

# The Seal of God Vs. the Mark of the Beast [20]

## -Humanity's Final Test-

**\*\*Please don't do this Bible study until you have done "Identifying the Anti-Christ" -Part 1 & 2 first.**

*\*Especially remember to pray for wisdom before you begin this important lesson.*

**1.) What is one of the most solemn warnings ever given to man in the pages of God's Word?!**

**Revelation 14:9** And the \_\_\_\_\_ angel followed them, saying with a \_\_\_\_\_ voice, If any man \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_, and receive his \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_, or in his \_\_\_\_\_, **10** The \_\_\_\_\_ shall drink of the wine of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is poured out without mixture into the \_\_\_\_\_ of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with \_\_\_\_\_ and brimstone in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the holy angels, and in the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_: **NOTE: This warning can in no wise be taken lightly! God is a God of the most unswerving justice and the day is coming when all who persist in rebellion against Him will receive indignation and wrath against the terribleness of sin and anyone connected to it!**

**2.) Right before the end of time just before Jesus comes again, the whole human race will be tested on whether they will obey God or whether they will obey man who is inspired by the rebel enemy of God. Right after the creation of this world and its first humans, what special test was given to these two people –Adam and Eve? Genesis 2:16** And the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ commanded the man, saying, Of every \_\_\_\_\_ of the garden thou mayest \_\_\_\_\_ eat: **17** But of the tree of the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely \_\_\_\_\_.

**Another interesting point is brought out in ch. 3 when Eve is responding to the serpent. Where is this forbidden tree located? 3:3a** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the garden, **NOTE: Remember these points: this tree was in the midst of the Garden, it was a fruit-laden tree that was basically no different (in appearance) from all of the rest –so there is no indication that it was inedible or poisonous, the only thing about it was, that it was off-limits! It was simply a test and a simple test at that! Keep these points in mind as we will come back to this issue later on before the close of our study.**

**3.) The Mark of the Beast is a mark or sign of authority from the Beast power of Revelation 13. Who is this "Beast power" of Rev. 13? [Remember what you studied in "Identifying the Anti-Christ Power of Bible Prophecy"]**

**Revelation 13:1** And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a \_\_\_\_\_ rise up out of the sea, having \_\_\_\_\_ heads and \_\_\_\_\_ horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of \_\_\_\_\_ . **2** And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the \_\_\_\_\_ gave him his \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_, and great \_\_\_\_\_. **3** And I saw one of his \_\_\_\_\_ as it

were wounded to \_\_\_\_\_; and his deadly wound was \_\_\_\_\_: and \_\_\_\_\_ the world wondered after the beast. **NOTE: In previous lessons we learned and identified what this power actually was. It is the Papacy or Roman Catholic Institution. We saw that it fits perfectly all the identifying marks as pointed out in Bible Prophecy. We also saw that [most] Protestants and Evangelicals don't identify this power as the true Anti-Christ anymore. The stage is almost set for one of the greatest deceptions ever perpetrated in the history of human kind! THE DEVIL DOES NOT WANT YOU TO KNOW THE TRUTH ON THIS SUBJECT!! It is highly recommended that even if you already prayed at the beginning of this study that you pray again asking for God's special protection and that nothing will distract you from understanding this most important truth! Your soul for all eternity could be at stake!**

4.) To get a proper perspective on this issue of the Mark of the Beast, we first need to look at the opposite mark that will be placed on God's obedient children. We already looked at some of this in the lesson "God's Sign and Seal." But let's look at it again. Will there be a mark or seal placed on God's people at the very end? Revelation 7:1 *And after these things I saw four \_\_\_\_\_ standing on the four \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, holding the four \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, that the \_\_\_\_\_ should not blow on the \_\_\_\_\_, nor on the sea nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another \_\_\_\_\_ ascending from the east, having the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living \_\_\_\_\_: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have \_\_\_\_\_ the servants of our God in their \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: Winds as we've seen before in a previous lesson represent turmoil and strife. How many times have we seen in the last 10 to 15 years incidents where horrific war (like on a world-wide scale) or some other very serious event almost take place only to have it fizzle out to everyone's relief. God through His powerful angels are holding events back to a large extent until His people are ready to be sealed (perfected), and the gospel has been given to the world. But, it won't hold forever! Let's find out what this seal is!**

5.) Before we look at what this seal is, what big issue will be involved when God's followers receive the Seal of God and the lost and wicked receive the Mark of the Beast?

