

## Thursology 103: A Most Unexpected Discovery About “The Mark”: It’s All About Worship!!! (The Mark-Pt 2)

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- #3: The Mark identifies the followers of Antichrist
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- #7: The Mark is irrevocable

--Rev 22:4: There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

--A Key Concept: In the end...the essence of the difference between the two kinds of people...isn't the \_\_\_\_\_...it's their \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Rev 22:8b-9: And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.”

--The unequivocal, explicit, history-defining, powerful, commanding, piercing meaning of the Book: The whole of Revelation can be boiled down to the exquisite clarity of this two-word command: “\_\_\_\_\_!!!!”

--The basis for this mini-series on worship: The issue of the \_\_\_\_\_ role of worship...in all of human life...all of human history...and all of human destiny...has been missed in almost all of...\_\_\_\_\_!!!

--John 4:23-24: But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

### --Two Biblical Truths About Worship:

--Worship Truth #1: Our \_\_\_\_\_ worship isn't just what we do on \_\_\_\_\_...it's what we do in all of \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Worship Error #1: The “\_\_\_\_\_” of worship in the modern church

--An expression of the compartmentalization of worship: We've made the term “worship” synonymous with a \_\_\_\_\_-minute segment of \_\_\_\_\_ that we participate in...once a \_\_\_\_\_

--New Covenant Worship Precept #1: Christians don't go to the \_\_\_\_\_  
to worship...we \_\_\_\_\_ the very temple of God...\_\_\_\_\_!!!

--II Cor 6:16: "...For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

--Ephesians 2:19-22: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

--II Cor 2:14: But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

--New Covenant Worship Precept #2: For the Christian...worship is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_-existent with...\_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Worship Truth #2: No worship \_\_\_\_\_...no matter how good...is...in  
\_\_\_\_\_...\_\_\_\_\_ **worship!!!**

--Worship Error #2: Accepting \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the actual  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God

--Mark 11:15-17: Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a robbers' den."

--V. 18: The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

--A great irony among God's people: They didn't want \_\_\_\_\_ around  
\_\_\_\_\_ sanctuary!!!

--What was wrong with "church"??? They didn't want Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_ up their worship \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Ezekiel 9:3 Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the temple.

--10:4, 18-19: Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the temple...and the cloud filled the inner court. Then the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the Lord...Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight...and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

--11:22-23: Then the cherubim lifted up their wings...and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them. The glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city.

--II Chron 6:13-14, 18-19: Now Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. He said, "O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no god like You in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart..." "But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built. Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You..."

--7:1-3: Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the Lord upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the Lord, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

--Rev 12:10-11: "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."

--Questions:

--Can you live without His presence? When you go to church and sing, "I'm desperate for You!!!"...or songs that say, "I will make room for You...to do whatever You want to!"...are you telling to truth?

--Is He the very air that you breathe??? → Or...can you do just fine without Him really showing up?

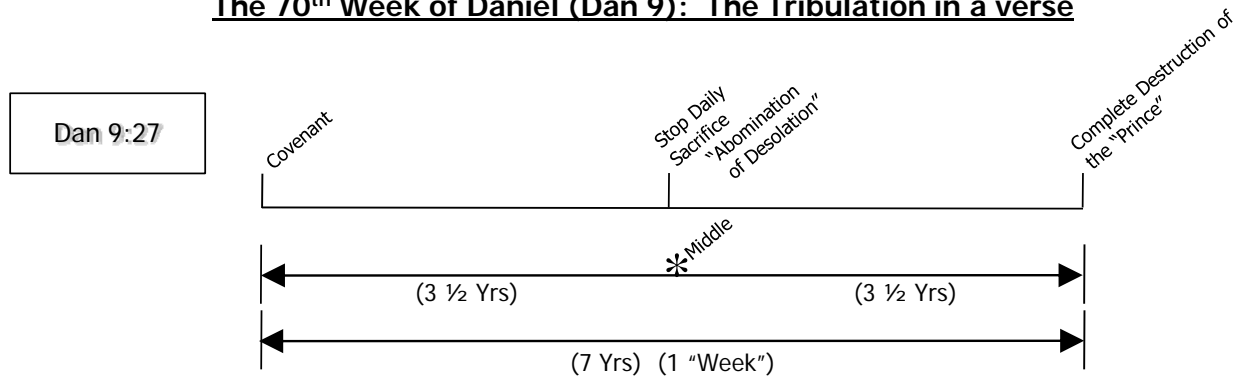
--As you think of all the things in your life...what is it that you can't live without???

