

THE COUNTERFEIT KINGDOM

REVELATION 13

**11 Then I saw another beast
coming up out of the earth; and
he had two horns like a lamb
and he spoke as a dragon.**



THE DRAGON

The Counterfeit Father
False Authority

BEAST OF THE SEA

The Counterfeit Son
False Resurrection & Violence

BEAST OF THE EARTH

The Counterfeit Spirit
False Prophet & Deception

The Unholy Trinity: drawing the world into counterfeit worship.

12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

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15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

**And I saw coming out of the mouth of
the dragon and out of the mouth of
the beast and out of the mouth of **the**
false prophet, three unclean spirits
like frogs;**

Revelation 16:13

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now **many antichrists have appeared**; from this we know that it is the last hour. — 1 John 2:18

and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it **is already in the world**. — 1 John 4:3



Deception by Design

Signs may confirm the truth, but signs alone are not enough to authenticate the message or the messenger. Scripture commands us to test the spirits.





Another Spirit. Another Gospel. Another Jesus.

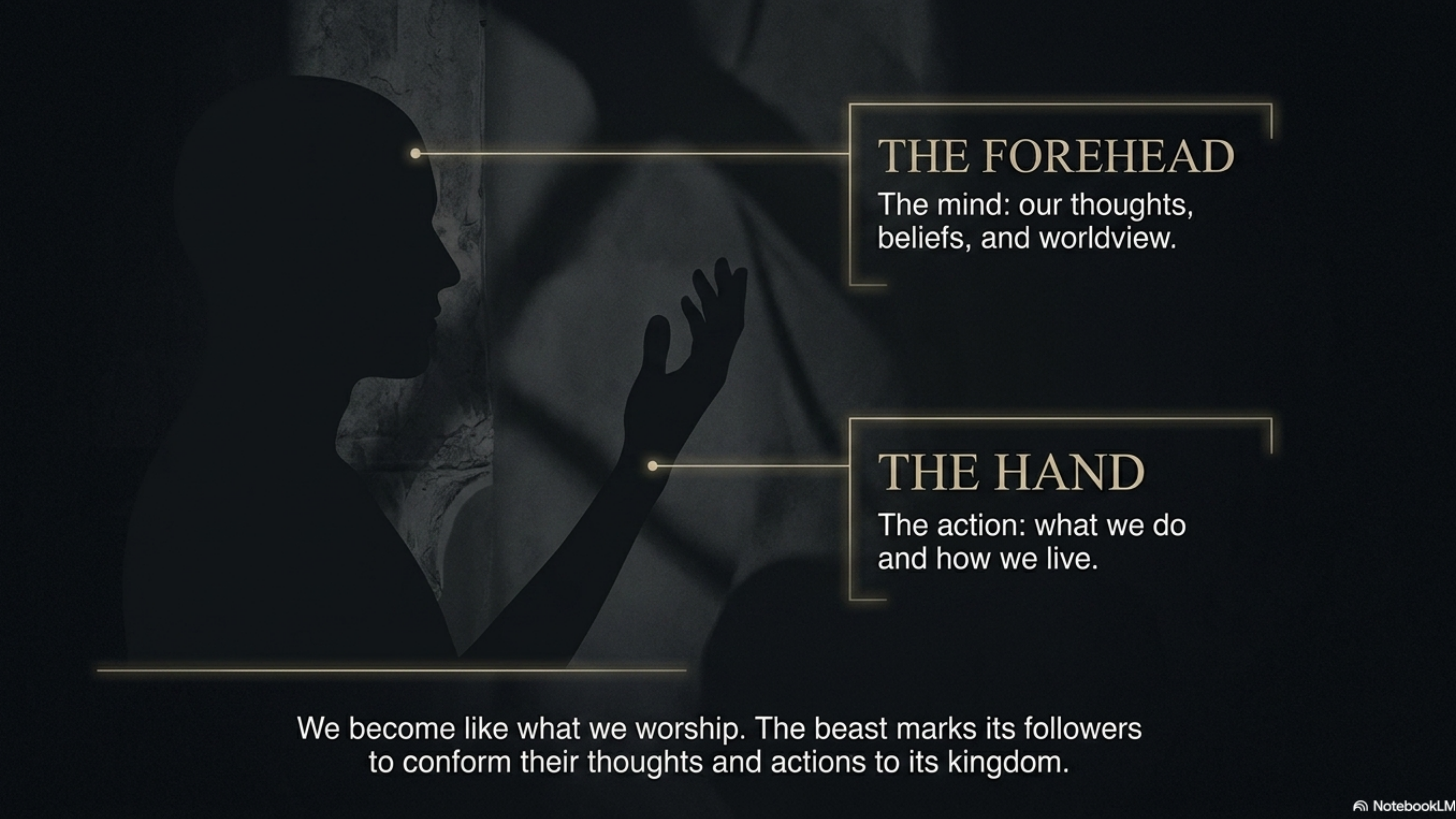
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(1 John 4:3)

**And he causes all, the small and the great,
and the rich and the poor, and the free
men and the slaves, to be given a mark on
their right hand or on their forehead,
17 and he provides that no one will be
able to buy or to sell, except the one who
has the mark, either the name of the
beast or the number of his name.**

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

**You shall bind them as a sign
on your hand and they shall be
as frontals on your forehead.**

Deuteronomy 6:8

A dark, atmospheric background featuring a silhouette of a person with their right hand raised in a gesture of praise or worship. Overlaid on this is a diagram with two callout boxes. The first box, titled 'THE FOREHEAD', has a line pointing to the forehead area of the silhouette. The second box, titled 'THE HAND', has a line pointing to the raised hand. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

THE FOREHEAD

The mind: our thoughts, beliefs, and worldview.

THE HAND

The action: what we do and how we live.

We become like what we worship. The beast marks its followers to conform their thoughts and actions to its kingdom.

Those who **make** them
will **become** like them

Psalm 115:8

666

666: The Number of Man

Humanity exalting itself, claiming divine status,
yet perpetually falling short of the glory of God.

The Ambition of the Beast: Total Allegiance

Historical: Present:

Roman trade guild
exclusion, Nazi Germany,
Soviet Union.

Over 80 of the world's 195
nations currently subject
Christians to high or extreme
persecution (Open Doors Data).

Economic coercion and social exclusion have always been
the cost of refusing to deny Christ.

Rescued. Sealed. Redeemed.

We are either marked by the beast and it's counterfeit kingdom and ultimately share in its judgment, or we belong to Christ, sealed by His Spirit, redeemed by His blood, and hidden safely in Him.

Whose mark do we carry?