

The Beast and It's Mark



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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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■ 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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■ Luke 12:35-40

– Be dressed in readiness and keep your lamps lit



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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



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- **Context: Revelation 12 and 13**

THE GREAT DRAGON

called the Devil and Satan

Revelation 12:9



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- **The Beast system turns the populace of the world away from the true God and to the worship of Satan.**
- **Revelation 13:1-18**
- **Those who receive the mark of the beast will receive the wrath of God.**
- **Revelation 14:9-13**

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Can you imagine living in a world where you are the enemy of the state because you believe and worship the true God?

Can you imagine having to choose between God and the access to money and credit so you can buy groceries, clothing or anything for your family?

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As world leaders grapple with the global economic crisis, could international trade negotiations and world trade turmoil emerge that could lead to the time of the mark of the beast?



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Speculation makes for interesting thoughts and conversation, but among the many questions we might ask about the mark of the Beast, there is one very important thing we should ask ourselves: *Will I be ready to reject the mark of the Beast when that time comes?*



Considerations: Marks & Signs

■ Literal or figurative?

- Revelation 13:16-17
- Revelation 7:1-3
- Genesis 4:15
- Deuteronomy 6:8; 11:18
- Ezekiel 9:4; 14:8
- Exodus 13:9
- Exodus 31:12 - 17

The hand and forehead here represent one's actions and thoughts respectively—which should be dedicated to obeying God.



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- **Would we be able to stand against the power of the anti-God world dominating government?**
- **Luke 21:11-15**
- **Revelation 14:12**
- **Psalm 10:17-18**

