

Theory #11

The Mark of the Beast

Note: Read Revelation 13 to learn about this prophecy.

It is fairly commonly believed now among eschatologists (those who study the last-days prophecies) that the “mark of the Beast,” spoken of in Revelation 13 as being a mark on the hand or forehead (and forced on the world by the end-days ruler), will be an implanted bio-chip designed to be GPS-trackable. This device is already being tested and used on animals and certain other at-risk groups¹ and will probably be phased in, first as a chip-bearing Smart Card or wristwatch. Such technology is rapidly becoming a necessity in our world given the rise in identity theft and related random crimes, not to mention kidnappings, molestations, incidents of vandalism, gang and drug activity, runaways, escaped convicts, sociopathic violence, and wandering Alzheimer patients. As time progresses, more and more people will come to see the necessity of this as a means of restoring or maintaining some semblance of normalcy and safety in our lives. It has been suggested that all children should be implanted at birth, and many parents would consent out of fear in this out-of-control world. It really would solve a lot of problems.²

Fear is a great motivator. We can all attest to that. There are enough forces arrayed against us to sink the most unsinkable among us. What parent would not want to be able to locate their child at a moment's notice? What police force would not want to be able to apprehend any and every criminal or illegal alien simply by typing a locator number into a tracking device? The FBI, CIA and American military would probably welcome it. No more need for elaborate efforts and expense to locate, trap and apprehend suspected enemies of the state or missing soldiers. Just beam their number skyward and moments later, voila, there they are.

¹ Go to www.digitalangelcorp.com to check out this development. Their own website states the following on the home page: “Digital Angel Corporation develops advanced RFID and GPS technologies that enable rapid and accurate identification, location tracking, and condition monitoring of high-value assets. Applications for our products include identification and monitoring of pets, **humans**, fish and livestock through our patented implantable microchips as well as message monitoring of aircraft in remote locations through integrated GPS and geosynchronous satellite communications systems.” (*Emphasis mine*)

² But of course it creates a host of potential problems for law-abiding citizens who happen to be at odds with accepted societal norms in certain areas of thought or action, particularly those who hold to traditional views of morality and religion. It also creates potential for privacy violations on a grand scale.

Unfortunately, for this to work effectively, it has to be a worldwide effort. Otherwise the obvious solution for the criminal is to escape to a country that is not participating in the GPS system or that will not extradite those who are under indictment or wanted for questioning.

Only a world leader or a world body could mandate this development on a global scale and only if all nations are brought into the fold of world cooperation. This would require the sublimation of individual national constitutions and bodies of law to a higher law, that of a World Court or World Congress. Thus, America's Bill of Rights would be forced to bow to a superceding document, and our constitution would be effectively silenced as a voice of liberty.

If this becomes the case, then ready yourself to be "forced" to renounce your loyalty to America (or whatever country you belong to) in favor of loyalty to a World Government or World Ruler and/or World Constitution. (Our soldiers have already been required to swear allegiance to the United Nations or face court martial in some situations. We are entering a period of unprecedented duplicity and schizophrenia in our own government, which is demonstrated daily by our courts, legislators and even our executive branch.) This requirement will come, on perhaps the heels of a financial disaster (or the Rapture or other catastrophe) that paves the way for the abolition of paper money as a means of exchange. No more individual national currencies. Now we will all be required to receive a national ID card (already mandated by the US Congress for May 2008 but recently postponed) followed perhaps not long after by a combination debit/ID card, and ultimately by the implanted chip, which will function concurrently as a debit card, credit card, identity card, medical card, and locator card. (Just think, no wallets to carry or be stolen!) It will serve the multiple purposes of the global strategists and place us all in servitude to their agenda.

The dollar³ is already facing precipitous decline on world markets. OPEC has begun trading in euros and other currencies making the dollar less attractive to foreign investors, since they no longer must have

³ America operates on a debt economy via fiat money. Our dollar has value only because the government declares that it must be honored as legal tender and because people agree to place their confidence in it. There is little precious metal backing any of our currency or coin. In fact, because there is so little gold behind it, there is no way to actually pay off the debt, and debt is actually what fuels our economy. Without debt, we collapse. If tomorrow all dollars in circulation were turned in to pay off the debts of

them to buy oil. Many countries are rapidly divesting themselves of massive quantities of dollars in their reserve accounts. It won't be long before a collapse of the dollar, either sudden or gradual, spells disaster for the U.S., if not the world.⁴ Inflation will rob Americans of their savings and push American business into a recession, if not a depression.

