

Scriptures and Doctrine :: WARNING!!! DON'T TAKE THE MARK!!!**WARNING!!! DON'T TAKE THE MARK!!! , on: 2017/8/26 12:06**

FEMA director of Brock Long said in an interview yesterday,

“The bottom line message is, right now, if people have not heeded the warning, again, their window to do so is closing,” Long said. “If they refuse to heed the warning, that's on them.”

The FEMA Director was speaking regarding those who did not heed the warnings of upcoming Hurricane Harvey. I thought this was very prophetic coming from a government official. Given that we too are given warnings in Scripture. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians,

“Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we should not crave evil things as they also craved.” 1 Cor. 10:6

Also Paul writes,

“Now these things happen to them as an example and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.” 1 Cor. 10:11-12

Scriptures are written as warning. Warnings that are not to be ignored. To ignore the warnings of scripture will be to do so at the peril of one's eternal soul.

John writes in the book of Revelation,

“11Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12He 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. 13He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. 15And 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. 16And 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, 17and 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. 18Here 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.” Rev. 13:11-18

John is writing about a real person. This is a real event. Satan will possess a world leader who will demand total allegiance and worship of him. The sign of such allegiance to the one called Antichrist will be the taking of the mark. A mark in which no one will be able to conduct economic activity unless it is on their forehead or on their hand.

This is not hyper apocalyptic language that John is describing as some would have us believe. This is a real mark that people will be required to take to show their allegiance to the Antichrist. If one takes the mark they are denying Jesus.

Jesus says below,

“Therefore everyone who confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my father who is in heaven.” Mat. 10:32-33

Paul writes,

“If we deny him he will also deny us.” 2 Tim. 2:12

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If one takes the mark of the Antichrist then they are surely denying the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no redemption for the one who chooses to take the mark of Satan. The scriptures testify that if one denies Christ then he will be denied by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

John warns of the consequences of taking the mark. He says below,

“ So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.” Rev. 16:2

And then John spells out the final doom of those who have taken the mark to worship the beast and Satan.

“ Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “ If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, “ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. “ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” Rev. 14:9-11

There is erroneous and heretical teaching that is going around that one can take the mark during the tribulation and still be saved. The scriptures DO NOT teach this. “

The warning of scripture is clear. Take the mark during the tribulation and one will be eternally condemned. One cannot take the mark and think they can repent later on. To take the mark one will be showing their allegiance to Satan and the antichrist. One will have chosen their eternal destiny. That eternal destiny will be the lake of fire.

If one does not heed these warnings. Then it will surely be on them.

The scriptures are clear in their warnings. DO NOT TAKE THE MARK!!!

Bro Blaine

Re: WARNING!!! DON'T TAKE THE MARK!!! - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/26 12:15

Everyone here who was planning to take "the mark" please raise your hand.

Re: - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/8/26 13:54

This is a valid issue and is worth being reminded of. In one's youth it is possible to think you're being vigilant but as many testify the cares of this life, even those that are commendable can serve as distractions from fellowship and with God and allow compromises. If you don't stay "in shape" in the Spirit, you can be caught unawares. "Be careful how you stand lest you fall." (2 Peter 3:17)

Thanks Bear.

2 Peter 3:18 KJV

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

), on: 2017/8/26 17:11

It is a great honor to starve to death (or die) for the LORD than to take the mark and worship the beast..

Those who will take the mark just want convenient and comfort of this "temporary" life...

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Re: :) - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/26 18:48

95% or so of the earths population has already taken the mark.

Re: - posted by Man0fG0d (), on: 2017/8/26 19:20

Bro blaine, God bless you for this warning. We cannot keep silent in order to appease or placate men. This needs to be proclaimed in every church and upon every housetop.

