

THE MARK OF THE BEAST --MB

1MB – Revelation 14:9-11, 14. In the closing era of earth's history just before Christ appears on the cloud, at the last day, to reward every man, God will send a special message warning every person not to receive the mark of the beast. The terrible punishment of which God warns should make us purpose never to receive the mark of this beast, even if our faithfulness to God should cost us our lives.

21MB – Revelation 13:18. This beast power, whose mark we are warned to avoid, is the Catholic power. (Beasts are a symbol of a nation or a power, Dan 7:17, 23). The pope's leading title, VICARIUS FILII DEI, when counted according to the Roman numerical value of the letters, equals exactly 666. Since the beast is symbolic of the Catholic power, the mark of the beast must be some institution of Catholicism, which will distinguish those who adopt it as obeying her authority in preference to obeying God on that point.

3MB – Romans 6:16. Whatever power we obey in religion, his servants we are. Two questions will show plainly what is involved in this matter of the mark of the beast:

1. When a person keeps the 7th-day Sabbath, who does he obey? There can be only one answer: that person is obeying God, for that is what God has commanded in the 4th Commandment of the 10, Ex. 20:8-11.
2. When a person keeps the first day of the week, Sunday, as a so-called Sabbath, whom is he obeying? He is not obeying God by keeping the first day, because God has never told anybody to keep the first day of each week. Whom then is he obeying? He is obeying the command of the Catholic power, which has attempted to substitute the first day as a holy day in place of the 7th-day, which the Lord Christ sanctified or set apart for man in the beginning of time, Gen 2:1-3, Eph. 3:9. Thus it is made plain in light of God's message that, when we choose to keep the 7th-day, we are marked as worshipers of the Creator, Jesus Christ, the only true God.
See Eze. 20:12. Compare also Neh. 9:12-15 with 1 Cor. 10:4); while if we choose the Catholic Sunday in the place of God's seventh-day Sabbath, we are marked as followers of the beast-power of Revelation 13.

4MB – Matthew 15:9. When we substitute a human ordinance in place of what God has ordained, OUR WORSHIP IS IN VAIN.

5MB – Revelation 13:16-17. An attempt will be made to enforce the mark of the beast on all people. So each one will have to decide whether he will obey God and keep the seventh day, or to obey the beast power and keep the first day, which this power has sought to put in the place of God's holy day.

6MB – Revelation 13:8. All the world will obey the beast power, except a few, who will be loyal to God, as the three Hebrews were in the vast throng of Babylon. The book of Revelation shows that in the testing time every person will have to choose whether he will receive the SEAL OF GOD on his forehead, or whether he will receive the MARK OF THE BEAST on the forehead or in the hand. Whichever mark we CHOOSE, either for God or for the beast, for CHRIST or ANTICHRIST, WILL SEAL OUR ETERNAL DESTINY. God holds out the Sabbath as the sign of His power, Ex. 31:16-17. God holds out the Sabbath as the sign of His power, Ex. 31:16-17. The beast power holds out Sunday as the sign of its power. Which one do you choose?

7MB – Acts 5:29. We should decide now to obey God rather than man.

8MB – Revelation 14:12. The only way we can avoid the mark of the beast is to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. If we have made that decision, then stick to it. If you have not decided, then put yourself on God's side this moment by deciding to obey Him by keeping HIS day holy.

THE FULFILMENT OF THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL 7:25

“Think to change times and laws”

From a Catholic Catechism

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

192. What is the third Commandment?

The third Commandment is: “Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.”

193. What are we commanded by the third Commandment?

By the third Commandment we are commanded to keep Sunday holy.

The Jews Sabbath Day was Saturday; we Christians keep Sunday holy. The Church, by the power our Lord gave her, changed the observance of Saturday to Sunday. A word about Sunday, God said, “Remember that thou keep holy the SABBATH DAY.” The Sabbath was Saturday, not Sunday; why, then, do we keep Sunday holy instead of Saturday? The Church altered the observance of the Sabbath to the observance of Sunday in commemoration of our Lord having risen from the dead on Easter Sunday, and of the Holy Ghost having descended upon the apostles on Whit Sunday. Protestants who say that they go by the Bible and the Bible only, and that they do not believe anything that is not in the Bible, must be rather puzzled by the keeping of Sunday when God distinctly said, “Keep holy the SABBATH DAY.” The word Sunday does not come anywhere in the Bible, so, without knowing it, they are obeying the authority of the Catholic Church.

--THE CATECHISM SIMPLY EXPLAINED, H. Canon Cafferata, page 89.

“You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.”

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS, James Cardinal Gibbons, Page 89.