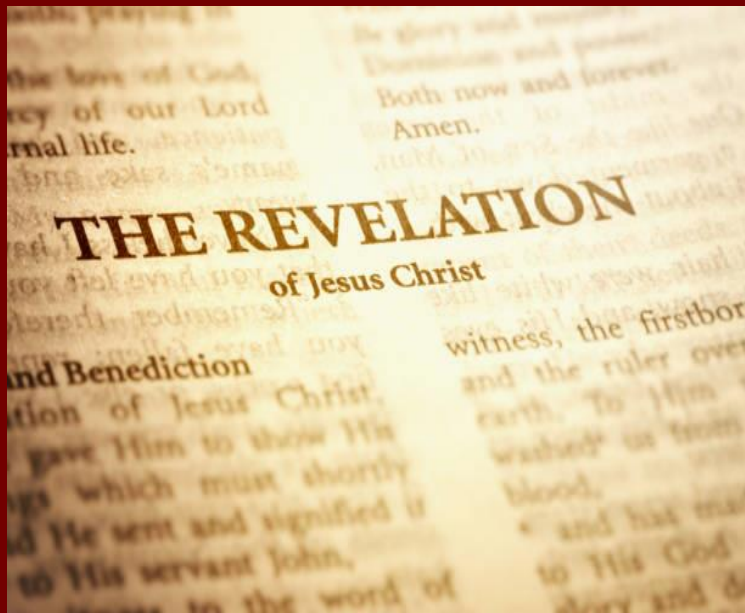


Message

The Beast to Come



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“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.”

-Matthew 24:32-44



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Matthew 24:32-44

■ Context: Take Heed of Ourselves

- His instruction is not given to the general public but directly to His disciples, so He intends it specifically for us.
- He specifically says we should know from signs He gave that His return is near, thus the responsibility is directly on us.
- He emphasizes the element of terrifying surprise: The world will be taken completely by surprise, but we should not.
- His overall instruction is that by being alert to the signs and taking advantage of them, we should be ready.

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- **As Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ, we would do well to view all prophecy from the perspective of how can these things have relevance to me, as opposed to mere history or a puzzle to constructed on a timeline of futuristic events of mankind.**



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- **Mark 13:32-37**
 - “To Be Sleepless”
 - Diligent, Alert, Taking Heed to Yourself
 - In Work and Authority



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■ Luke 12:35-40

– Be dressed in readiness and keep your lamps lit



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■ Luke 12:42-47

- Responsibility of the Steward
- Preparation and Faithful Continuance of Duty



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“Watch and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape...”

-Luke 21:34-36



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■ Context: Prophetic Parallels

- **Isaiah 41:22** – “Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come.”
- Just like the Laws of God, the Holy Days of God and the Parable of Jesus Christ’s instruction, we can often see some prophecies occurring on different planes or dimensions; i.e. a physical plan and a spiritual plan or dimension.

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- **Context: Prophetic Parallels**
 - **Daniel 2 and 7 / Revelation 13, 14 and 17**



The Beast to Come

■ Context: Patient Endurance

– Revelation 3:9-11

“Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that [hour] which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.”

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■ Context: Patient Endurance

Revelation 2:19

"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience."

Revelation 13:9-10

"If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Matthew 10:28

"Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

The Beast to Come

- **Context: Revelation 12 and 13**

THE GREAT DRAGON

called the Devil and Satan

Revelation 12:9



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■ Context: Revelation 12 and 13

Revelation 13:1-10

This relationship is further confirmed in Revelation 13:4, which shows the Beast on earth receiving its power from the Dragon.

Revelation 13:4

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Daniel 11:36-39

"Then the king shall do according to his own will; he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god..."

