast that comes out of the earth? Again, we're not told, but here's clues from this chapter.

The **second beast** is described as a beast. A beast in bible prophecy is a kingdom or a nation, therefore this second beast is also a nation.

It is also described as the **land beast**. So it came out of the earth, whereas the first beast came out of the sea. Since the sea represents populated areas or from among other nations (see Rev 17.15), it stands to reason that land would be the opposite: this second beast comes from a *sparsely* populated area. Wet vs. dry | population vs. limited population.

Also the Greek word for "out of the earth" is **ge** which implies farming or growing crops, implying that this nation would grow slowly.

Two horns like a lamb

29 times in Revelation, Jesus is referred to as a **lamb**. A lamb is seen as being gentle and innocent.

The next day John saw Jesus coming

toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth; He was
led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a
sheep before its shearers is silent, So
He opened not His mouth.
Isaiah 53:7

We've seen the symbol of **horns** used repeatedly in Bible prophecy to refer to kingdoms or nations or governments. So this second beast is a nation with a **government** that is divided or separated in some unique way.

Since the horns are described as "like a lamb" this implies it's **personality** or what it's about. So on the one hand it is Christ like and gentle: a benevolent Christian nation? But on the other hand, it has another side to its personality.

Also notice the sea beast has 10 horns with 10 crowns, Rev 13.1. Every nation of Europe had a king or a monarchy during the Dark Ages. This land beast however, **has no crowns** on its horns, therefore no king! It's different than the sea beast in that way.

Speaks like a dragon 🐉

The dragon is Satan, Rev 12.9. So this second beast has a **split personality**. It starts off gentle and Christ like, but it *becomes* a deceiving, persecuting power like the first Beast, and *for* the first Beast. That's why it is ultimately described by John as a beast in verse 11. A beast is never a good thing, Dan 7 "terrifying beast" representing the Roman empire for example.

Vs 12 Notice from verse 7 that the power and authority the *first* Beast

exercised was to.. what? **Persecute the saints**, just like the sea beast.

This second beast has this same power and authority,

1. To *force* the **worship** of the first Beast. Remember the final polarizing issue will be worship. Remember Satan ultimately wants worship.

2. To **persecute** those who don't comply. Vs 15 is super clear about this.

3. Both beasts have **authority**, meaning through laws. Along with law enforcement.

And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Revelation 13:12

“on his behalf” in the NIV reads “before him” in the KJV, which translates literally “in his presence”. So the second beast persecutes the saints in the presence of or **on behalf** of the first beast - in verse 15 persecution means death. So this is serious business.

In addition the second beast “caused” all the unsealed people of the earth to worship the first beast. These two beasts are partners in crime. **They work together, in that the sea beast directs the actions of the land beast.**

Exactly the same way the papacy directed the actions of the nations and armies of Europe during the 1260 years of the Middle Ages persecution.

Rev 12:17

Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war

against the **rest of her offspring** – those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, **whose deadly wound was healed.**

Revelation 13:12

Another identifier of the second beast is that this nation or power comes *after* or around the healing of the first beast..
After or around 1798.

... whose deadly wound was healed.
Revelation 13:12

Vs 13 This is talking about the land beast, and is literal, and will be a direct fulfillment of these verses.

And unless those days were shortened,

no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Matt 24:22-25

Matt 7:15

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

Jesus describes **false prophets** as being generally deceiving, and being like a "wolf in sheep's clothing". The second beast is described as a lamb that *speaks* like a dragon. Very similar to Jesus' description of false prophets.

The False Prophet

Now we're going to fast forward a little, and see how it all ends and connect another puzzle piece. This happens immediately before the second coming of Jesus,

And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the **false prophet** who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 19:19-21

We read in Matthew that Jesus predicts

that at the end of time, **false prophets** will appear and perform great miracles in order to deceive people.

According to Rev 13:13-14, the second beast will do just that.