--Have you come to the point where you can honestly say...Lord...I can live without a lot of things...but...if You don't manifest Your very presence in my life...I can't survive!!!???

--Can you honestly say to God: "Lord...take anything from me...but...whatever You do...don't leave me without Your presence in my life!!!"???

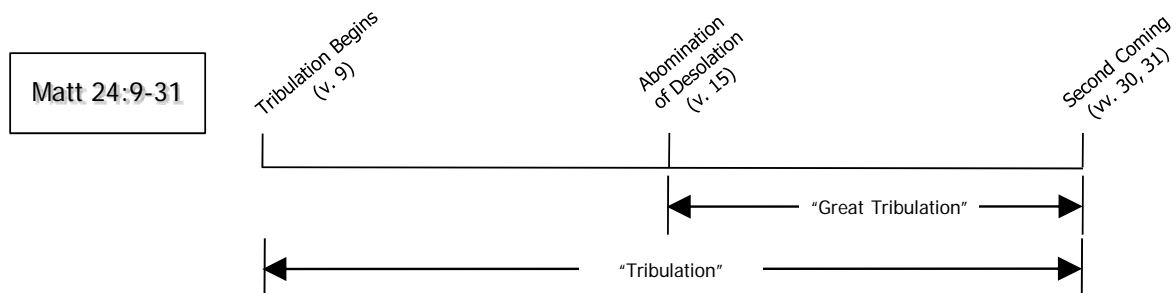
# Putting It All Together: The Last Seven Years

## The 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel (Dan 9): The Tribulation in a verse

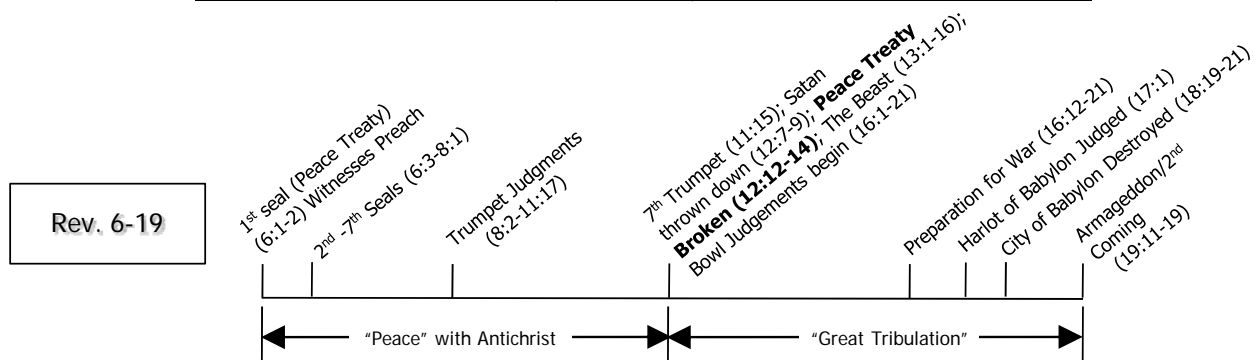


Compare: Dan 2:40-42; 7:1-8, 11, 19-26

## The Olivet Discourse (Matt 24): The Tribulation in a chapter



## The Revelation Account (Rev 6-19): The Tribulation in a book



## **Thursology 102: 666—The Meaning of The Mark of the Beast**

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### **--What is "The Mark"???**

--Rev. 13:3-5, 8 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; they worshipped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him...All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

The preparation for The Mark: The whole earth **WORSHIPS** the Beast

--Rev.13:11-12: 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. 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.