Revelation 14:7 *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and \_\_\_\_\_ him that made \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the fountains of waters. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man \_\_\_\_\_ the beast and his image, and receive his \_\_\_\_\_ in his forehead, or in his hand, NOTE: We are either going to worship (notice in verse 7 above) – the Creator who made everything OR we will worship the Beast and its image. It all revolves around the issue of worship. Who do we make supreme in our life?*

6.) How does Revelation describe the ones who are loyal to God? What characteristic stands out? Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the faith of Jesus. NOTE: Over and over the Bible*

**emphasizes the characteristic of God's faithful children as KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS! Remember Jesus said, "If you love Me, Keep My commandments."**

- 7.) Where is God's seal to be found? Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ among my disciples. **NOTE: God's seal is found in His law. Which one of the Ten Commandment laws contains the seal of God? First of all, what are the elements that normally make up a seal? An official seal actually makes a document authentic. And a seal must contain these 3 points: The Name, the Title, the Territory of the one who's seal it belongs to. Let's use an example of one of our US presidents: Name = Abraham Lincoln, Title = President, Territory = United States of America.**
- 8.) Only one of the commandments contains these elements of a seal. Which one of these commandments is it? Exodus 20:8 Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ day, to keep it \_\_\_\_\_. 9 Six days shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_, and do all thy work: 10 But \_\_\_\_\_ seventh day is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ the sabbath day, and \_\_\_\_\_ it. **NOTE: Only the fourth commandment has the seal. It is the only one of the commandments that gives the Law-Makers name, title and the territory over which He rules. You have the Name = "LORD thy God," Title –"made" =Creator, Territory of Rulership = "heaven, earth, the sea." This is God's special sign and mark. Because He is our Creator, He is worthy of our worship! And that is what the three angel's messages are all about –worship!**
- 9.) What element of the fourth Commandment do we see in the 1<sup>st</sup> angel's message? Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ to preach unto them that dwell on the \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and \_\_\_\_\_ him that \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the fountains of waters. **NOTE: It's all about WORSHIP and especially God as Creator of heaven, earth and sea. Is the seventh-day Sabbath a sign or seal? Look at next question below.**
- 10.) Where in scripture do we see the Sabbath described as a "Sign"? Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my \_\_\_\_\_, to be a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. 20 And hallow my \_\_\_\_\_; and they shall be a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and you, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ that I am the LORD your God. Exodus 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my \_\_\_\_\_ ye shall keep: for it is a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and you \_\_\_\_\_ your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth \_\_\_\_\_ you. **NOTE: If more of the world had kept and observed the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial of creation, there might not**

***be the rampant secularism, atheism, agnosticism, evolution and all the evils that attend it including abortion, homosexuality and a host of other societal problems that are plaguing our planet right now. The Sabbath truly is a big sign, because it puts everything in the right perspective with honoring God as our Creator! The Sabbath is a sign of sanctification which recovers us from the power of all sin in our life. The Sabbath is to be a sign of our utmost loyalty and obedience to all the other nine precepts of God's law. But before this study is completed, you will see the importance of the true Sabbath in a more monumental perspective than you've ever realized!!***

**11.) What does the Catholic Catechism say about the change of the Sabbath to Sunday?**

*The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine -Peter Geiermann 1957 ed Pg 50*

Question: Which is the Sabbath day?

Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Question: Why do we keep Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. *Here's another statement from the Church of Rome. The Catholic Record -Canada Sept. 1, 1923 "The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath to Sunday is proof of that fact."*

**12.) Now let's look at what a number of Protestant Denominations have to say about the Sabbath as Saturday. These are their actual official statements. This is amazing!!**

**Baptist** – "There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. . . It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the Seventh to the first day of the week. . . Where can the record of such be found? Not in the New Testament –absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week." –*Dr Edward T. Hiscox -author of the Baptist Manual Nov. 13, 1893*

**Episcopal:** "Sunday (*Dies Solis*, of the Roman calendar, 'day of the sun,' because dedicated to the sun), the first day of the week, was adopted by the early Christians as a day of worship. . . . No regulations for its observance are laid down in the New Testament, nor indeed is its observance even enjoined." "*Sunday*" *A Religious Encyclopedia, Vol. 3*

**Church of Christ:** "Finally we have the testimony of Christ on this subject. In Mark 2:27, He says: 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.' From this passage it is evident that the Sabbath was made not merely for the Israelites, as Paley and Hengstenberg would have us believe, but for man . . . that is for the race. Hence we conclude that the Sabbath was sanctified from the beginning and that it was given to Adam, even in Eden as one of those primeval institutions that God ordained for the happiness of all men." –*Robert Milligan in Scheme of Redemption pg. 165*

**Congregationalist:** "The Christian Sabbath (Sunday) is not in the Scriptures, and was not by

the primitive church called the Sabbath." *Dwight's Theology, Vol. 4 pg. 401*

**Lutheran:** "The observance of the Lord's day (Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church." *Augsburg Confession of Faith, quoted in Catholic Sabbath Manual, part 2, ch. 1, section 10*

**Presbyterian:** "Until, therefore, it can be shown that the whole moral law has been repealed, the Sabbath will stand. . . . The teaching of Christ confirms the perpetuity of the Sabbath." –*T.C. Blake, D.D. Theology Condensed, pp. 474, 475*

**Pentecostal:** "Why do we worship on Sunday? Doesn't the Bible teach us that Saturday should be the Lord's Day?" . . . Apparently we will have to seek the answer from some other source than the New Testament." –*David Womack, "Is Sunday the Lord's Day?" The Pentecostal Evangel, Aug. 9, 1959, No. 2361, p. 3*

**Moody Bible Institute:** "The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since. The fourth commandment begins with the word 'Remember,' showing that the Sabbath already existed when God wrote the law on the tables of stone at Sinai. How can men claim that this one commandment has been done away with when they will admit that the other nine are still binding?" –*D.L. Moody, Weighed and Wanting p. 47*

**13.) What incredible challenge does the Catholic Church make against Protestant Christians of almost all denominations? This is really serious! Taken from Library of Christian Doctrine: *Why Don't You Keep Holy the Sabbath-Day?* (London: Burns and Oates Ltd. Pp.3, 4 "You will tell me that Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath, but that the Christian Sabbath has been changed to Sunday. Changed! but by whom? Who has authority to change an express commandment of Almighty God? When God has spoken and said, thou shalt keep holy the seventh day, who shall dare to say, Nay, thou mayest work and do all manner of worldly business on the seventh-day, but thou shalt keep holy the first day in its stead? This is a most important question, which I know not how you can answer. You are a Protestant, and you profess to go by the Bible and the Bible only, and yet in so important a matter as the observance of one day in seven as a holy day, you go against the plain letter of the Bible and put another day in the place of that day which the Bible has commanded. The command to keep holy the seventh-day is one of the Ten Commandments; you believe that the other nine are still binding; who gave you the authority to tamper with the fourth? If you are consistent with your own principles, if you really follow the Bible and the Bible only, you ought to be able to produce some portion of the New Testament in which this fourth commandment is expressly altered"**