These verses in Rev 19 says that the **false prophet** performed miracles on *behalf of the first Beast* and deceived the people of the earth.

Rev 13:14 says that the **land beast** does the same thing – performed miracles on behalf of the first Beast and deceived the people of the earth.

The conclusion? **The second beast is the false prophet of Revelation.**

Rev 16:13

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast,

and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. (Counterfeit Trinity)

OK, so what is it?

THE LAND BEAST is a little harder to identify because, even though it had its origins in our past, it doesn't fulfill the Rev 13 prophecies until our future.

"Speaking like a dragon" hadn't happened yet in history. So there's some speculation. The sea beast was easier because of the little horn connection from Dan 7. However there are clear historical points that **identifies it** so we can be confident.

Since all the other beasts in Bible prophecy have represented kingdoms, nations or governments, we can safely conclude that the land beast is a **nation**.

This nation will come from a **sparsely populated** area of the earth. See Rev

13:11

The nation will come after or around the time of the healing of the first beast.

After or around **1798**. See Rev 13:12

The second beast is the false prophet. The #1 thing a false prophet does is to teach doctrines that are contrary to the Bible. So the second beast teaches **false doctrines**, things that are opposed to Bible truth and leads people astray. Note that it's possible for a nation or government to "teach" false doctrines through its laws. For example *evolution* taught in public schools as fact.

Both beasts **persecute** God's people. See Rev 13:7,15

The second beast gives **life** to the image of the first Beast. See Rev 13:15

This nation is **powerful** enough to

create seemingly miraculous signs such as "fire coming down from the sky" in the sight of everyone. And powerful enough to "force everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive the mark of the Beast", *on a global scale*. So a logical conclusion is that the second beast is a very powerful and influential world power, or a **superpower**.

Summary - the second beast is a world power that will enforce the worship of the Roman Catholic Church, the first Beast. Just like in the Middle Ages when the Catholic Church *used* the armies of the nations of Europe to enforce the graceless Catholic system of religion on all of Europe, so to during the end time tribulation the Catholic Church will use the land beast world superpower as its enforcer.



The **United States of America** fits best. It can't be any of the nations of Europe because they all came long *before* the healing of the deadly wound in 1798.

- ✓ We are a lamb like Christian nation
- ✓ Two horns separation church/state
- ✓ Came from sparsely populated area
- ✓ Established 1776 Declaration Indy
- ✓ Revolutionary War ended 1783
- ✓ World's only true superpower
- ✓ Moving away from the Bible

Of course the US doesn't do this alone, but we are the most **influential nation on earth**, and will leverage that influence to bring the world together over one issue.

World Economic Forum
World Health Organization
The World Bank
International Monetary Fund
NATO
United Nations

Image of the Beast



From verse 11-16 the "he" refers to the land Beast, the United States.

Vs 14 "them" are humans that were deceived. "Image" means "likeness". So the deceived inhabitants of the earth (under influence from the second beast) will setup or create some sort of image, reflection or **likeness** of the first beast. And according to verse 15, the image itself was worshipped, as well as the first beast. False worship and idolatry going on everywhere! However, we haven't crossed over to "speaking like a dragon" yet.

Vs 15 The term "breath" means "life". So the image of the beast will be brought to life by the United States. Satan will give the US the power to bring the image to life.

Bring to life simply means to enable it to

come into being.

Notice why the image was given life - so that it could be used by the US as a partner to **enforce** the worship of the Beast. And ultimately enforce the worship of the dragon or Satan. Remember this is what Satan ultimately wants! Worship. In addition the image of the beast itself is an object of worship. See end of verse 15.

Vs 16-17 In addition to persecuting God's people who refused to worship anything other than the true God of heaven, the US will *force* all of the deceived people of the earth to receive the **mark of the beast**. Forced through laws & legislation.

IMAGE OF THE BEAST

So it is some kind of an image of the Catholic Church. Or a **representation or**

reflection of the Catholic Church, which is by nature a religious system or organization. A false church, a harlot.

