

# THE STUDY OF LAST DAY EVENTS

## THE MARK OF THE BEAST

When one hears the subject The Mark of the Beast everyone stands up and takes notice. It is a subject that has everyone's attention. There is much speculation on the subject. Books have been written, movies have been made, and a lot of preaching has been done. But most of their understanding on this subject is incorrect. Even Seventh-day Adventist has been somewhat unclear on the subject. Tonight, we want to shed some light on the Mark of the Beast. What is it? When will it come? How can I prepare for it? We will try to answer these questions.

- I. What the Mark of the Beast is NOT.
  - a. Rev. 13:16 - \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Rev. 13:17 - \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Rev. 13:18 - \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. A computer
  - e. A social security number

Many have bought into these concepts

- II. To understand the beast of Revelation 13 we must do a little historical checking in Daniel to understand this cosmic monster of Revelation.
  - a. Daniel 7:4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Daniel 7:5 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Daniel 7:6 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Daniel 7:7 \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What is a beast according to Daniel 7:17? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. What is unique about the fourth Beast? Daniel 7:7, 8 \_\_\_\_\_,  
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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. What marking do the Beast of Revelation 13:1 – 8 \_\_\_\_\_,

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h. What differences can you find in the Beast of Revelation 13 that is not in Daniel 7?

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The Beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 is the \_\_\_\_\_

III. The Papacy has left a mark upon the world, and we need to know what is it, why?

a. Rev. 13:16, 17 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Rev. 14:9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Rev. 16:2 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Rev. 20:4 \_\_\_\_\_

IV. What is the Mark of the Beast?

a. "John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast or his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day is the mark of the beast." TM p. 133

b. "The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh- day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation... The mark of the beast is the opposite of this--the observance of the first day of the week." 8T p.117

c. "The mark of the beast is the papal Sabbath" Evangelism p. 234

d. "When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast it is the keeping of Sunday." 7BC p. 980

V. How many people did servant of the Lord say had the mark of the beast?

a. "Sunday keeping is not yet the mark of the beast and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol Sabbath. The time will come when this day will be the test, but that time has not come yet." 7BC p. 977

- b. “No one has yet received the mark of the beast. The testing time has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit Sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.” EV p. 234, 235

VI. When will the mark of the beast be received? Will this be before or after the close of probation?

“But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath, and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power, which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of his authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome--"the mark of the beast." And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast." GC p. 449

VII. What is the work of Church right now?

- a. Rev. 14:6 – 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Rev. 18: 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Luke 19:13 \_\_\_\_\_

As we can see the receiving of the mark is still in the future, but what is done today will weight heavy on what done tomorrow. Let us live up to what God has said and we will be prepared to live to receive the Seal of God and not the Mark of the Beast.