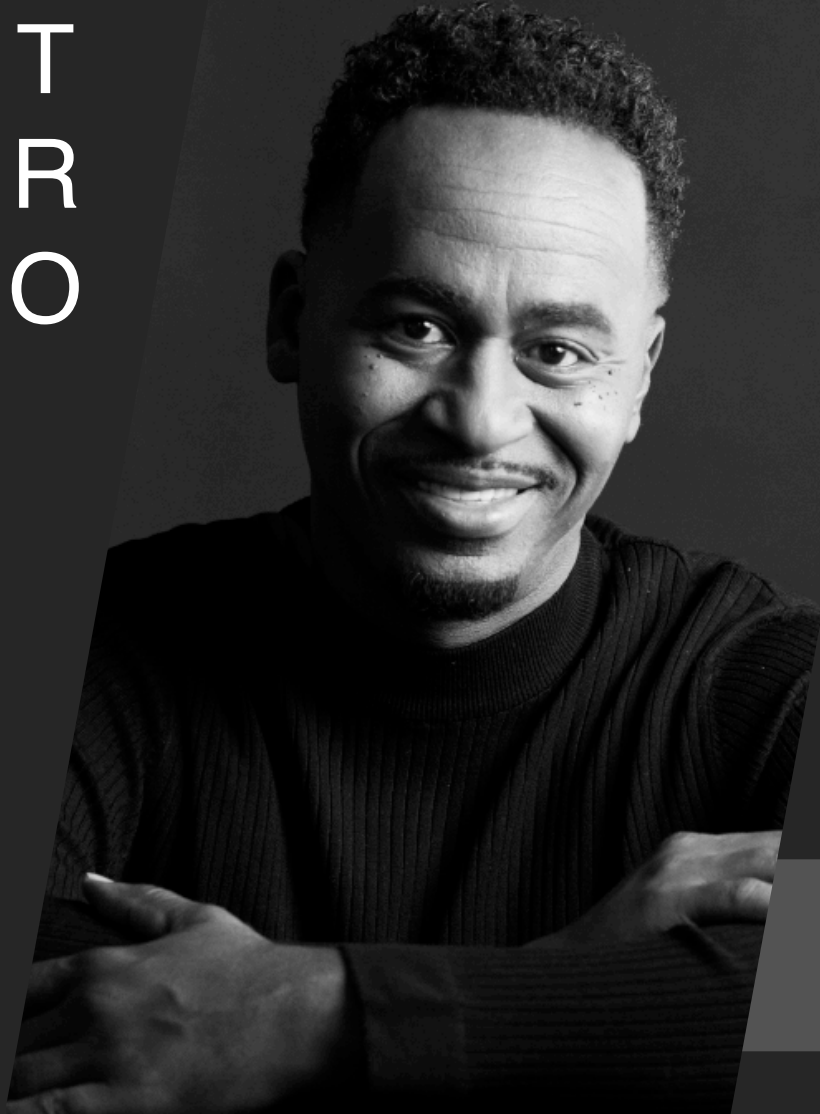


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The Mark of The Lamb

DECODING THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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Lesson Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is to ensure every believer has the ability to understand several passages in the book of Revelation, The Mark of The Lamb, and The Mark of The Beast.

You will also be equipped to dismantle several prevailing thoughts of this time. For example, there are many (both in the church and within society) who believe the vaccination for COVID-19 is the mark of the beast. Scripturally, this is an impossibility. I am not advocating for the vaccination, I am advocating for the propagation of TRUTH.

Far more important the dispelling rumors concerning the vaccine is the fact that many do not realize the existence of the Mark of The Lamb. The mark of the beast has been taught and seen in movies while the Mark of The Lamb for many has gone unnoticed. This is the purpose of the lesson. Let's begin!

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GRACE, THE CHURCH, & THE APOSTOLIC AGE

The birth of Yeshua brought the commencement of a new dispensation known as Grace. This grace is Yeshua himself according to John 1:14. This grace empowers according to Ephesians 4:7. This grace saves according to Ephesian 2:8. Thus, we preach grace and salvation.

A dominant theme in the opening chapters of the book of Revelation is John's vision of capture of the preaching to the Seven Churches. See Revelation 1:20 below.