Matthew 24:11-13 KJV

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

95% of people in church will be in line to take the mark. Many claim to they will not take it but they cannot be faithful to church, they cannot be faithful to bible study, they cannot be faithful to prayer and spending time with God. They cannot keep from sinning throughout the week, they do not trust God to provide for them, they do not obey all the Scripture, they cannot separate themselves from the world. They do not believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, they allow their jobs and hobbies to take place of their walk with God and church attendance.

Jesus Christ said if they do these things in a green tree what shall be done in the dry?

If people cannot be faithful to God now and obey and trust Him now how will they when they are told their social security and insurance will be CUT off and they will not be able to buy any food or clothing, or phone cards etc?

God asked Jeremiah if running with the footmen has wearied you how will you contend with the horsemen?

Bro blaine, I believe we all need to do like Jospheh who stored up during the good times so he would not perish during the bad times. If we wait until then, it may be too late.

The time we cry against sin is now, the time to trust God is now, the time to believe and obey the Word of God is now. The time to build a relationship with God is now. The Bible says now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation.

God bless you.

Re: WARNING!!! DON'T TAKE THE MARK!!! - posted by savannah, on: 2017/8/26 19:34

I already have the mark on my forehead!

Ezekiel 9:4,6

Revelation 7:3,4

Revelation 9:4

I'm a marked man!

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/26 20:33

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Your scenario makes Jesus the cosmic loser to Satan.

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Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/8/26 22:03

Hi

Just a few observations

1:We are not currently in the tribulation

2:It has divided Church Opinion whether we will go through the tribulation

3:We dont know really what the mark actually is,although we do know certain aspects about it,namely it means the person that takes it will be counted with Satan.

4:The mark can not be forced on us and it somehow means we are spiritually irredeemable.Obviously the mark isnt just a physical/electronic tatoo or a electronic device as these things dont seperate us from God.

5:Satan loves to count,loves nothing more than lies,damn lies and statistics

Yours staff

Re: , on: 2017/8/27 5:27

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Really??? I think brother Elijah is right on.

â€œâ€œâ€œ Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are MANY who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life and there are FEW who find it.â€œâ€œâ€œ Mat 7:13-14

â€œâ€œâ€œ Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. At that time MANY will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.â€œâ€œâ€œ Mat. 24:9-10

Brother Elijah is right. Many are going to fall away and will be in line to take the mark. And the many who are going to fall away will be western evangelical Christians. These will be so-called professing believers who will not want to take up the cross to follow Jesus. These will be the enemies of the cross whose god will be their appetite.

Only a FEW are going to be saved. Only a FEW are going to endure. MANY are going to fall away. The few who will be saved will be known as the remnant. This is what they A W Tozer calls the terrible doctrine of the remnant.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/27 15:12

Colossians 1:19,20 For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Ephesians 1:9,10 For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the secret of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Romans 5:18 Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all people, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all people.

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I Timothy 4:10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Revelation 5:12-13 And I heard every created being in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all t

herein, saying, "To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might into the ages of ages.

Romans 11:32 For God has consigned all people to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.

Philippians 3:20,21 But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1 Corinthians 15:22-28 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/8/27 15:40

I talked with an older good brother in a fellowship meeting today and when I mentioned the mark of the beast this was his general answer. He spoke that we have to actually choose now if we are following the ways of the world or the way of Christ. We right now are to be those who are to be marked with the seal of God or the mark of the beast. If we are living fully for "pleasures" now then in the end we will seek all the pleasures available in the mark of the beast.

So we must live for the Lord now, be willing to lose all things for him. Choosing to say no to the world system now before we "have to" when the mark of the beast happens.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/27 16:11

Greg- I agree with your friend 100%. All of us are marked, by the Lord or by the enemy.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/8/27 18:23

Hi Greg,

That's from a point of view that you can lose your salvation. I think the "Mark" is for a specific time in history full stop and many people will take the mark not just for "pleasures" but for other reasons as well. I think choosing to say no to the world system is a life long thing as it's a battle with sin won by Jesus but we strive to walk in, staff

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/8/27 19:13

I must be missing something? Why is this strained interpretation being forced as though this "mark" sends you to hell faster than simply being an unsaved moral person? What about this allegiance to the beast is different from allegiance to the world, the flesh or the devil in any normal sense of worldliness that John also condemns?

