

Surprising Facts Series 2

20. The Mark of the Beast!

While identifying the mark of the beast, we touch very sensitive areas. We must name names and be specific. This is not a popular thing to do today, and because we love people, we shrink from it. You may find this lesson cuts across beliefs you have cherished since childhood. However, the message is not ours. It comes from Jesus. **"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."** Revelation 22:16. With eternal death facing those who receive the "mark," it would be a crime not to warn people.

Before proceeding, please read Revelation 14:9-12 and Revelation 13:1-8, 16-18.

An Urgent Reminder: We learned that a terrible conflict is in progress between God and the devil. It has raged through the centuries since Lucifer, heaven's most powerful angel, rebelled against God. With the angels who joined him, he attempted to overcome God and seize control of the universe. God and the loyal angels had no choice but to eject Lucifer and his angels from heaven. Lucifer, who became known as the devil and Satan, was infuriated. His determination to destroy God and control the universe has grown with every passing year.

Amazingly, he has won the support of the vast majority of earth's people in his rebellion. The Lord also asks for people's loyalty and support, but He leaves all free to choose. Soon every person on earth will have aligned with either Satan or God. The final battle between Satan and God is just ahead, and it is described in the book of Revelation. This book points out that God has an emblem, or mark, which will identify His people. Satan also has an emblem, or mark, that will identify those who support him. As usual, Satan will work through an earthly power (symbolized in Revelation by a beast) to impose his mark. This Study will reveal the beast's mark, which every lost person of the end time will receive. Unless you know what his "mark" is, how will you avoid receiving it?

1. In order to know what the "mark" is, we must first identify the beast. How does the Bible describe the beast?

Answer: Revelation 13:1-8, 16-18 provides 11 identifying characteristics. They are listed below:

- A. It Rises from sea (verse 1).
- B. It is a Composite of the four beasts of Daniel chapter 7 (verse 2).
- C. The Dragon gives it power and authority (verse 2).
- D. It Receives a deadly wound (verse 3).
- E. Its Deadly wound is healed (verse 3).
- F. it is a Strong political power (verses 3, 7).
- G. It is a Strong religious power (verses 3, 8).
- H. It is Guilty of blasphemy (verses 1, 5, 6).
- I. It Wars against and overcomes the saints (verse 7).
- J. It Rules for 42 months (verse 5).
- K. It has a mysterious number--666 (verse 18).

Do some of these points sound familiar? Certainly! We encountered many of them earlier when we studied about the Antichrist in Daniel chapter 7. The "beast" of Revelation 13 is simply another name for the "Antichrist," which we learned from Daniel 7 is the papacy. Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation often cover the same ground as prior prophecies, but each time new features are added that help make the

prophecies certain. So expect to learn some new things about the Antichrist. Now let's consider, one by one, the 11 points that describe the beast.

A. It would rise from the sea (Revelation 13:1).

The sea (or water) in prophecy refers to people, or a populated area (Revelation 17:15). So the beast, or Antichrist, would arise from amid the established nations of the then-known world. The papacy, as we all know, arose in western Europe, so it fits this point.

A Word of Explanation: In harmony with God's command to honor all people (1 Peter 2:17), we pause here to recognize the papacy for her many good deeds and activities. Her hospitals, orphanages, care for the poor, homes for unwed mothers, and care for the aged are appreciated universally. She can honestly be praised for many things. But, like all other organizations, she has also made mistakes. God pinpoints some of her errors in Revelation. The Lord, who blesses and comforts, must sometimes chasten and correct. Please ask His Spirit to speak to you as you study this crucial topic.

B. It would be a composite of the four beasts of Daniel chapter 7 (Revelation 13:2). Study the comparison below to see how it all fits together:

	Daniel chapter 7	Revelation chapter 13
Babylon	Lionlike beast (verse 4)	"Mouth of a lion" (verse 2)
Medo-Persia	Bearlike beast (verse 5)	"Feet of a bear" (verse 2)
Greece	Leopardlike beast (verse 6)	"Like unto a leopard" (verse 2)
Rome	Ten-horned beast (verse 7)	"Having... ten horns" (verse 1)

The four beasts of Daniel 7 are depicted as part of Antichrist, or the beast, because the papacy incorporated pagan beliefs and practices from all four empires. She clothed them in spiritual garb and spread them to the world as Christian teachings.

