

Gods Sabbath & The Mark of the Beast

~PART 1~

While many people know of the term “Mark of the Beast,” most do not know what it is. Nor do they know that there is a “Mark of God.” The Mark of God is the counter balance to the Mark of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast is set up to create a finish line for humanity. Since not all will die before the 2nd coming of our Lord, there must be a great separation of the clean and unclean of humanity. This “spiritual finish line” will be a great time of testing for believers and unbelievers alike. Many believers will turn their back on God out of fear of persecution and death. Yet, many Christians will stand firm and see the hope of their salvation. To be sure you pass this final exam of the populace, you must bear the “Mark of God.”

The CALLING OUT

Leviticus 23:3

“Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a Holy convocation; you shall do no kind of work. It is a Sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwellings.”

***Interesting Point:** The **Sabbath** is called a “Holy Convocation”. The word used here for “Convocation” means “Called Out.”

Let's Look...

Strong's Concordance H4744: מִקְרָא= pronounced “miqrâ” (mik-raw')

The Definition is as follows: Something called out, that is, a public meeting (the act, the persons, or the place); also a rehearsal: - assembly, calling, convocation, reading.

The **Sabbath** is the Holy Convocation, or “calling out” of God’s people.

CALLED OUT ONES

In the New Testament, the word used for “Church” is “Ekklēsia”, which means: “Called Out Ones!”

Let's Look...

Strong's Concordance G1577: ἐκκλησία= Pronounced “ekklēsia” (ek-klay-see'-ah) The Definition is as follows: A calling out, that is, (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church.

What we have is an undeniable parallel of the Holy **Sabbath** Convocation, or a “**calling out**” of God’s people. And the Church being made up of those who are “**called out**” from the world. The “**Called Out Ones**”, or Church, is called out into the Holy Convocation of the **Sabbath**. In short, the true church and body of Christ are called out into the Holy **Sabbath** Day of God. The only people on earth that would keep the **Sabbath** of Yahweh out of obedience are the people of God. We are called out into this Holy and special meeting with God every 7th day. To be truly called out through obedience and be the Church as the Body of Christ, we must keep the Holy **Sabbath** Convocation of God! If you are called out, then you are called into the **Sabbath** Rest.

As we see here, we are “Called Out” from “Spiritual Babylon!”

“I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you don’t receive of her plagues, for her sins have reached to the sky, and God has remembered her iniquities.’ (Revelation 18:4-5)”

This is not a specific place, yet a spiritual condition. Again, we find this terminology of kingdoms representing spiritual conditions in the following verse: “Their dead bodies will be in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.” (Revelation 11:8)

With this in mind, what exactly was being said in the Commandments? While yes, they came out of Egypt, the greater victory presented here is of being freed from spiritual darkness. Being “called out” of darkness into the light of God’s love and grace.

Let's Read:

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Yahweh your God commanded you. You shall labor six days, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God, in which you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. **You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm.** Therefore Yahweh your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.” (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

We are the “called out ones”- the Church. We are called out into the Holy Convocation of the Sabbath unto the Lord. In obeying the Sabbath mandate, we are also abiding by the command to come out of Spiritual Babylon and Egypt. As we just read, it was so that we don't take part in her sins. Sin is transgression of the Law of God (1 John 3:4), and this includes the Sabbath! Those who refuse to do this will partake in her punishment and plagues. So, as we clearly see it through obedience to God's law, we leave Spiritual Babylon. So as we are called out of Spiritual Babylon, the bondage of spiritual Egypt, to flee the world system. We are called into something: Called out, to come into communion with God through obedience.

***To further prove this point, let us read the “Three Angels Message” in the book of Revelations:**

The Messages of the Three Angels

“**1)** And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, saying with a great voice, Fear God and give glory to Him! For the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. **2)** And another angel followed, saying, The great city, Babylon, has fallen, has fallen; because of the wine of the anger of her fornication; she has made all nations to drink. **3)** And a third angel followed them, saying with a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark in his forehead or in his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the anger of God, having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. And he will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. And they have no rest day or night, those who worship the beast and its image, and ***whoever receives the mark of its name.*** Here is the patience of the saints. Here are the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from

Heaven saying to me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Revelation 14:6-13)

Point 1...

In Revelation 14:7, we read the 1st Angel telling the world to “Fear the Lord, and give him glory”

How do we fear the Lord? In Ecclesiastes 12:13 we are told how to do this; “This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.”

Then how do we give Him glory? Let’s read how it is repentance from sin that gives Him glory! “People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. They didn’t repent and give him glory.” (Revelation 16:9) You see, repentance is to turn away from sin, and turn to God with a heart of obedience.

~We must keep the Commandments of God to obey the first Angels Message!~

Point 2...

The First Angel also said “And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

In Exodus 20:8-11, the Sabbath Commandment says the reason for the Sabbath is to commemorate the Creator and Creation of Heaven and Earth. We read: “For in six days Yahweh made heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy.”

In order to worship God the creator of Heaven and Earth, we must keep the Day that celebrates His creation of the Heaven and the Earth.

If you think this is a stretch, then keep reading the three Angels message. In Revelation 14:12 it says, “Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

Point 3...

