

## The Seal of God & the Mark of the Beast

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: 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 sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

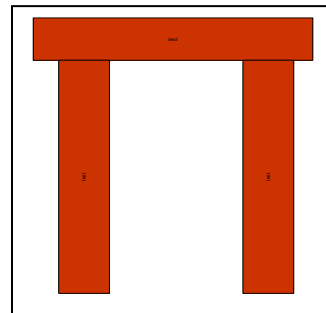
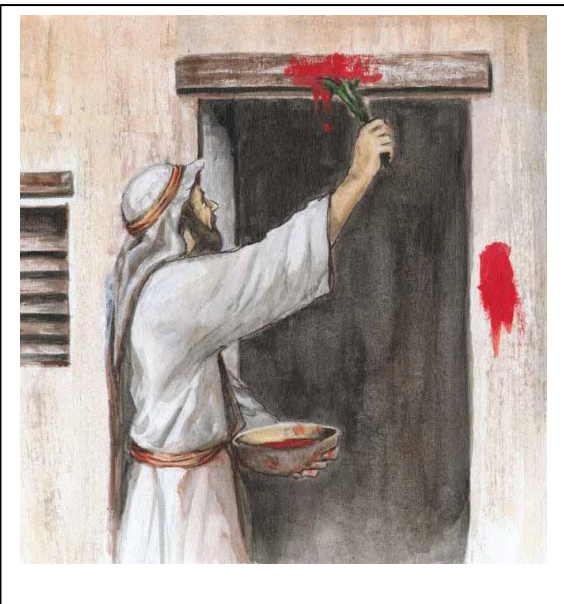
Over the years there have been many speculations as to the nature of the mark of the beast. Some have taught that it is a bar code or UPC( Universal product code ). Some have taught that it will be chip embedded under the skin of your forearm or upon your forehead. These interpretations may indeed come to pass but they miss altogether the deeper meaning and ignore the scriptures that speak of a “seal or mark” for the believers.

God has always symbolically had a means of identifying those he has chosen to escape judgment. This “seal” as the bible terms it is not for Gods benefit, but is as a sign to men and fallen spirits. This concept goes all the way back to genesis

Genesis 4:15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. *And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.*

The mark was given to Cain to escape being killed. We see this concept very clearly in the Passover escape from Egypt.

## The Mark of Tav



Exodus 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

The daubing of the lintel and side posts of the door constituted a mark that enabled the first born to escape death. The shape of the mark (the lintel and two side posts) were not accidental but actually is similar to the last Hebrew letter Tav.

## The Seal of God (the mark that reprieves Judgment)

Again we see that God gives a mark in the vision of the prophet Ezekiel to escape judgment to those that belong to him

Ezekiel 9:1 ¶He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, *and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.*

This theme is found throughout the Old Testament sometimes in subtle ways. In fact part of the High priests garment included a band engraved with a “designation” that was worn on his head



Exodus 28:36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 *And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead*, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

## The sign upon the hand & upon the forehead

God in the Old Testament gave the Israelites a mark to distinguish them from the other nations that worshipped many gods that surrounded them. We find this repeated several times in Old Testament.

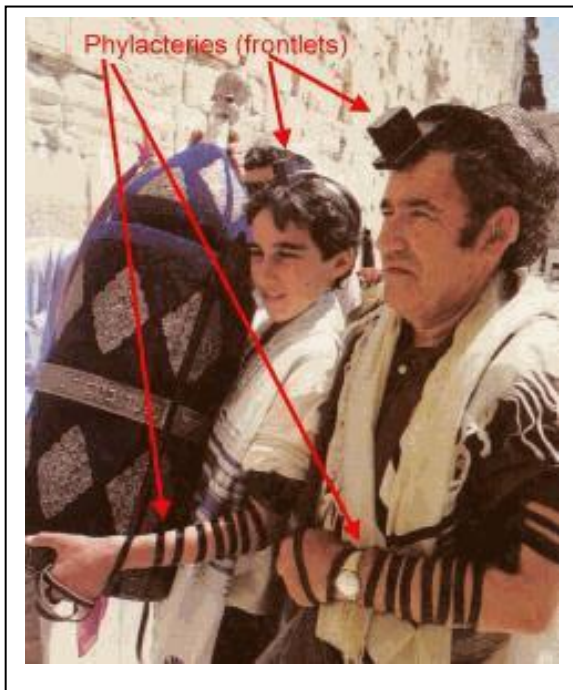
"And it shall be for a sign for you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand did the LORD bring you out of Egypt" — Exodus 13:9