This image is setup or created by the **deceived people** of the earth, see verse 14.

It is given “life” by the land beast and “speaks” so that it can **persecute** (“cause.. to be killed”) those who refuse to worship the first Beast, see verse 15. The word cause and the phrasing of the last part of this verse gives the impression that the image does not actually, literally do the persecuting – but rather *causes* it to happen.

Six times after Rev 13 the image of the first Beast is said to be an object of **worship** of the deceived people of the earth. Worship means literally to “pay homage to”. The correct object of Christian worship is of course God

alone. The Israelites worshipped man made statues. Sadly, there are other objects of worship today – doctrines, traditions, leaders, money, success, etc. Entire religious systems and religious traditions can be worshipped. Keep that thought!

Summary - the image of the Beast is a worldwide reflection of the Roman Catholic Church, or a worldwide reflection of the system of religion of the Catholic Church. It makes sense that itself be a **worldwide system of religion** that reflects the false teachings of the Catholicism. The first Beast, second beast and image of the Beast work together to force the people of the earth to worship that which is not the true God, and persecute those who don't comply.

Possibilities – some see the image of the Beast to be a massive, worldwide

marketing ploy designed to “market” the Beast as something good for mankind. There's truth to that, but I think it's deeper than that.

World Council of Churches

The best and most overwhelming fit is that this is a uniting of almost *all* **Protestant denominations**, plus the other major religions of the world.

Consider this scenario

The first Beast is the Catholic Church – one billion members, and Christ less **religious-political system** that has influence in every aspect of world government. This is part of the religious arm that will be used by Satan for his last stand against God and His true people at the end of time. Combine this with the one billion or so Protestants that will be under one governing body at

the end of time (like the World Council of Churches), that some how, some way adopts the false teaching and false system of religion of the first Beast.

And in particular, **one false doctrine** that's highlighted in Daniel 7. This is the completion of the religious or Church arm used by Satan at the end of time.

And then finally, throw in the State - a world-wide governing or uniting body or the unchallenged strongest nation on earth. This would be the ultimate, world-wide uniting of Church and State – with the false church using the State to coerce and force everyone to worship its way through the passage of laws in every nation on earth. All of this created and arranged by Satan for the express purpose of deceiving and forcing people into worshipping man's way or Satan's way instead of God's way.

The Mark of the Beast



Read Rev 14:9-12

One of the most solemn warnings to be found in the Bible is right here - don't receive the Mark of the Beast. So we want to know what it is! Certainly God would give us enough info to know what it is and not leave us in the dark on such an important matter.

Things we know from the Bible about the Mark of the Beast: **Read Rev 13:16**

✓ It's received in either the forehead or right hand. Not necessarily both (forehead **OR** hand) and not necessarily "on" as many later Bible translations imply. KJV "in" meaning it's something deeper, and not just a surface thing.

Forehead = a person believes it, owns it, is all about it, *wants it*.

Hand = a person doesn't really believe it, care much about it, but does it out of convenience, necessity, follows the crowd.

✓ A person can't buy or sell without it.

✓ The Mark **of the** Beast connects it to Beast itself. So it's something associated with Roman Catholicism. It's something spiritual.

✓ The Mark of the Beast is an **identifier**

of *people* who worship the Beast, and the number of the Beast is an identifier of the Beast itself. It's a man's number, and can be calculated. Math!



"Vicarius Filii Dei"

V = 5	F = 0	D = 500	
I = 1	I = 1	E = 0	
C = 100	L = 50	I = 1	
A = 0	I = 1		112
R = 0	I = 1	501	53
I = 1			501
U = 5	53		
S = 0			
112			Total: 666

✓ Satan **counterfeits** God on all fronts (examples). Since this true, it stands to reason that this mark will be the

opposite of God's end time seal. A counterfeit of truth. Both are basically an outward identifier of which side you're on during the end times. And both have to do with **worship**.