Revelation 1:20 - "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

Chapters 2 -3 explain the spiritual condition of each of the seven churches and records prophecy given to each church or each body of individuals within the church. Those seven churches are:



SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR

1. Ephesus - Revelation 2:1-7
2. Smirna - Revelation 2:8-11
3. Pergamos - Revelation 2:12-17
4. Thyatira - Revelation 2:18-29
5. Sardis - Revelation 3:1-6
6. Philadelphia - Revelation 3:7-13
7. Laodicea - Revelation 3:14-22

These chapters speak to us dimensionally (remember the Bible speaks literally, symbolically, metaphorically, and revelational). The passages indeed tell us of the messages preached to seven churches, however, the seven churches are also symbolic of seven conditions that will be found in the end-time church. The ministry to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3 represents the dispensation of the preaching of the Gospel to all nations before the Second Coming of Yeshua.

THE END OF PREACHING & THE SECOND COMING

The end of chapter three concludes with the final altar call to the world found in Revelation 3:20 **“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”**

Once the dispensation of grace and preaching is concluded in the earth, something will happen. Revelation 4:1 begins with two important words—**“AFTER THIS.”**

Revelation 4:1 "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.”

Follow the sequence:

- ✓ Preaching to all churches/all nations
- ✓ After This...
- ✓ A door is opened in heaven
- ✓ The sound of a talking trumpet

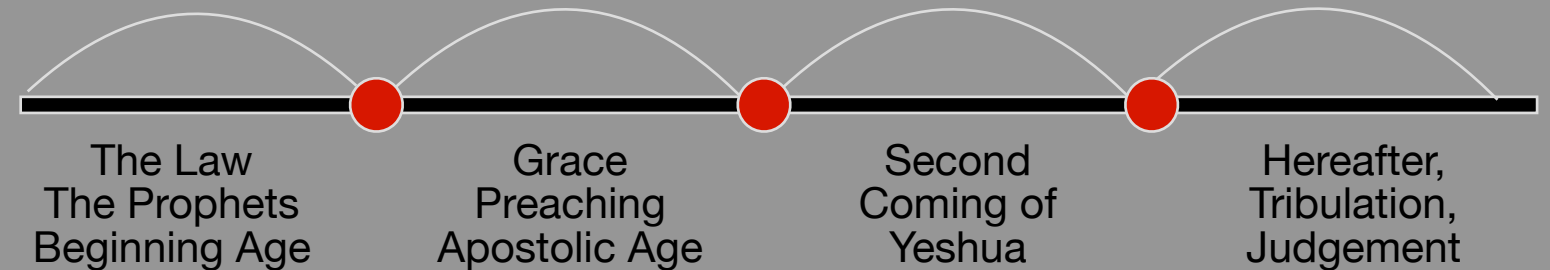




Highlighting 3 events:

- The preaching of grace.
- Rapture of The Church
- The Hereafter

Before we go on, make sure you gain the understanding. Revelation chapter 2 and 3 is expressing the era of preaching grace. At the conclusion of this era, the Second Coming (the rapture) occurs.



Be sure you fully comprehend everything thus far. It is vital to comprehending what is to follow. If needed, review the previous material before moving forward.



Something occurs in the transition between Revelation chapter 3 and 4—The Rapture! At the close of the era of preaching, a door opens in heaven with the sound of a trumpet with a voice. What does this trumpet represent?

Let's look at 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. It reads,

“16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”



The Mark of The Beast & The Vaccine

I pause briefly in our study to address the erroneous dissertations that proclaim the COVID-19 vaccine is the mark of the beast. THIS IS FALSE. In the time in which we are living there are many things associated with the end-time, the rapture, and platform of the antichrist, yes. However, when you know scriptures, you are able to know the truth verses the opinions of men.

Never allow anyone to explain something spiritual to you without the use of the scriptures.



The Mark of The Beast & The Vaccine

The Bible explains **and** reveals itself. Be careful of “God told me”, “God showed me” statements that are given in place of the doctrine already outlined in the scriptures. All prophecy and preaching is to be tied to the word of God.

Matthew 24:35, Romans 3:4, Luke 21:8, Ephesians 4:14



3 Biblical Reasons Why The Vaccine CANNOT be The Mark of The Beast

After this brief Biblical explanation, we will take an in depth look at the Mark of The Lamb.