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

I have yet to see anyone show proof there is no chance of repentance to someone who takes the mark but finds Jesus will forgive? I'm waiting for someone to show explicitly that taking this mark is more damning than the common humanism found in every day America.

So while I do see personality pressing their point, I don't see the Spirit of God exposing the validity of their assertions rendering the contrary opinions of John MacArthur as null and void.

So, as we are all proudly Berean, I need to see from these Bereans their scriptural reasons Pastor John is wrong as well as myself who think this strained interpretation is shaky at best. Merely quoting the immediate doom of Mark takers is no proof of that mark being "immediately damning" anymore so than "not believing that I am He" is equally damning. But with the John 8 text, we leave room for repentance to come, in the Revelation text we leave no room. Those who believe contrary to me must show in scripture there is no chance of repentance or grace.

If you ignore, then I cannot conclude anything other than this is an unwarranted attack on John MacArthur by falsely accusing brothers or they simply have nefarious motives.

I need to see some "validation" of their interpretations other than simply "negating" everyone who disagrees with them or

implies we are going to take the mark or we are ok with taking the mark or some such assumptions.

Re: - posted by ManOfGod (), on: 2017/8/27 20:21

TMK, I am sure I am misunderstanding you. You aren't trying to defend the false doctrine that all will be saved are you?

Matthew 7:13-14,21-23 KJV

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 13:37-43 KJV

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 25:23-27,29-30 KJV

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:31-34,41,46 KJV

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Matthew 24:45-51 KJV

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Jude 1:14-15 KJV

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 KJV

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who s

shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Colossians 1:22-23 KJV

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Matthew 10:28 KJV

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Luke 13:24-28 KJV

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

Revelation 20:11-15 KJV

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 14:9-11 KJV

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, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

1 Peter 4:17-18 KJV

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Re: , on: 2017/8/27 20:32

Marvin the scriptures have been clearly put forth that if one receives the mark during the tribulation then their destiny is eternal condemnation. Those scriptures are stated in the OP.

But again in Rev. 14:9-11...

Doom for Worshipers of the Beast

â€œâ€œâ€œ 9Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, â€œelf anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11â€œAnd the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.â€œ

There is no forced biblical interpretation in the text above. The text clearly states that if one worships the beast and receives his mark he will experience the wrath of God. That person will be tormented with fire and brimstone forever and ever. They will have no rest. This is the teaching of the passage above.

Those who worship the beast and receive his mark cannot repent for as Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians...

â€œâ€œâ€œ 8Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 12in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.â€œ 2 Thes. 2:8-12

According to the passage above such people who worship the antichrist and take the mark cannot repent. They did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For that reason God has sent them a deluding influence to believe what is false.

This would be similar to Pharaoh hardening his heart when he was confronted with the judgments upon Egypt. Because Pharaoh has so hardened his heart. God completed the process by continuing to harden Pharaoh's heart.

Those in the tribulation who reject the truth of salvation in Jesus and choose to worship the antichrist and receive his mark. God will just send upon them a deluding influence to believe what is false.

For this reason they cannot believe the truth and be saved. Those who choose to worship antichrist and receive his mark have made their choice.

Jesus warns in Matthew...

â€œâ€œâ€œ Therefore everyone who confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven. And whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven.â€œ Mat. 10:32-33

Also Paul writes in 2nd Timothy...

â€œâ€œâ€œ If we endure, we will also reign with Him;

â€œ If we deny him, he also will deny us.â€œ 2 Tim. 2:12

The scriptures are quite clear. There is no forced biblical interpretation.

Deny Christ before men and he will deny that person before His Father.