✓ Revelation talks about God's Seal just as much as the mark of the beast, but it doesn't get as much attention, and it should! It's actually more important.... BECAUSE if you have God's Seal, you can't get the Mark.

The Seal of God



THE SEAL OF GOD!

Read

Revelation 7:2-4 + Revelation 14:1-5

Revelation 22:4 KJV

and they shall see his face; and his name shall be **in** their foreheads.

These end time people receive the seal of God in their foreheads, which is a symbol of their **allegiance** to, and belonging to God. They believe it, and own it. They belong to him.

This is the same people from,

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Revelation 12:17 KJV

That's what it means in Rev 14.4 "not

defiled by women, for they are virgins" meaning they don't fall for the false teachings of the **Harlot of Rev 17**, Roman Catholic false doctrines.

Especially their **false 10 Commandments**. Remember they tried to change them.. Dan 7.25 predicted this... "think to change times & laws." The 10 Commandments are actually *different* in their bible.

So.. this saved, sealed group of remnant people follow the Bible and the Bible only regardless of the consequences.

They **worship** the true, Creator God of heaven, יהוה Yah·weh

Worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:7 KJV

Almost identical language used in the

4th Sabbath commandment found in Exodus 20.

What is the Seal of God?

It's important to know that because the mark of the beast is the *opposite*.

Also its important to know that bible prophecy is generally **spiritual**. This great controversy is a spiritual battle.. for your heart, and your love and devotion. On this point is what will divide the world at the end of time. And in this thought is the truth about the seal of God...

Revelation 7:3 KJV

saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God **in their foreheads**.

Revelation 14:1 KJV

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**.



So.. the Seal of God is the name of the

Father in our foreheads. In olden days, a king would have a unique **signet ring** that would bear his seal. He would use this ring to seal official letters and documents so that they could be positively identified as belonging to and coming from the king. The end time Seal of God is the same: it's God's claim of **ownership** over your life. It is an outward sign that you belong on God's side and not the side of the Beast. It's not a literal seal in your forehead, it's *spiritual* but yet it has outward consequences. Let's drill deeper,

Heb 10:16

"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my **laws** in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

This is deeply spiritual.

The end-time Seal of God is His **LAW** written on our hearts and our minds. This is the basis of the **New Covenant**. And this is the main identifier of God's sealed, end time people.. their *obedience* to GOD'S commandments, and not the Beast's commandments. And their changed lives because of it.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.
I John 5:3

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”
John 14:21

Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those

who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.
Revelation 12:17

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the **commandments of God** and the faith of Jesus.
Revelation 14:11-12

Just like the image of the beast is a direct *reflection* of the false doctrines of the RCC, God's moral law is a **direct reflection** of *his* perfect character of love and truth.

God's law reflects His character

How God's Law Is a Mirror of God's Character

GOD		LAW
Luke 18:19	GOOD	Romans 7:12
Isaiah 5:16	HOLY	Romans 7:12
Deuteronomy 32:4	JUST	Romans 7:12
Deuteronomy 32:4	TRUTH	Psalms 119:142, 151
Matthew 5:48	PERFECT	Psalms 19:7
Matthew 11:30	NOT BURDENSOME	1 John 5:3
1 John 1:5	LIGHT	Proverbs 6:23
1 John 4:8	LOVE	Romans 13:10
Exodus 9:27	RIGHTEOUS	Psalms 19:9
1 John 3:3	PURE	Psalms 19:8
John 4:24	SPIRITUAL	Romans 7:14
Malachi 3:6	UNCHANGABLE	Matthew 5:18
Genesis 21:33	ETERNAL	Psalms 111:7-8

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has

sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Exodus 3:13-14

The Great I AM. Or to put this list in verb tense, action tense.. **He IS** (read list). God's name, who he is is a direct reflection of his 10 commandment moral law.