Here is one of many supporting statements from history: "In a certain respect, she [the papacy] has copied her organization from that of the Roman Empire, has preserved and made fruitful the philosophical intuitions of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, borrowed from both Barbarians and the Byzantine Roman Empire, but always remains herself, thoroughly digesting all elements drawn from external sources." Andre Retif, *The Catholic Spirit*, trans. by Dom Aldhelm Dean, Vol. 88 of *The Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism* (New York, Hawthorne Books, 1959), p. 85. This point definitely fits the papacy.

C. The beast must receive its power, seat (capital), and authority from the dragon (Revelation 13:2). To identify the dragon, we go to Revelation 12, where God's end-time church is pictured as a 'pure woman'. In prophecy, a pure woman represents God's true people or church (Jeremiah 6:2; Isaiah 51:16). Later we will have a detailed study of God's end-time church of Revelation 12 and in Revelation 17 and 18, where fallen churches are symbolized by a fallen mother and her fallen daughters. The pure woman is portrayed as pregnant and about to deliver. The dragon crouches nearby, hoping to "devour" the baby at birth. However, when the baby is born He evades the dragon, fulfills His mission, and then ascends to heaven. Obviously the baby is Jesus, whom Herod tried to destroy by killing all the boy babies in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:16). So the dragon represents pagan Rome, of which Herod was a king. The power behind Herod's plot was, of course, the devil (Revelation 12:7-9). Satan acts through various governments to accomplish his ugly work; in this case, pagan Rome.

We will quote just two supportive references from history, though there are many: 1. "The Roman church ... pushed itself into the place of the Roman World-Empire, of which it is the actual continuation.... The pope ... is Caesar's successor." Adolph Harnack, *What is Christianity?* Translated by Thomas Bailey Saunders, (2nd ed, rev: New York Putman 1901) pp 268, 270.

2. "The mighty Catholic Church was little more than the Roman Empire baptised. Rome was transformed as well as converted. The very capital of the old Empire became the capital of the Christian Empire. The office of Pontifex Maximus was continued in that of Pope." Alexander Clarence Flick, *The Rise of the Mediaeval Church* (reprint: New York, Burt Franklin, 1959), pp. 148, 149. So this point also fits the papacy. She received her capital city and power from pagan Rome.

D. It would receive a deadly wound. **"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3.**

The deadly wound was inflicted when Napoleon's general, Alexander Berthier, entered Rome and took Pope Pius VI captive in February of 1798. Napoleon decreed that at the death of the pope, the papacy would be discontinued. The pope died in France in August of 1799. "Half Europe thought ... that with the Pope, the Papacy was dead." Joseph Rickaby, *The Modern Papacy*, Vol. 3, lecture 24, (London: Catholic Truth Society, 1910), p. 1.

E. The deadly wound would be healed, and the entire world would give homage to the beast (Revelation 13:3).

Since its healing, the strength of the papacy has grown and increased until today she is one of the most powerful religiopolitical organizations and influence-centers in the world. Malachi Martin, consummate Vatican insider and intelligence expert, reveals the following in his best-selling book *The Keys of This Blood*, (New York, Simon & Schuster, 1990) So this point also fits the papacy. (page numbers in parentheses):

ABOUT THE POPE: He is as determined to be world ruler as was Constantine in his day (49). He is protected by four governments (120). He is the best-known person of the 20th century (123). He is personal friends with the leaders of 91 countries (490). People of the world seem to him ready for strong worldwide moral government with control (160). Sixteen thousand journalists covered his American visit (490).

ABOUT THE PAPACY: The American ambassador says the Vatican is unmatched as a "listening post" (120). The Vatican knows by Saturday what will happen on Monday anywhere in the world (439). Papal structure is prepared for worldwide rule now (143). Obviously, the wound is almost healed and the eyes of the nations are upon the Vatican, so this point also fits the papacy.

F. It would become a strong political power (Revelation 12:3, 7). See item E above.

G. It would become a very powerful religious organization (Revelation 13:3, 8). See item E above.

H. It would be guilty of blasphemy (Revelation 13:5, 6). The papacy is guilty of blasphemy because her priests claim to forgive sins and her popes claim to be Christ.