3 Biblical Reasons Why The Vaccine CANNOT be The Mark of The Beast

REASON #1

The Mark of the Beast is a “post-rapture” event! This means if you are in danger of the mark of the beast, you have a bigger issue. — You have already missed the rapture! The Preaching of grace and the mark of the beast do NOT coexist.



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REASON #2

According to Revelation 13:16, the mark of the beast is a mark placed on the “right hand” or the “forehead” and is a literal “mark” not an inoculation. The coronavirus vaccination is neither of these. The text states, “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.”



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REASON #3

The conditions for the mark of the beast are 1) denouncement of Yeshua as Lord, 2) a pledge of allegiance to the beast, and 3) willful worship of the beast! Revelation 13:4 states, “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?”



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Summation

The mark of the beast is a willful acceptance by the receiver. It is not subliminal, nor is it sneaky or sly action. Those who accept the mark, will be fully aware and fully in control to make such a decision.

When you know the Bible, false doctrines, carnal philosophies, unwarranted conspiracy theories, social media self-proclaimed opinions will never catch you off guard.



The adversary was not fashioned nor empowered with the ability to create. He can only copy what God has established.

Therefore, since there is a mark of the beast, it is only because the devil copied the Mark of The Lamb.

Let's consider the following.

THE MARK OF THE LAMB



The Origin of A Mark on the Hand and Head

The origin of a mark on the hand or head did not begin in Revelation with the mark of the beast. The origin of a mark on the hand or head began with the Hebrews in the wilderness as God was preparing them to become a nation and enter the promised land. Consider these four scriptures:

Exodus 13:9 - “And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt.

Exodus 13:16 - “And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt.

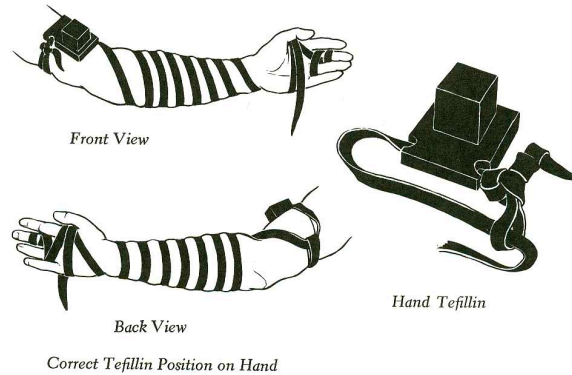
Deuteronomy 6:8 - “And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.”

Origin

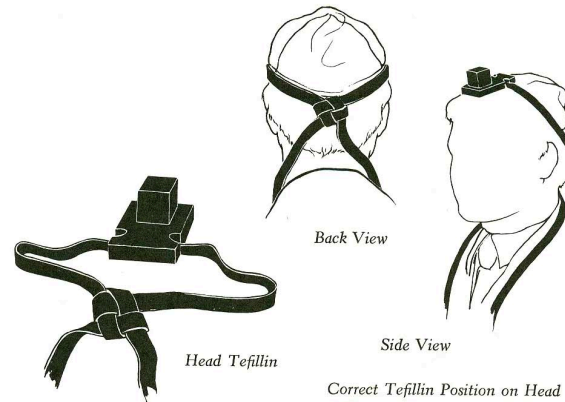
The Origin of A Mark on the Hand and Head

Deuteronomy 11:18 - “Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.”

The Tefillin or Phylacteries were worn one upon the hand and the other upon the forehead.



*In these small leather boxes were scriptures written on parchment/vellum with the following texts:
Deuteronomy 6:8, 11:18
Exodus 13:9, 13:16*



The phylacteries were worn to remind the Hebrews they belonged to God who delivered them from bondage and to keep the law which was His covenant with His people.

Please note, Yeshua being a Jew would have also worn these during prayer.



The concept of wearing them on the hand and forehead is to symbolize having God's law in the forefront of your mind and before your face/eyes.

These were a SIGN or in Hebrew OTE which means “a mark, sign, signal, evidence, token, or proof.”

This sign was the roadmap or the directions that would lead God's people to the Tree of Life.