This is what's stamped in the heads and hearts of God's end time remnant people - **God's Moral Law**. And yes their *lives* will show their obedience to the Law.

Now it's true, the mark of the beast isn't here yet. It's also true the new covenant is written on believers hearts even now. But in the end times... **One**

commandment will set apart God's sealed people from the Beast people more than the others. Only 1 of 10 commandments that will be *polorizing*.

Remember the defining issue at the end of time will be **worship**.

There's **two** commandments that deals head on with worship: the 1st and 4th. "You will have no other gods before me" And,

"Remember the **Sabbath day**, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord **made** the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh

day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
Exodus 20:8-11

Saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and **worship** Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."
Revelation 14:7

Why is God alone worthy of our worship? Because he alone *created* us. The seventh day Sabbath is a *weekly* reminder of this fact. Satan hates this!

And so, even though God's remnant church will be commandment keepers (all of them) it's the 4th that will shine the **spotlight** on them. It is easily seen and known, and clearly sets them apart.

In the OT God used the 4th commandment to show the heathen

nations that His covenant people Israel belongs to him, to יהוה Yah·weh, the Creator. Their obedience to the 4th commandment **set them apart** from all the other peoples of the earth. God's people at the end of time will be found doing the same.

Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' Exodus 31:16-17

So at the end of time, God's Seal in his people's forehead will be his name, his moral law which is a direct reflection of his character. They will be commandment keepers, all of them.

The **Seal of the Father** is actually found in the word **S-ab-bath** itself.

THE SEAL OF GOD

Sabbath means "rest"

S-ab-b-ath

Hebrew "ab" אב means **father**

Hebrew "b" ב is often used for **of**

Hebrew "bath or beth" בֵּית means **dwelling place**, house or tent

Hebrew "ath" אֶת means **sign or seal**

So "S-ab-b-ath" means literally, the *dwelling place of the seal of the Father.*

God lives in us, and we are His temple, see 1 Cor 6.19-20. The Holy Spirit is our guarantee, see Eph 1.13. And He gives us the power to obey, see Romans 8.14-17.

If the Seal of God is keeping God's commandments, **then the Mark of the Beast is simply the opposite.**

Being deceived into **not** keeping God's commandments. And instead, being **forced** to observe a false commandment. Therefore bowing down to a false god.

Daniel 3



Read Daniel 3

WORSHIP will be *the* central issue at

the end of time. Who we worship, how we worship, and when we worship.

🙏 Worship was the central issue in the war in heaven. Lucifer coveted God's Throne, and wanted the worship only God is entitled to.

🙏 Adam and Eve, the issue was love and trust, the heart of true worship.

🙏 Cain and Able, the issue was true worship vs false worship.

🙏 The Flood, the issue was following God, or our own sinful natures, which is at the heart of true worship.

🙏 The nation of Israel, a long sad story of following after false gods.

🙏 The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness was about worship,

Matt 4:8-9

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and **worship me.**"

The New Testament predicts the same, key issue at the end of time,

2 Thess 2:3-4

3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, **proclaiming himself to be God.**

Compare with Dan 8 speaking of the

Little Horn power,

Daniel 8:10-12

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. 11 He even exalted himself as high as **the Prince of the host**; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. 12 Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

And then back to our story in Daniel 3 of the golden statue, the three faithful Hebrews and forced worship. This is the perfect shadow of events that will transpire at the end of time. The central issue will be **WORSHIP**, with each of us with a decision to make: true worship, or a false, man made worship.

The true Bible Sabbath, or a false man made sabbath.

Part of the Three Angel's message of Rev 14 for the end times is **"worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."** It's calling people back to true biblical worship.

The Beast needs a **counterfeit**. Hear what the Catholic Church says about Sabbath vs Sunday,

From the on-line Catholic Encyclopedia

"The Church, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day of the week, to the first, made the Third Commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord's Day. The Council of Trent (Sess. VI, can. xix) condemns those who deny

that the Ten Commandments are binding on Christians."

