

Prophecy #27 – The Mark of the Beast

“He (The False Prophet) causes all...to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:16). “...If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God...” (14:9). “So the first (angel) went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image” (16:2). “Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet...These two were cast alive into the fire burning with brimstone” (19:20). “...Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years” (20:4).

No other number in the Bible has received as much attention as 666. In Hebrew, the letters of the alphabet were also used as numbers in counting. Since Antichrist will be making a covenant with the Jews and breaking that covenant with the Jews, it is likely he will use the Hebrew language for his name and number. During the Tribulation all will be forced to receive the mark of the Beast if they want to live. Those who reject it will be subject to persecution and death. There are questions about the mark that will remain unanswered until it is revealed by the Man of sin himself. Here is what we do know (mostly from Timothy J. Demy): This is Antichrist’s mark. It is an actual number. It will be visible to the naked eye, like a tattoo (from the Greek; a scratch or an etching) . It will be easily recognized. It will be received voluntarily. It will be given after the rapture. It will be used by Antichrist during the second half of the Tribulation. It will be necessary for purchasing or any business transactions. It will be received by non-Christians and rejected by Christians. It will be a sign of allegiance to Antichrist. It will be a testimony to the worship of Antichrist. It will be enforced by the False Prophet. It will lead to rejection of any possibility to be saved. It will result in eternal punishment. The mark will be a sign of allegiance to Antichrist. In Deuteronomy 6:8, God commanded His chosen people to place the “Shema” (Deuteronomy 6:4) on their hands and foreheads. Antichrist, who is a counterfeit Christ, will impose a counterfeit number on the people who follow him. To take the mark, one will pledge his allegiance to a false Christ, while rejecting the true Christ, who will be represented by 144,000 Jews who will have the seal of God written on their foreheads. God always allows a choice. Just like now, people in the Tribulation will choose who they want to follow and where they want to go after they die. Choice always determines destiny.