I. It would war against and persecute the saints (Revelation 13:7). The papacy did persecute and destroy millions of saints during the Dark Ages. Millions of Christians lost their lives during periods of papal persecution.

J. It would reign for 42 months (Revelation 13:5). The papacy reigned for 42 prophetic months, which equals 1,260 years—from A.D. 538-1798. Points H through J also clearly fit the papacy. We touched on

them only briefly here because they were covered thoroughly in an earlier lesson.

K. It would have the mysterious number 666 (Revelation 13:18).

This verse says, "It is the number of a man," and Revelation 15:2 says it is "the number of his name." What man do you think of when you think of the papacy? Naturally, we all think of the pope. What is his official name? Here is a Catholic quote: "The title of the pope of Rome is Vicarious Filii Dei" (English: "Vicar of the Son of God"). "Answers to Readers' Questions," Our Sunday Visitor, Nov. 15, 1914. Malachi Martin, in *The Keys of This Blood*, uses the same title for the pope on pages 114, 122. A footnote for Revelation 13:18 in some Douay [Catholic] versions of the Bible says, "The numeral letters of his name shall make up this number." Notice this chart, which shows what happens when we total up the Roman numeral value of the letters of the name.

V = 5

I = 1

C = 100

A = 0

R = 0

I = 1

U = 5* V and U each equal five in Roman numerals.

S = 0

Adds to 112

F = 0

I = 1

L = 50

I = 1

I = 1

Adds to 53

D = 500

E = 0

I = 1

Adds to 501

Totals 112 + 53 + 501

Equals 666

Again, the papacy fits the identification point. The beast with the "mark" is the papacy. No other power in history could possibly fit these divine descriptive points. Now that we have positively identified the beast, we can discover her mark, or symbol of authority. But first, let's look at God's sign of authority.

2. What Is God's mark, or symbol, of authority?

"I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Ezekiel 20:12. "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth." Exodus 31:17.

Answer: God is saying in the texts above that He gave us His Sabbath as a glorious sign of His power to create and His power to sanctify (convert and save) us. In the Bible, the words seal, sign, mark, and token are used interchangeably. God's sign, the Sabbath, represents His holy power to rule as Creator and Saviour. Revelation 7:1-3 says it will be written upon the foreheads (minds; Hebrews 10:16) of His people. It will signify that they are owned by Him and have His character. Hebrews 4:4-10 confirms this by saying

that when we enter His rest (receive salvation), we should keep His seventh-day Sabbath holy as a symbol, or mark, of salvation. True Sabbathkeeping signifies that a person has surrendered his life to Jesus Christ and is willing to follow wherever Jesus leads. The Sabbath is the sign, or mark, of God's power.

Since the symbol, or mark, of God's authority and power is His holy Sabbath day, it seems likely that the symbol, or mark, of God's challenger, the beast, might also involve a holy day. Let's see if it does.

3. What does the papacy say is her symbol, or mark, of authority?

Answer: Notice the following section from a Catholic catechism:

"Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

"Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her-she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism [FRS No. 7.], (3rd American ed., rev.: New York, Edward Dnnigan & Bro., 1876), p. 174.

So the papacy is here saying that it changed Sabbath to Sunday and that virtually all churches accepted the new holy day. Thus, the papacy claims that Sunday as a holy day is the mark, or symbol, of her power and authority.

4. Did God predict such a change in Scripture?

Answer: Yes! In describing the Antichrist in Daniel 7:25, God said it would "think to change times and laws."

A. How has the papacy tried to change God's laws? In three different ways: In her catechisms she has (1) omitted the second commandment against veneration of images, and (2) shortened the fourth (Sabbath) commandment from 94 words to just eight. The Sabbath commandment (Exodus 20:8-11) clearly specifies Sabbath as the seventh day of the week. As changed by the papacy, the commandment reads: "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." Written thus, it can refer to any day. And, finally, she (3) divided the tenth commandment into two commandments, to make up for leaving out the second one.