--The next prep for The Mark: The **FALSE** prophet appears

--Rev.13:13-15: He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And 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. 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.

--The next prep for The Mark: Humanity **WORSHIPS** the image of The Beast

--Rev.13:16-18: 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, 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. 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.

### **--Two "Mark attributes":**

--Attribute #1: Those who take the **MARK** of The Beast...are those who **WORSHIP** The Beast

--Attribute #2: The **NUMBER** of the Mark represents the **NAME** of the Antichrist

### **--Comparing a series of number sequences:**

--"Antichrist": **666**

--The perfect human: **777**

--Jesus: **888**

--**What some Greek scholars propose:** The numerics of these sequences may be a statement about the **FALSE** messiah...or **ANTI**-messiah...**falling short** of perfection...and the **TRUE**

### **--What is the nature of "The Mark"???**

--**#1:** An identifiable **PHYSICAL** marking...the represents the **NAME** of The Antichrist...either on their forehead or right hand

- #2: The Mark will be used to help **CONTROL** a world **ECONOMIC** system to allow or prevent buying and selling
- #3: The Mark identifies the **FOLLOWERS** of Antichrist
- #4: It is explicitly given to those who **WORSHIP** the Beast
- #5: It is a Mark of **LOYALTY** to the Antichrist  
 --Key Concept: No one will just **ACCIDENTALLY** happen to “end up with” the Mark...rather...it will be an absolutely intentional **CHOICE!!!**
- #6: The Mark is a matter of **LIFE** and **DEATH**  
 --Rev 20:4: Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.  
  
 --Matt 24:9-10, 12-13: “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time, many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another...And because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.”
- #7: The Mark is **IRREVOCABLE**  
 --Rev 13:7-8: It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.
- Application #1: In the end...ALL of human history will boil down to ONE thing!!!**
- The visible traits that will identify everyone at the end of time:
- Trait #1: Unbelievers will be identified by the Mark of the **BEAST**  
 --Rev 13:16: “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...”
- Trait #2: Believers will take the Mark of **GOD**  
 --Rev 22:1-4: Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.
- Two biblical facts about the Last Days:
- Fact #1: There will be a **MARK** on **EVERYONE’S** forehead
- Fact #2: In the end...the essence of the difference between the two kinds of people...isn’t the **MARK**...it’s...their **WORSHIP!!!**

--Rev 22:7-9: "Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book." I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

--"Mark" Precept #1: The reason people will receive the mark of the **BEAST**...is because of who they **WORSHIP!!!**

--"Mark" Precept #2: The reason people will receive the mark of **GOD**...is because of Who they **WORSHIP!!!** (Rev 22:8-9)

--The final rebuke in the Bible: Don't **DO** that!!!

--The final command in the Bible: **WORSHIP** God!!!

--Ignacius: "In the apocalypse, I find nothing intelligible. It is not a biblical book."

--The unequivocal, explicit, history-defining, powerful, commanding, piercing meaning of the Book: The whole of Revelation can be boiled down to the exquisite clarity of this two-word command: "**WORSHIP...GOD!!!!**"

--**Application #2: Experiencing true WORSHIP is the only way to be truly WHOLE!!!**

--Isa 9:6-7: For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. And there will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

--Matt 1:1: "The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David..."

--Rev 22:20: He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly."

--Rev 22:16: "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

--Psalms 22:1-2: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my help are the words of my groaning. My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer...

--Psalms 22:22-24: I will proclaim Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the Lord, praise Him; all you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel. For He has not despised nor scorned the suffering of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from him; but when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

--Some questions: How often to you worship God in your daily life? How often are you consumed by Who He is? Do you have time every day where you're basking in His presence and adoring Him? Does the music you listen to draw you closer to Him? Do you have time set aside to tell Him how much you love Him...every day???