"And it shall be for *a sign upon your hand, and as frontlets between your eyes*; for with a mighty hand did the LORD bring us forth out of Egypt" — Exodus 13:16

— and twice in the shema passage:

"And you shall bind them as a sign *upon your arm, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes*" — Deuteronomy 6:8

"Therefore you shall lay these words of mine in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them *for a sign upon your arm, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes*" — Deuteronomy 11:18



The Jews took these commandments literally and even to this day orthodox devout Jews wear “Tefillin, (Hebrew: תפילין), also called phylacteries, two black leather boxes containing scrolls of parchment inscribed with biblical verses. The arm-tefillin, or shel yad, is worn on the upper arm, while the head-tefillin, or shel rosh, is placed above the forehead. They serve as a "sign" and "remembrance" that God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt. According to Jewish Law, they should be worn during weekday morning prayer services. This wearing of the “word of God” constituted an Identifying mark.

Thus the identifying mark was the “WORD”. In the new testament this “word” that they symbolically wore is revealed as Jesus Christ.

John 1:1 ¶In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, *and the Word was God.*

John 1:14 And the *Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

## The New Testament seal or mark

Just as in the Old testament where God used a literal mark, (the box with the word on their forehead), there is also a “seal” an identification for those that belong to Christ in the New Testament.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not *the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed* unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, *ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

**2 Corinthians 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**

The revelation is that the mark for the Christian is the Holy spirit!. In the foregoing three scriptures this is clearly shown that it is the holy spirit that is the mark for the believer.

## The Seal of God is the Manifested Name

And they shall see his face; and *his name shall be in their foreheads*. Revelation 22:4

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. John 17:6

And Simon Peter answered and said, *Thou art the Christ (Anointed one), The son of the living God*

The manifested name is “Jesus Christ” Son of the living God. The point being when Jesus said “I have manifested thy name”, he meant a lot more than J E S U S, he meant a “type”. One of his purposes was to show what a “son of God “type is like. The seal as revealed in revelation (22:4) says that (figuratively) “His name shall be on their foreheads. This again refers to the sealing by means of the Holy Spirit. Because Jesus said this about the “comforter”,

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is *the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name*, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

So the holy spirit would be sent in his name!, which is the seal as seen by John in Revelation 22:4 and is as the Manifested name “son of God”. In other words the stamp that shows that the believer belongs to God.

For as many as are led *by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*. Romans 8:14

To summarize. In the Old Testament, God gave a mark to people to escape judgment and to identify them as his worshippers. In the New Testament the mark is seen as the infilling or indwelling of the holy spirit. Once **the true nature of the true mark is understood i.e. being filled with the spirit**. The counterfeit mark or what has come to be known as the mark of the beast which identifies those that will belong to Satan should become quite clear!.

## The revelation: Possession is the true mark of the beast!

If the spirit seals us to God, then it will be demon possession that seals the unbelievers to Satan. This is what is going to happen during the seven year period on earth Known as the tribulation.

Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

31 *And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep (abyss).*

In this incident we see that the demons did not want to be cast into the Abyss. This is because that is where the vast majority of demons have been incarcerated since the time of the flood( see the study on the Nephilim). They knew that if cast into the Abyss they would be confined there until the time of the tribulation before gaining their freedom again.

One of the problems with “chip or tattoo” interpretation of the mark of the beast is that even if you did not want it, “receive it” , if ten men held you down, or you were drugged you could have the tattoo or chip embedded, if this alone were the mark then you would now be doomed forever. But no one can make you be possessed if you are already filled with spirit!. You have to be empty “un sealed” to receive it!

## The Release: The “marking” of unbelievers

In chapter 9 of the book of Revelation John describes the abyss being opened and “scorpions” being released. But notice they could only “harm”(possess) those that did not have the seal. In other words they could not possess those that were already “filled” with Gods spirit!.

Revelation 9:1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. 2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. 3 And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, *but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.* 5 They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.. .....11 They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.

