

The Mark of the Beast

Text Guide #17

Rev. 14:9-10 God warns us not to receive the Mark of the Beast
Rev. 13:16-17 The Mark will be enforced by economic boycott.

Note: in contrast to those who worship the Beast and receive its Mark are those who keep God's commandments and have the faith of Jesus (Rev. 14:12; 12:17; 22:14; 7:2-3). They have the Seal of God in their foreheads, and not the Mark of the Beast.

The Seal of God

A seal is placed on a *legal document* to show authenticity and give authority to the law.

Isa. 8:16 God's Seal is found in His law.
Ex. 20:8-11 Every seal has three components. The *name* of the one in authority; the *title* of the one in authority; the *territory* over which a person has authority. These are contained in the commandment to keep the Sabbath holy.
 1. Person's name - Lord God. 2. Authority - Maker of all, or Creator.
 3. Territory - Heaven and Earth.

Ezk. 20:12, 20 The Sabbath is a *sign* between God and His people.
Rom. 4:11 A sign when followed as God asks becomes a Seal of Righteousness.
Heb. 10:15-16 God's Seal is His whole law written in your mind.
Rev. 14:6-7 The Everlasting Gospel calls for Christians to worship God as Creator, which is to Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy (Ex. 20:8-11).

Note: Rev. 14:9-12 shows that those who keep God's commandments do not receive the Mark of the Beast. Those who do not keep the commandments of God do receive the Mark of the Beast. What is the issue regarding God's law in the last days?

Dan. 7:25 Antichrist thinks to change God's law.
 "... the Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." *Catholic Record, September 1, 1923.*

Two Sides Become Evident

God's people keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus. *Rev. 14:12*
 They will be sealed by the Spirit writing God's law in their hearts. *Heb. 10:16; Rev. 7:2-3*
 The Beast's people will follow the commandments of men. *Matt. 15:8,9; Mark 7:7-13*
 They will worship the Beast. *Rev. 14:9-10*
 They will receive the Mark of the Beast. *Rev. 13:16-17*
 They will be deceived and damned because they did not love the truth. *2 Th. 2:10-12*

Rom. 6:16 We are the servants of whoever we obey.
Matt. 15:9 If we follow the traditions of men our worship is in vain.
Rev. 15:2 The saved must be victorious over the Beast, his image and his Mark.

Jesus says, "If you love me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15)