Deny Christ and worship the antichrist and receive his mark the consequences are eternal wrath and punishment.

Likewise confess Christ before men. He will confess that person before his Father. Endure with Christ and one will reign with him.

But a choice must be made and there is no crossing the line. Once one has chosen to deny Christ and worship antichrist and receive his mark. Then that person will be under a deluding influence. And that person cannot repent.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2017/8/27 20:39

The answers or evidence is right there in the passages given, they are the direct declaration on the matter, if some want to distort the plain meaning of those verses then they have to present relevant evidences that have enough probative value.

Our moderator shared a wise thought about the matter, we have to prepare and resolve ourselves seriously on the matter at the moment, it may present as a serious threat, a cunning offer, or as normal course of affairs.

The critical mass of events, viz. the paradigm revolutions in the Christian and other worlds, the advanced technologies of war, the renationalization, recognition and wars of Israel, the rising or violent anti-christian sentiments, the on-going formation of global powers and alliances, is now in the melting pot, it may just need a little bit more of cooking and seasoning before the ominous one is loosened.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/27 21:16

// TMK, I am sure I am misunderstanding you. You aren't trying to defend the false doctrine that all will be saved are you?
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Not at all. I am trying to refute the idea that Jesus is a big loser, which a good number of folks here seem to proudly assert.

Re: - posted by savannah, on: 2017/8/28 7:41

Greg said,

"We right now are to be those who are to be marked with the seal of God or the mark of the beast."

It's that simple!

Revelation 7:3 says,

"Don't harm the land, the sea, or the trees until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

sphragiz³: to seal

Part of Speech: Verb

HELPS Word-studies

4972 sphrag^z• (from 4973 /sphrag^s-s, "a seal") • properly, to seal (affix) with a signet ring or other instrument to stamp (a roller or seal), i.e. to attest ownership, authorizing (validating) what is sealed.

4972 /sphrag^z• ("to seal") signifies ownership and the full security carried by the backing (full authority) of the owner. "Sealing" in the ancient world served as a "legal signature" which guaranteed the promise (contents) of what was sealed.

Sealing was sometimes done in antiquity by the use of religious tattoos • again signifying "belonging to."

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

ἰμφοῖς (Revelation 7:3) the Sept. for ἰμφοῖς; to set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal; in order to mark a person or thing; hence, to set a mark upon by the impress of a seal, to stamp: angels are said with the seal of God to stamp his servants on their foreheads as destined for eternal salvation, and by this means to confirm their hopes, Revelation 7:3, cf. Ewald at the passage; (B. D., under the words, Cuttings and Forehead); hence, ἰμφοῖς, fourteen times in Rec. Revelation 7:4-8; metaphorically: respecting God, who by the gift of the Holy Spirit indicates who are his, passive, Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:30; absolutely, middle with ἰμφοῖς, 2 Corinthians 1:22.

d. in order to prove, confirm, or attest a thing; hence, tropically, to confirm, authenticate, place beyond doubt (a written document ἰμφοῖς, Esther 8:8): followed by ἰμφοῖς, John 3:33; ἰμφοῖς, to prove by one's testimony to a person that he is what he professes to be, John 6:27.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

seal

From sphragis; to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation (literally or figuratively).

Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2017/8/28 18:30

The greek word for sealing or marking in Rev 7 and Rev 13 is not the same, but does it really matter?

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/8/29 19:00

Thanks for the response Bro Blaine:

It boils down to a couple of things for me.

1. That I will not assume that someone who has taken the mark is unforgivable. They may have the gospel preached to them and they may believe. God is not withdrawing his promises, even when terrible threatening's are made.
2. The assumption is being made that a "Christ-rejection is being done", when in fact all sinners are already alienated from Christ, already with enmity in their hearts and already dead in trespasses and sins...without even coming close to a "mark". Seeing as that is so, not everyone has had the gospel preached to them and they may have taken the mark without the opportunity to hear the gospel or be offered salvation through Christ.