**14.) If the keeping of the Seventh-day Sabbath is the sign and seal of God, then what would be the mark or sign of the beast power or Papacy? Notice what the Roman Catholic Church says right in their own documents taken from *Canon and Tradition, p. 263* "The Archbishop of Reggio made a speech in which he openly declared that tradition stood above the scriptures because the church had changed the Sabbath into Sunday –not by a command of Christ, but by its own authority." *Catholic Record -September 1, 1963 -* "The church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath to Sunday is proof of this fact." And this is found in a letter written on November, 1895 by Mr. H.F.**

Thomas, chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons who was answering an inquiry about whether the Catholic Church claims responsibility for the change of the Sabbath. "Of course, the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act, . . . and the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority."

**NOTE: Amazingly the Church of Rome comes right out and says that Sunday is their MARK of authority!! This is actually the counterfeit Sabbath that Satan and his hosts of evil have come up with to take the place of the true Sabbath! Now keep in mind that no one has the "mark of the beast" now. This won't happen until Sunday becomes legislated by law.**

15.) What does this 2<sup>nd</sup> beast [the USA] in Revelation 13 force everyone to do? Revelation

**13:16** And he \_\_\_\_\_ all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ in their right \_\_\_\_\_, or in their \_\_\_\_\_: **17** And that no man might \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, save he that had the \_\_\_\_\_, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **NOTE: In the possible very near future Sunday legislation will take place across this land, where everyone will be enforced to keep Sunday as a day of rest and worship thereby showing homage not only to the government but ultimately to the Church of Rome who works through governments. If you refuse to obey, there will be severe penalties as we see in above verses -to not being able to buy or sell (all earthly support cut off), then eventually a death penalty.**

16.) Is this "Mark of the Beast" or "Seal of God" a physical, visible mark? Deuteronomy 6:8

And thou shalt bind them for a \_\_\_\_\_ upon thine \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall be as \_\_\_\_\_ between thine \_\_\_\_\_. **Ecclesiastes 9:10** Whatsoever thy \_\_\_\_\_ findeth to \_\_\_\_\_, do it with thy \_\_\_\_\_; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. **Exodus 13:9** And it shall be for a \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee upon thine \_\_\_\_\_, and for a \_\_\_\_\_ between thine eyes, that the LORD'S \_\_\_\_\_ may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. **Hebrews 10:16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ into their \_\_\_\_\_, and in their \_\_\_\_\_ will I \_\_\_\_\_ them; **The part of the forehead inside the brain is what is known as the "frontal lobe;" this is the seat of conscience where the moral reasoning faculties and the power of the will and choice reside. How does this next verse of scripture bring this out? Jeremiah 3:3** Therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ have been withholden, and there hath been \_\_\_\_\_ latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's \_\_\_\_\_, thou refusedst to be \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: The showers of latter rain have to do with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is the Agent Who pricks and convicts the conscience. Notice in this case "a whore's forehead" that "refused to be ashamed." It is in the forehead where we make vital moral decisions. It is there where God speaks to our hearts, where we experience guilt and convicts us of the right choices we should make. Notice that for God's followers who receive the Seal of God, it is only placed in the forehead. Everyone who is saved will be loyal and obedient from the heart. No force is ever used to compel a child of God! Those who receive the Mark of the Beast can receive it in the forehead or in the hand. Those who receive it in**

**the forehead means that some will be convinced in their hearts (minds) that the laws of the land enforcing Sunday observance are the right thing and should be obeyed. There will be many who have the mark in their hand because they know if they don't obey they would not be able to buy or sell or they might lose their job, home and even their life! In either case, Seal of God or Mark of the Beast, there is no visible or literal physical mark. It's symbolic.**