The mark of God is the saving power. It is the mark that keeps the bearer from impending peril and destruction.

Revelation 7:3 states, “Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” God will not allow the destruction assignment which will be given to four angels listed in Revelations 7:1 until the servants of the Lord are sealed in the foreheads.

God seals those who are His servants.

Origin

THE JUXTAPOSITION AND CONTRAST OF THE TWO MARKS

THE MARK OF GOD

- God marks His people according to Revelation 7:1.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

- Man puts the mark on himself according Revelation 13:16.

Matthew 24:30 reads, “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Yeshua is the SIGN of God. He is God’s sign of Salvation and Grace!

The Mark of The Lamb Explained

“And the Lord said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and make a mark on the foreheads of the people who groan and sigh over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.”



Ezekiel 9:4

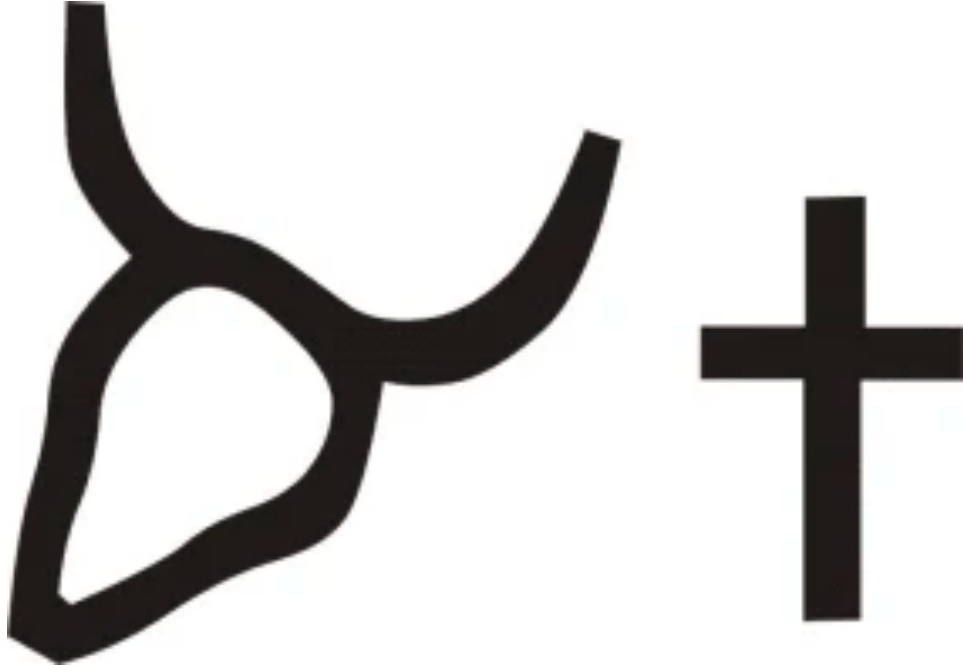
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“Utterly kill old men, young men, *female* virgins, little children, and women, but do not touch any person on whom is the mark; and you shall start from My sanctuary.” So they started with the elders who *were* before the temple.”



Ezekiel 9:6

The Mark of The Lamb



Here the word for sign is the Hebrew word TAV. It is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet and it's Paleo-Hebrew representation is a mark which is drawn as a cross † and means the mark of the covenant.

The Hebrew word for sign, OTE, begins with an aleph and ends with a tav meaning the sign is the Aleph Tav or as we are most familiar with in Greek, the Alpha and Omega, who is Yeshua.

YESHUA is God's Mark!!!



The Roman Cross



- To the Romans, Yeshua was hung upon a “cross.”
- To the born-again, Yeshua was hung on God’s Mark and is God’s Mark as an eternal sign that He is the Covenant Sacrifice with the power to save.
- Therefore, when you became born-again, you were marked with God’s sign!

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,
22 who also **sealed us** and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

Ephesians 4:30

30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed** for the day of redemption.

John 6:27

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that lasts for eternal life, **which the Son of Man will give you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.**”

These scriptures validate the fact that all believers are marked with The Lamb.

Remember to define seal according to Hebrew definition as a mark, not in English to be closed in or enclosed.

To be sealed is to be MARKED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION!



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Until next time...Shalom!

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