This means I must continue to obey the great commission even in tire times. It also means that I cannot tell the elect from the non-elect and because they've taken the mark with its declared doom, I have no reason to assume it is equal to Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit were there is no forgiveness.

The assumptions you are making based on eschatology or based on some other idea, I will not make nor end any gospel preaching while the promises of God are available to the lost.

So, while you can truly declare doom on Mark-takers, I find this doom-saying a little off balance.

Why? Because you will go to hell just as fast for humanism, materialism, false religions, fake Christianity, paganism and a whole world of other isms and sins that keep men from God. In short, what I read in Revelation 14, while fearful and terrible to be sure...and rightly to be spoken warning people not to take the mark... that same diligence and urgency should be made in regards to all the other ploys of Satan whereby he is dragging multitudes to hell without the implementation of any "beast-mark" to accomplish it.

Re: , on: 2017/8/29 21:04

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Marvin the scripture speak for themselves. I only stated what with the scriptures have stated. If you say my view is off balance. Then you're saying in essence that the scriptures are off-balance.

Even your own Doctor John MacArthur has said we need to go with the plain reading of the text. The plain reading of the text says that whoever takes the mark of the beast and worship the Antichrist will be doomed to the lake of fire and brimstone. If you have an issue with this then basically you have an issue with the scriptures themselves.

I can really say no more to you on this topic. I have recent anarchic from the word of God. So basically I think this will be considered my last post on this issue.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/8/29 22:22

Bro Blaine: I've spoken to a lot of guys like you that when they quote the scriptures they do so with very little exegesis. You assume your veiled interpretations are equal to scripture themselves when in fact they are not. This is not a sign you are rightly handling the text you're merely asserting a very thinly explained version overlaid with constant quotations. Bro Blaine this is substandard in any format, even the cults can do this.

You are not reading what I am saying carefully, so in effect you are not interested in my questioning you are more interested in simply asserting your interpretation without actually exegeting anything or respectfully offering a solution to my questions.

It's ok if you don't want to answer, you are not obligated to me, nor are you actually obligated to field dissenters, but and this is an important but...you cannot truly consider yourself a careful exegete on this topic. If you will not explain the opposing scriptures on your version then it remains that this topic is far from concluded and though you may dismiss yourself (which is fine) you have now shown to another studious Christian who does not take things at face value...even from guys like you who consider a strong assertion + scripture-quote = absolute uncontestable truth.

I'll leave off any more replies, I was never intending this to be argumentative (though I did disagree) I only wanted a fuller explanation of other equally important scriptures that weigh in on a matter like this.

On a personal note, if you do not try to understand your dissenters how can you properly instruct them with patience or learn with them about that subject? The question is rhetorical, you need not answer this posting.

Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2017/8/29 23:01

Revelation 14:9 \hat{A} 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,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

==> WHOSOEVER received the mark - will not live to see Revelation 20:4and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

So why they think they are, still can or will be saved? Many are ignorant, some know exactly what they're saying:

Isaiah 28:15 \hat{A} Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/30 7:40

One important point is that Bears (and others) version depends on this "mark" being some sort of an indelible permanent tattoo or some such similar thing. That is, if you get tattooed or chipped or whatever, you are toast.

But what if this not a literal "stamp" at all? There is plenty of internal evidence in Revelation itself that these marks are not literal. Many respected commentators say the mark is not literal. Rather, it is a symbolic way of expressing where ones loyalties may lie.

A person who is loyal to (marked by) Satan and dies in that condition is doomed. A person who is loyal to (marked by) Christ is saved.

At one time in all of our lives we were marked by Satan- we identified with him. But by the grace of God our loyalties have changed.

I believe all that the verses in Rev 14 tell us, taking out all the apocalyptic imagery, is that your fate depends upon where your loyalty lies.