B. How has the papacy attempted to change God's times? In two ways: (1) She has changed the time of the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day. (2) She has also changed God's "timing" for the beginning and closing hours of the Sabbath. Instead of counting the Sabbath day from sundown Friday night to sundown Saturday night as God mandates (Leviticus 23:32), she adopted the pagan Roman custom of counting the day from midnight Saturday night to midnight Sunday night. God predicted these "changes" would be attempted by the beast, or Antichrist.

Sunday as a holy day is the beast's mark, or symbol, of authority. Notice the following section from a Catholic catechism:

"Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." e Peter Geiermann, The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (St. Louis, B. Herder Book Co., 1957 ed.), p. 50.

Here is another Catholic statement: "The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact." The Catholic Record (London, Ontario, Canada, Sept. 1, 1923).

The papacy is saying in these references that its successful change of Sabbath observance to Sunday worship is proof that its authority is greater, or "above" Scripture.

5. How could anyone dare attempt to change God's Holy Day?

Answer: We ask the papacy, "Did you really change Sabbath to Sunday?" She replies, "Yes, we did. It is our symbol, or mark, of authority and power." We ask, "How could you even think of doing that?" It's a pertinent question. But the question the papacy officially asks Protestants is even more pertinent. Please read it carefully:

"You will tell me that Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath, but that the Christian Sabbath has been changed to Sunday. Changed! but by whom? Who has authority to change an express commandment of Almighty God? When God has spoken and said, Thou shalt keep holy the seventh day, who shall dare to say, Nay, thou mayest work and do all manner of worldly business on the seventh day; but thou shalt keep holy the first day in its stead? This is a most important question, which I know not how you can answer. You are a Protestant, and you profess to go by the Bible and the Bible only; and yet in so important a matter as the observance of one day in seven as a holy day, you go against the plain letter of the Bible, and put another day in the place of that day which the Bible has commanded. The command to keep holy the seventh day is one of the ten commandments; you believe that the other nine are still binding; who gave you authority to tamper with the fourth? If you are consistent with your own principles, if you really follow the Bible and the Bible only, you ought to be able to produce some portion of the New Testament in which this fourth commandment is expressly altered." Library of Christian Doctrine: Why Don't You Keep Holy the Sabbath-Day? (London: Burns and Oates, Ltd.), pp. 3, 4.

Tragically, both Catholicism and Protestantism stand guilty before the judgment bar of heaven for rejecting God's holy Sabbath--His sacred sign of identification.

6. What solemn warnings has God given regarding His law and His sign, or mark?

A. God warns religious leaders against causing people to stumble by saying that some commandments do not matter. **"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law."** Malachi 2:7-9. For example, some ministers teach, "It doesn't matter what day you keep holy."

B. God warns people who want their ministers to preach smooth fables rather than the truth about His law. **"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:"** Isaiah 30:9, 10.

C. God warns people about hardening their hearts against the truth of His law. **"Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts."** Zechariah 7:12.

D. God warns people who say it would seem "strange" to keep God's law, like the Sabbath, for example. **"I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing."** Hosea 8:12.

E. God states that the upheaval, tragedy, problems, and woes of earth come because people refuse to follow His law, and have even tried to change it. **"The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left."** Isaiah 24:4-6.

F. God warns religious leaders who refuse to preach the prophecies of the end time. **"For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:"** Isaiah 29:10, 11.

G. God solemnly warns that leaders who teach there is really no difference between sacred things (such as God's holy Sabbath) and common things (such as Sunday) will face His indignation. **"Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."** **"Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD."** Ezekiel 22:26, 31. Religious leaders who ignore God's holy Sabbath will face His indignation.

7. Revelation 13:16 says people will receive the mark of the beast in the forehead or in the hand. What does this mean?

Answer: The forehead represents the mind (Hebrews 10:16). A person will be marked in the forehead by a decision to keep Sunday as a holy day. The hand is a symbol of work (Ecclesiastes 9:10). A person will be marked in the hand by working on God's holy Sabbath or by going along with Sunday laws for practical reasons (job, family, etc.). The sign, or mark, for either God or the beast will be invisible to people. You will, in essence, mark yourself by accepting either God's sign or mark, the Sabbath, or the beast's mark, Sunday. Though invisible to men, God will know who has which mark (2 Timothy 2:19).