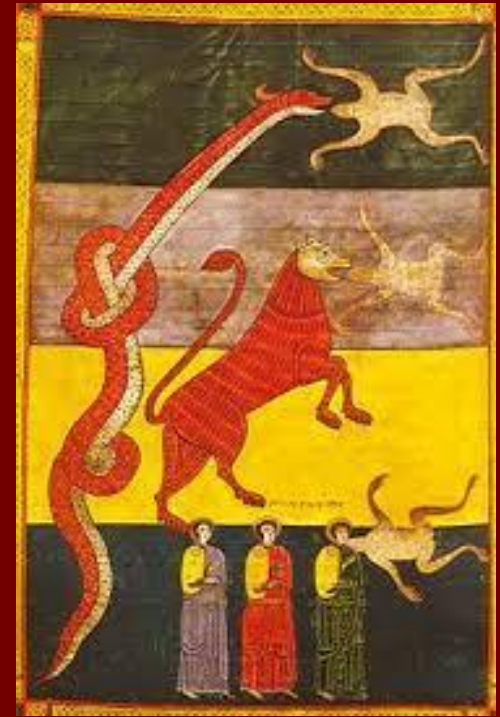
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■ Context:

Revelation 12 and 13

Revelation 13:11-18

Both of the beasts are clearly established as tools of the invisible and powerful Satan, who is manipulating them partly through the use of his powers in and through them. There is no doubt the second beast, the false prophet, performs miraculous things, done for the purpose of deceiving onlookers in support of the first beast.



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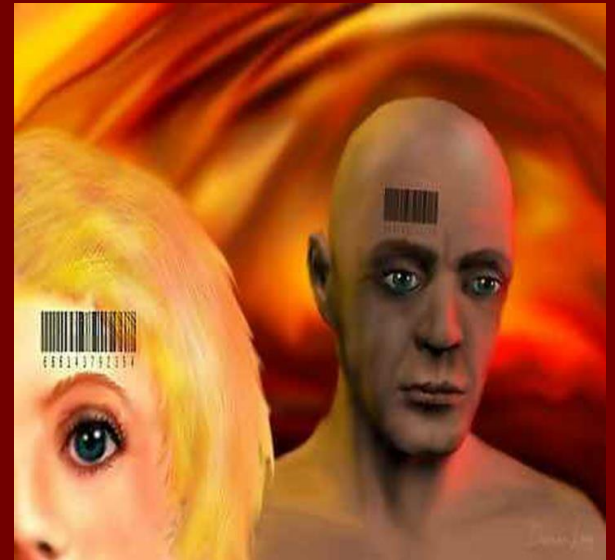
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This beast places its mark on human beings. What is “the mark of the beast” in a spiritual sense? In a spiritual sense “the mark of the beast” is Satan’s attitude.

It appears that this beast power government will exercise the spirit of Satan’s dominance over many peoples.



The Beast to Come

■ Context: Revelation 12 and 13

Revelation 13:11-18

It appears that receiving the Beast's number, name or mark has to do with giving allegiance to the government this dictator will establish and to the false religion that will be an integral part of that system.

The Bible uses the symbols of the forehead and the right hand to represent one's loyalty by thought and work—mental and physical allegiance. The Scriptures teach that God's law is to be uppermost in our lives (Deuteronomy 6:8; 8:3).



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■ Context: Revelation 12 and 13

Revelation 13:11-18

As to the number of the Beast, 666, we are told to "calculate the number" and that it is "the number of a man".

Lateinos - [Greek] – "To Lie Hid"

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Satan the Devil will be the spiritual power behind the Beast (Revelation 13:2), and he invariably counterfeits God's way to deceive even true believers into forsaking the truth (II Corinthians 11:13-15; Matthew 24:24; Deuteronomy 13:1-5).



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It appears that the Beast's system will be a counterfeit of God's, and its mark—or identifying sign—a counterfeit of God's sign, the Sabbath (Exodus 31:13-17; Ezekiel 20:12). It is more likely, then, that the mark of the Beast will be an enforced "day of worship"—and it will not be the seventh-day Sabbath!



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■ Context: Revelation 14, 19 & 20

Revelation 14:9-13; 19:20; 20:10

According to events in Revelation, both the Beast and the False Prophet will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire at the beginning of God's thousand-year reign on the earth (Revelation 19:20).

God explains what happens to human bodies when they are cast into fire, we find that they will be burned up (Psalm 37:20; Malachi 4:3-6).

The phrase in Revelation 20:10 could be better translated "where the beast and the false prophet were [or were cast]."



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■ Context: Revelation 20 & 21

Revelation 20:14-15

"Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire"

Revelation 20:14-15

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."



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