**17.) By what means will the Papacy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast [USA] cause the whole world to enforce the Mark of Sunday on its inhabitants? Revelation 13:13** *And he doeth great \_\_\_\_\_, so that he maketh \_\_\_\_\_ come down from \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And \_\_\_\_\_ them that dwell on the earth by the means of those \_\_\_\_\_ which he had \_\_\_\_\_ to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should \_\_\_\_\_ an image to the \_\_\_\_\_, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. NOTE: With major calamities, mounting crisis enveloping the planet, the so-called "climate change," health and environmental disasters taking its toll, society will desperately be seeking answers and could turn to religious authorities for solving their problems. Satan and his hosts of darkness will be ready through the use of mind-boggling miracles and signs to sway the world for the need to "get back to God" by forced worship on a false day. It is coming! It is only a matter of time!*

**18.) How is the mysterious number 666 connected to the beast or Papal power? Revelation 13:18** *Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast: for it is the number of a \_\_\_\_\_; and his number is \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.* NOTE: "The title of the Pope of Rome is *Vcarius Filii Dei*" English: "Vicar of the Son of God." *Malachi Martin, in -The Keys of This Blood" see pg. 114, 122* *If we use the Roman numerals and the numerical value for the letters of this name, we can add them up and see if it comes out as scripture states.*

	<b>V = 5</b>	<b>F = 0</b>	<b>D = 500</b>
<b>*score = 20</b>	<b>I = 1</b>	<b>I = I</b>	<b>E = 0</b>
<b>3 x 20 = 60</b>	<b>C = 100</b>	<b>L = 50</b>	<b><u>I = I</u></b>
	<b>A = 0</b>	<b>I = I</b>	<b>501</b>
	<b>R = 0</b>	<b><u>I = I</u></b>	
	<b>I = 1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>112</b>
	<b>U = 5</b>		<b>53</b>
	<b><u>S = 0</u></b>		<b>+ 501</b>
	<b>112</b>		<b>666</b>

**19.) Going back to our earlier question toward the beginning of our study about the first test given to Adam and Eve. In their Garden home, Adam and Eve were given access to any fruit-bearing tree to freely partake of. But one tree in the midst of the Garden was off limits. It was not poisonous or inedible. It probably looked pretty much like any other tree. Unfortunately, they failed that test and brought a flood-gate of trouble, heartache**

and sorrow into the world. In these last days another test is coming to all living humanity. This time it is a specific Day of the week. Why Saturday? It looks like any of the other days of the week. It is 24 hours in length just like the others. It is in the midst of the Ten Commandment law of God. Why not Sunday? Why does even a specific day matter? Let's look at one scripture that says why it matters! Genesis 2:2 And on \_\_\_\_\_ day God ended his work which he had made; and he \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day, and \_\_\_\_\_ it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God \_\_\_\_\_ and made. **NOTE: Any other "day" won't do. Sunday won't do because God only rested on one day and He only blessed and sanctified the Seventh-day Sabbath! His special blessing only rests on the Seventh-day Sabbath! \*Choose today whose banner of authority you will stand under -God or Satan!**

## Brief Quiz

### CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) True/False – The Mark of the Beast will involve a literal mark on the forehead & hand.
- 2.) True/False – God doesn't have a mark or sign for His people.
- 3.) True/False – Many of the mainline denominations have admitted to the importance of the Seventh-day Sabbath.
- 4.) True/False – The Church of Rome in their own documents actually say that Sunday is the "mark" of their authority.
- 5.) True/False – The Sabbath is God's special sign for His people that they are loyal to Him.
- 6.) True/False – A Seal actually consists of a name, title, and territory.
- 7.) True/False – No actual Seal can be found in any of God's commandments.
- 8.) True/False – As Adam and Eve had a test over a specific tree they couldn't eat from, so do the final generation have a test over a specific day for worship.
- 9.) True/False – Lots of people everywhere now have the Mark of the Beast.

## *My Response*

*I have been enlightened in regards to this study about the soon coming issue of the Mark of the Beast vs. the Seal of God. I choose today to accept God's sign & Seal of loyalty and step forward to observe and keep His special Day of Worship in preparation for this final test.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_

\* *Joel 3:12-14* Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.