8. According to Isaiah 58:1, 13, 14, What decisive message does God deliver to His people in the last days?
"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression." "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, ... Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord." Isaiah 58:1,13,14.

Answer: He says, show "my people" that they are (innocently perhaps) sinning because they are trampling on My holy day, and ask them to quit breaking My Sabbath so I can bless them. Speak loudly so they will hear you!

Notice that the third angel of Revelation 14:9-12, who brings the message about the mark of the beast, speaks with a loud voice also. **"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,"** (verse 9). The message is too important to treat as ordinary. It's a life-or-death issue. Jesus says His sheep, or people, will follow Him when He calls them. **"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must**

bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:” John 10:16, 27.

The forehead is a symbol of the mind. People will be marked in their foreheads by observing Sunday as a holy day. God requires His people to stop trampling upon His holy day.

9. Do people who worship on Sunday (as a holy day) have the mark of the beast now?

Answer: No! No one will have the mark of the beast until Sunday worship becomes an issue enforced by law. At that time (just ahead), those who decide to follow the false teachings of the beast and worship on Sunday (the beast's counterfeit holy day) will receive the mark of the beast.

Those who follow Jesus and obey His truth will keep His Sabbath day holy and receive His mark. Those who expect to refuse the beast's mark in the future must step under Jesus' Sabbath banner now. His power is available to those who obey Him. **“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.” Acts 5:32.** Without Him, we can do nothing. **“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5.** With Him, all things are possible. **“And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” Mark 10:27.**

10. According to the book of Revelation, whom did John specifically see in God's eternal kingdom?

Answer: The answer is threefold and very clear:

A. Those who have God's mark, or sign (His Sabbath), in their foreheads. **“Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” Revelation 7:3.**

B. Those who refused to identify with the beast or his image and who refused to have his mark or name in their foreheads. **“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.” Revelation 15:2.**

C. The people who, today and for eternity, follow where Jesus leads, trusting Him fully in everything. **“These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” Revelation 14:4.** There is no other way.

Only those who have God's mark, or sign, in their foreheads will enter heaven. When laws are passed forcing Sunday worship those who comply will receive the beast's mark.

11. What is Jesus saying to people today?

“He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12.

Answer: What a fantastic promise! If we follow Him, we will not end up in darkness but will, instead, have glorious truth. Nothing could be more exciting! Further, following Him and keeping His Sabbath will put God's mark on our foreheads and protect us from the dreadful plagues, that will fall upon the disobedient. (Revelation chapter 16). **“There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” Psalm 91:10.** It also marks us as ready for translation at Jesus' second coming. What blessed protection and assurance God has offered us!

An Urgent Alert: You will discover some astounding information as you study the final lessons that deal

with the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-14. They will explain (1) the role of the United States in earth's final conflict, (2) how churches and religions of the world will be involved, (3) what world conditions will precipitate earth's final battle, and (4) Satan's amazing strategy for deceiving billions.

Perhaps you are wondering what Protestant churches have to say about the papal claim for changing Sabbath to Sunday. The quotes that appear below will provide the shocking answers.

12. God is asking you to keep Holy His seventh-day Sabbath as a sign that you have accepted His salvation and will follow Him wherever He leads. Will you decide now to begin keeping His Sabbath holy? Your Answer: _____

Comments From Churches and Other Authorities about the Sabbath

Baptist: "There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. ... It will be said, however and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week. ... Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament--absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week." Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, author of *The Baptist Manual*, in a paper read before a New York ministers' conference held Nov. 13, 1893.

Catholic: "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 [Catholics] never sanctify." James Cardinal Gibbons, *The Faith of Our Fathers*, 16th edition, 1880, p. 111.

Church of Christ: "Finally, we have the testimony of Christ on this subject. In Mark 2:27, he says: 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.' From this passage it is evident that the Sabbath was made not merely for the Israelites, as Paley and Hengstenberg would have us believe, but for man ... that is, for the race. Hence we conclude that the Sabbath was sanctified from the beginning, and that it was given to Adam, ever in Eden, as one of those primeval institutions that God ordained for the happiness of all men." Robert Milligan, *Scheme of Redemption*, (St. Louis, The Bethany Press, 1962), p. 165.