From The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (1957), p. 50

"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 transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

Rev. T. Enright, C.S.S.R., (Jesuit priest) in a lecture at Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884

"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 reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church."

Sunday



- *"Sunday is our mark of 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 seventh day Bible Sabbath

The Biblical account of creation is going to be under fire like never before at the end of time. Even Christians will deny it. Notice that the Sabbath is right in the creation week.

Gen 2:1-3

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2

And on the **seventh day** God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the **seventh day** from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it (literally "made it holy"), because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

God didn't rest because He was tired! He rested as a **memorial of His creation**, and to give us an example – six days of work, one day of rest. And also notice that God rested on the final day, the seventh-day, not the first day. In the fourth commandment, it is called "the Sabbath-day". The Sabbath is – and has always been – associated with A DAY.. a specific day, the seventh-day. It isn't just a principle that we can apply to any day or period of time we choose, not if we want to follow the bible and the bible only.

Exodus 20:8-10 KJV

[8] Remember the **sabbath day**, to keep it holy. [9] Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: [10] but the **seventh day** is the sabbath of the LORD thy God:

God instituted two things at creation, two things for our benefit – **marriage and the Sabbath**. So the Sabbath was never intended to be just for the Jews, but was intended for all of mankind.

Mark 2:27-28

27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28 Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

The Greek work for "man" here means literally "mankind"

for man,	ἄνθρωπον (anthrōpon)	444: a man, human, mankind	probably from anér and óps (eye, face)
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But for the most part, we have forgotten God's Sabbath (the 4th commandment itself starts off by saying "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy").... And we have forgotten it, and substituted a completely different day in its place – the first day, or Sunday. And this didn't happen by accident, it was actually foretold in Daniel chapter 7. It may come as no surprise to you to learn what institution tried to change the Sabbath from the seventh-day of the week, to the first.. the same institution that changed many of the pure, simple doctrines of the bible.

Dan 7:25

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the

saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.

Times AND law. Which moral law is associated with time? The Sabbath command only.

History shows us that the Roman Catholic Church gradually, during the 2nd - 4th centuries, tried to change the Sabbath from the seventh-day of the week to the first day of the week. No one seriously tries to deny this today - it's a **historical fact**. If you're interested, you can read about the historical change in great detail in the book *From Sabbath to Sunday*.

The Sabbath is a perpetual memorial of God's creation. It is His seal of ownership over His creation, a forever covenant with His people. It is His signet ring, so to speak. And He stamps it on your heart when you are convicted

of, and start keeping the Sabbath in full obedience to the commandments.

Right now God winks at error,

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,
Acts 17:30

But a day is coming when we will be given the choice to stand for Bible truth, or not. Just like the three Hebrews in Daniel 3 the issue will be plain to see **IF** you know your Bible and are closely following Jesus.

Satan wants your **worship**, your allegiance. It was Lucifer's desire *to be* God that caused the war in heaven to begin with that we read about in Rev 12.

Isa 14:12-14

"How you are fallen from heaven, O

Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

Our Enemy will **package this deception** so well, it will be hard to resist it. But we can! And it all starts with understanding and study.

Bottom Line: the Beast's commandments are at this time on the Internet, and are being taught to new converts, and they are *different* than God's commandments as He wrote on the two tablets of stone with His own finger. They're similar, but not the same. Truth mixed with error. They have

attempted to change the Ten Commandments and believe they have the authority from God to do so. And virtually all of Christianity – Catholic and Protestant alike – follows suit.

So at the end of time, there will be two distinct groups of people - those who obey God's commandments, and then all the rest. Where will you stand?

Revelation 12:17 KJV

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the **remnant of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

GOD'S SEAL

contains:



- 1. NAME:** *The Lord your God*
- 2. TITLE:** *Creator*
- 3. TERRITORY:** *Heaven & Earth*