But how can we be sure that the scorpions represent demons or evil spirits?. Well it has been said that scripture interprets scripture.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you *power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy*; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the *spirits are subject unto you*; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

It is clear from the verse 19, that scorpions and serpents are emblematic for spirits which verse 20 explicitly makes clear.

Now the nature of the true horror that will be the tribulation period becomes clear. **There will be wholesale possession on a scale that will involve billions.** For most illnesses or sicknesses a person can pray for themselves and possibly be healed. But if a person is possessed only an external source can help. This explains why the situation is so hopeless once the mark has been “accepted”. It is the conscious rejection of Gods truth that will lead to possession.

Revelation 14:9 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,*

10 *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God*, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

We think that what is happening now is gruesome as we listen to the daily news of wars, rapes, murders, and man’s inhumanity to man. But the tribulation period will possibly be orders of magnitude worse. The most horrific time the earth has ever experienced, the reason this will be so is now revealed *by understanding what the true mark is*, and because of the wide scale nature of the evil unleashed upon the planet.

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time**, no, nor ever shall be.

Other scriptures that show that possession will be widespread during the tribulation period are the following;

Revelation 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For *they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth* and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

1 Timothy 4:1 ¶Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, *giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*;

## Jesus makes it plain

Jesus in Matthew chapter 12:43 speaks about the nature of possession. And he explains that if a spirit finds an empty house (someone not filled with the Holy Spirit), Then he takes possession but not by himself.



Matthew 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.....

Now I have left out the last part of verse 45 because it is the proof text of what will happen as said by Jesus Himself.

45....*Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.*

**To get the full meaning of Jesus's statement let's  
Examine it in a modern translation**

**45** Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. **That will be the experience of this evil generation."**

**(New living translation)**

**In other words the generation will experience POSSESSION!**

## The unveiling of the "Number"

Most people have heard about the mark of the beast and have probably heard that it's a bad thing to have. But the scripture actually states three separate conditions

Revelation 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that *had the mark*, **OR** *the name of the beast*, **OR** the *number of his name*.

The mark, The name of the beast, or The number of his name

## Gods amazing clue!

In this text we have already provided evidence that the mark is possession, so we are going now to examine number 3, The “number of his name”. Let’s go back to the man possessed as outlined in the book of Mark.

Mark 5:7 and cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, what is thy name? And he answered, saying, *my name is Legion*: for we are many.

It is odd that in this exorcism Jesus asks the name of the demon, and gets a strange reply. My name is Legion. Now many people may have heard or known that a roman legion at the time of Christ consisted of about Six thousand men. But probably not many have investigated the nature of legion further.

Because of the Roman historian “Flavius Vegetius Renatus” who lived about 300 AD, we have a detailed accounting of the organization of a legion from his book, “Military Matters” book two, the organization of a Legion.

We learn from his book that a legion of 6000 men was divided by 10 to form “cohorts” of 600 men each. These cohorts were further divided into “centuries of hundred men each”. We can immediately see the following;

1. 6000 (Legion)
2. 600 (Cohort)
3. 6 Centuries (a grouping of a hundred men, led by a centurion)

It cannot be coincidence that in identifying himself as “legion” The possessed man was in effect saying “My name is legion, my name is 6 6 6”. The number 666 is revealed as the sign of possession, The mark of possession, the number of his name!.



## The emblems of the “Legion”

Legions carried various “standards”. The roman soldiers entrusted to carry the standards of the Legion were called “Signifer”. All Roman legions carried several emblems or standards in common. These were the “Roman eagle”, the second was a golden image of the emperor, and the third was the “draconarius” or dragon symbol representing the calvary.



These emblems were held as sacred and “worshipped”. Legions also had individual Legion standards which had things in common, Like a “crescent moon” symbol, and a lion’s head symbol.



#### LEGION “Standards”

Notice the “crescent  
Moon symbols and  
Goat symbols



The last common symbol was a Lion. This was worn by the standard bearer. When we take these symbols together we notice that they are almost the same as three out of the four creatures in the Book of revelation

Revelation 4:7 And the first beast was like a **lion**, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a **face as a man**, and the fourth beast was **like a flying eagle**.

I will expound on the meaning of this in a future study