Congregationalist: "The Christian Sabbath [Sunday] is not in the Scriptures, and was not by the primitive church called the Sabbath." Dwight's *Theology*, Vol. 4, p. 401.

Episcopal: "Sunday (Dies Solis, of the Roman calendar, 'day of the sun,' because dedicated to the sun), the first day of the week, was adopted by the early Christians as a day of worship.... No regulations for its observance are laid down in the New Testament, nor, indeed, is its observance even enjoined."-"Sunday," *A Religious Encyclopedia*, Vol. 3, (New York, Funk and Wagnalls, 1883) p. 2259.

Lutheran: "The observance of the Lord's day [Sunday] is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church." Augsburg Confession of Faith, quoted in *Catholic Sabbath Manual*, Part 2, Chapter 1, Section 10.

Methodist: "Take the matter of Sunday. There are indications in the New Testament as to how the church came to keep the first day of the week as its day of worship, but there is no passage telling Christians to keep that day, or to transfer the Jewish Sabbath to that day." Harris Franklin Rall, *Christian Advocate*, July 2, 1942.

Moody Bible Institute: "The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since. This fourth commandment begins with the word 'remember,' showing that the Sabbath already existed when God

wrote the law on the tables of stone at Sinai. How can men claim that this one commandment has been done away with when they will admit that the other nine are still binding?" D. L. Moody, *Weighed and Wanting*, p. 47.

Presbyterian: "Until, therefore, it can be shown that the whole moral law has been repealed, the Sabbath will stand. ... The teaching of Christ confirms the perpetuity of the Sabbath." T. C. Blake, D.D., *Theology Condensed*, pp. 474, 475.

Pentecostal: "'Why do we worship on Sunday? Doesn't the Bible teach us that Saturday should be the Lord's Day?' ... Apparently we will have to seek the answer from some other source than the New Testament." David A. Womack, "Is Sunday the Lord's Day?" *The Pentecostal Evangel*, Aug. 9, 1959, No. 2361, p. 3.

Encyclopedia: "Sunday was a name given by the heathen to the first day of the week, because it was the day on which they worshiped the sun, ... the seventh day was blessed and hallowed by God Himself, and ... He requires His creatures to keep it holy to Him. This commandment is of universal and perpetual obligation." *Eadie's Biblical Cyclopedia*, 1872 ed., p. 561.

Summary Sheet: Place a check beside the correct answers.

1. Many people have already received the mark of the beast. Yes. No.
2. The mark of the beast is:
 - Your Social Security number.
 - Sunday as a holy day.
 - The bar codes for grocery pricing.
3. The beast organization that has the mark is the:
 - United Nations.
 - Papacy.
 - European Community of Nations.
 - Trilateral Commission.
4. The mark is literal and will be seen by all. Yes. No.
5. God also has a mark, or symbol, of His power and authority. Yes. No.
6. God's mark of authority is:
 - A secret number that is given to each faithful Christian.
 - Speaking in tongues.
 - Sabbath-keeping in commemoration of Creation and sanctification.
 - Baptism.
7. How did the "beast" attempt to change God's law?
 - Changing Sabbath (of the fourth commandment) to Sunday.
 - Teaching that it is not a sin to commit adultery.

Removing the 2nd commandment against veneration of images.

8. In Bible prophecy, how long is 42 months?

420 literal years.

Three and one half literal years.

1,260 literal days.

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9. Where will the beast's mark be placed?

In the hand.

On the mouth.

On the cheek.

In the forehead.

10. Where will God's mark be placed?

On the hand.

In the forehead.

On the person's tongue.

11. Which of the three angels' messages is the warning against the mark of the beast?

First angel's message.

Second angel's message.

Third angel's message.

12. The beast attempted to change God's times by:

Celebrating New Year's as a holiday.

Changing God's holy day from the seventh to the first day of the week.

Setting the hours for God's holy day as midnight-to-midnight instead of sundown-to-sundown.

13. Jesus gave us the warning message regarding the mark of the beast.

Yes. No.

14. Sign, mark, seal, and token are used interchangeably in Scripture.

Yes. No.

15. There is no scriptural authorization for observing Sunday as a holy day.

True. False.

16. I believe I should begin keeping God's seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) as His holy day.

Yes. No.