So, we must keep the Commandments, including the 4th Commandment. It’s impossible to keep the Faith of Jesus if you don’t even keep His special day. Jesus clearly says, “Therefore the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” Mark 2:28. We also read: “Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12) If you are going to keep the Commandments and The Faith of Jesus Christ, you must keep all 10.

Not 9, not 6- but ALL of the commandments. Failure to do so will reject God and will not give Him glory through your repentance, then obedience!

Clearly, it is laid out that those who do not give God glory as the Creator of Heaven and Earth, by keeping the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ, are the very same ones who will receive the “Mark of the Beast.” Let’s read:

Revelations 14:9 “And a third angel followed them, saying with a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark in his forehead or in his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the anger of God, having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath.”

***If you want to escape the wrath of God, you must repent and give Him glory through obedience.**

Duality of Marks

Clue 1...

Mark of the Beast

Satan’s people Marked:

“It was given to him to give breath to it, to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as wouldn’t worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given ***marks on their right hands***, or on ***their foreheads***; and that no one would be able to buy or to sell, unless he has that mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six hundred sixty-six.” (Revelation 13:15-18)

Mark / Seal of God

God’s people Marked:

“It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to **my Commandments** which I command you today, to love Yahweh your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,... Be careful, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn away, and serve other gods, and worship them; and Yahweh’s anger be kindled against you, and he shut up the sky, so that there is no rain, and the land doesn’t yield its fruit; and you perish quickly from off the good land which Yahweh gives you. Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul. You shall bind them ***for a sign on your hand***, and they shall be for ***frontlets between your eyes...*** For if you shall diligently keep all these **Commandments** which I command you, to do them, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him;” (Deuteronomy 11:13+16-18+22)

We can plainly see the duality of the obedience to either the Beast system or God's Holy Commandments. The loyalty of the person is expressed through their thoughts (Head) and actions (Hands). These actions or works prove the heart of the individual. Therefore we can determine that the Mark of the Beast has to do to with loyalty to the Beast through rebellion against God and His commandments.

Again we read:

"It shall be for a sign to you **on your hand**, and for a memorial **between your eyes**, that Yahweh's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt." (Exodus 13:9)

Clue 2...

We find in the book of Ezekiel a very striking mirror image of the Mark of the Beast and the Mark of God against the wicked.

"Behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand. *One man [JESUS] in the middle of them was clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side.* They went in, and stood beside the bronze altar. The glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side. Yahweh said to him, "Go through the middle of the city, through the middle of Jerusalem, **and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done within it.**" To the others he said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike. Don't let your eye spare, neither have pity. Kill utterly the old man, the young man, the virgin, little children and women; **but don't come near any man on whom is the mark.** Begin at my sanctuary." Then they began at the old men who were before the house. He said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" They went out, and struck in the city. While they were killing, and I was left, I fell on my face, and cried, and said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! Will you destroy all the residue of Israel in your pouring out of your wrath on Jerusalem?" Then he said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perversion; for they say, 'Yahweh has forsaken the land, and Yahweh doesn't see.' As for me also, my eye won't spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way on their head." *Behold, the man clothed in linen [JESUS], who had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, "I have done as you have commanded me."* (Ezekiel 9:2-11)

Clue 3...

We see the Ezekiel paradigm play out again in the book of Revelation.

“I saw another angel ascend from the sunrise, having the seal of the living God. He cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea, saying, “Don’t harm the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until **we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads!**” (Revelation 7:2-3)

“Then out of the smoke came locusts on the earth, and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, **but only those people who don’t have God’s seal on their foreheads.**” (Revelation 9:3-4)

Yet, here we see it is those who don’t receive the mark of the beast, having the Mark/Seal of God are blessed and reign with Christ.

“I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as didn’t worship the beast nor his image, and didn’t receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:4)

Bonus...

Jesus declares after the resurrection we will be Marked/Sealed again!

“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will go out from there no more. **I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God,** the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, **and my own new name.**” (Revelation 3:12)

We will receive the following Marks from Jesus:

1. Name Of His God- Yahweh
2. Name Of The City- New Jerusalem
3. His New Name- (?) ***Can’t wait!***

Obedience Vs Disobedience

Clue 4...

A) Satan’s Followers:

“Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his

hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.” (Revelation 14:9-10)

A) God’s Followers:

Now look a verse later, the comparison of those who worship the beast and receive the mark and those who did not:

“Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12)

B) Satan’s Followers:

“You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn’t stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

B) God’s Followers:

“Jesus therefore answered them, “Most certainly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father doing. For whatever things he does, these the Son also does likewise. For the Father has affection for the Son, and shows him all things that he himself does. He will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel.” (John 5:19-20)

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps,” (1 Peter 2:21)

***IF we do what we see the Father doing, just as Jesus did.**

Then should we not also rest as our Father rests?

“God blessed the seventh day, and made it holy, because he rested in it from all his work of creation which he had done.” (Genesis 2:3)

Conclusion of Part 1...

The Mark of the Beast will include the act of rebellion against God and His holy Sabbath. False Christianity will call for Sunday worship as allegiance to the new world system of mixing religions. This act of harlotry and those who are seduced by it will suffer the punishment of Hell. In denying His creative power, they seek to deny His authority over His creation. Seeking to supplant God’s throne with their own- attempting to steal His creation.