

DAY 43: THE NUMBER, NAME, MARK, AND IMAGE OF THE BEAST

I. AN INTRODUCTION

- A. The primary description of the False Prophet is that he is a deceiver and he deceives those who do not love the truth ([Revelation 13:14](#))
- B. Image is usually in reference to an idol, not always human-form ([v. 14](#))
- C. He calls the image of the beast to speak ([v. 15](#))
- D. The mark (on the right hand or the forehead), the name of the beast, or the number of his name are linked together ([v. 16-17](#))
- E. Anyone who takes the mark of the beast (worshipping or taking the mark) will be cast into the lake of fire ([Revelation 14:9-11](#))
 - 1. This is not something that can be forced upon you
 - 2. Salvation is based on acceptance or rejection of the Gospel
 - 3. Within the taking of the mark is an inherent rejection of Jesus

II. OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATION

- A. The Exodus of the Old Testament is the best foreshadowing of the Greater Exodus yet to come
- B. In the details of the Passover traditions, we continuously see the call to “remember” the Lord’s faithfulness ([Exodus 13:3-10, 17](#))
 - 1. “A sign on your hand and a mark on your forehead” ([v. 9](#))
- C. “Worship the one true God... bind them as a sign on your hand... a mark on your forehead” ([Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#))
 - 1. God marks His people and calls them to remember, the mark of the beast is the opposite
- D. Judgement begins in the household of God ([Ezekiel 9:1-3](#))
 - 1. The intercessors are groaning

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III. THE MARK, THE NAME, AND THE NUMBER

- A. We must be careful not to manipulate details to align to our own perspective
 - 1. Ex: decoding names to match the number 666
- B. The “name” doesn’t necessarily mean the beast’s name
 - 1. “His name is called The Word of God” ([Revelation 19:11-16](#))
 - 2. “The names of blasphemy” ([Revelation 13:1](#))
- C. “Will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women ([Daniel 11:37-38](#))”
 - 1. Jewish women desired to be the one who would bring forth the Messiah
 - 2. He will honor a god of fortresses (wars)
- D. The primary effort will be driven against the Father and the Son ([Psalm 2:1-3](#))
- E. In the End Times, people will do violent deeds in the name of Christ because they do not know the Father and they do not know the Son ([John 16:1-3](#))
- F. The primary theological rage of the Antichrist is against the Father and the Son ([1 John 2:22-23](#))
- G. We do not know the name, the mark, the number of the beast but we can safely assume that it will be wrapped up in the denial of the Father and the Son

IV. THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

- A. We can get quite creative with theories of what the image of the beast coming to life might look like, but it may actually be more simple than that
- B. Nebuchadnezzar sets up an image that is often interpreted to be in the form of a man ([Daniel 3:1-3](#))
 - 1. At the dimensions given, a man would likely look deformed
 - 2. It makes more sense as an obelisk (a stone pillar, like a monument)
 - a) Obelisks were commonly called idols, images
- C. “Household idols” in [Hosea 3](#) is likely referring to something more like a national symbol or a flag
- D. Minarets are all over the Middle East (very similar to obelisks) and often have speakers attached to them, so that they can “speak” and project the Muslim call to prayer
- E. It could make sense that a minaret is built upon the Temple Mount, adorned with flags and speakers, and that the call to prayer goes out and people are obligated to “worship” or bow down to a new system