The surge in identity-related crime is also greasing the skids for this trend toward embedded-chip development. It is much more difficult to steal a hand or a forehead, or to extract a chip embedded under the skin⁵ than to steal a credit/debit card or a checkbook. Checks are on the way out, clearly. Some places aren't even taking them now. And the escalating drug trade has already made identity-theft the crime of choice for addicts⁶ (along with burglary), thus preparing the way for hearts to be turned toward the "solution." Can you see why there is so little effort against the drug trade, and the border issue as

America and Americans, we would be flat broke because there's actually more money promised (in loans) than is available to pay those loans. Unless we printed even more worthless dollar bills, the country could not function. Perhaps this is why our leaders do not actually try to minimize spending, because they understand this reality. But they don't want to tell us or it will spark a monetary panic, hoarding and the collapse of the dollar. So they continue their schizophrenic policies and we all scratch our heads and wonder what is going on. All countries that have succumbed to the temptation to trade their gold for paper money which can be manipulated, expanded, contracted and controlled at the behest of the power elite, have inevitably been driven into hyperinflation and bankruptcy. It's only a matter of time for us. One day, the plug will be pulled when the powers-that-be decide it's time to collapse the U.S. economy. The Federal Reserve, the World Bank and the IRS are part of this scheme. When the world bankers decide to call in their chits, we're done. This may already be in process, as we see the dollar being devalued almost daily on the world market. Though this would make American goods cheaper abroad, it makes it more difficult for Americans to buy foreign goods at home or to travel, and ultimately will result in massive inflation. We see the value of the dollar reflected in the price of gold. A single gold piece used to cost \$20. Today it is over \$1000. That means the dollar is worth about 2% of what it used to be worth when we were on the gold standard. No wonder houses are out of reach for so many Americans.

⁴ Quoting from a Breaking All the Rules (batr.com) web article called "*The Petro Dollar and the Euro*" by Sarte, April 4, 2003: "...the one aspect that seems to elude the scrutiny of most observers is that of the precarious nature of the global economy, which teeters on the fragile requirement that the US Dollar must remain as the world reserve currency." Quoting W. Clark in an essay titled *The Real Reason for the Upcoming War with Iraq*: "OPEC always priced oil in US Dollars...The Federal Reserve's greatest nightmare is that OPEC will switch its international transactions from a dollar-standard to a euro-standard. Iraq actually made this switch in Nov. 2000 (when the euro was worth around 82 cents), and has actually made off like a bandit considering the dollar's steady depreciation against the euro. (Note: the dollar declined 17% against the euro in 2002.) The real reason the Bush administration wants a puppet government in Iraq -- or more importantly, the reason why the corporate-military-industrial network conglomerate wants a puppet government in Iraq -- is so that it will revert back to a dollar standard and stay that way" (while also hoping to veto any wider OPEC momentum towards the euro, especially from Iran -- the 2nd largest OPEC producer who is actively discussing a switch to euros for its oil exports).

W. Clark again: "The effect of an OPEC switch to the euro would be that oil-consuming nations would have to flush dollars out of their (central bank) reserve funds and replace these with euros. The dollar would crash anywhere from 20-40% in value and the consequences would be those one could expect from any currency collapse and massive inflation (think Argentina's currency crisis, for example). You'd have foreign funds stream out of the U.S. stock markets and dollar-denominated assets, there'd surely be a run on the banks much like the 1930s, the current account deficit would become unserviceable, the budget deficit would go into default, and so on. Your basic third-world economic crisis scenario..." Sarte again: "The inevitable fall of the US Dollar is unavoidable, when the charade can no longer be cloaked with smoke and mirrors or tolerable foreign adventures. At that point the calls for a single world currency, administered through a solitary clearing house and autarchic central bank, will be offered as the answer for economic stability. Thus, the ultimate transfer and expropriation of individual wealth will be achieved. The world runs on money, not oil. Those who control it and require legal tender laws, rule the economic and political order. You will come to learn this lesson, no matter what currency you use..."

⁵ Especially if that chip is linked to a fingerprint, voice print or eye scan. In that case, having the chip is useless for any thief.

⁶ A close friend works in a West-coast jail. He has determined that 90% of inmates are there for drug-related crimes.

well? Why, in fact, these crimes seem to be ignored or even encouraged?⁷ The more identity theft there is and the more illegal immigration, the more people will cry out for a solution. It feeds into the broader agenda of those who covet control of this world system.

The Bible, however, is exceedingly clear. Those who agree to take this “mark on the hand or forehead” (the embedded chip) will be outcasts of heaven. (See Rev. 13 and 14.) Why? Why such a major indictment for complying with this development? Aren’t we supposed to pay our bills and be responsible citizens? If this becomes the only way to honor our debts, how can it be so wrong? Why would God have such a problem with this form of monetary exchange? Even if getting this “mark” will require some kind of alignment of our personal loyalties with world government, or a world constitution over that of our own country and its founding documents, or perhaps some sort of “devotion” of oneself to the “New World Order” spoken of by so many of the elite leaders in our world, even some of our own past presidents (Bush senior, Clinton), why would that make God so mad? We have to live somewhere, don’t we? Don’t we all pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America? Does God really care if we switch loyalties to another political entity?

Clearly there is more to the picture than this. Scripture seems to indicate that getting this mark will require that one actually worship the Anti-Christ or his image. Listen: “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed 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

⁷ The powers that be know that taking America down militarily is next to impossible (minus some kind of smuggled nuke barrage or nation-staggering electro-magnetic pulse bomb). But fragmenting our shallow and fragile culture is more easily accomplished, simply by the influx of millions of foreign-language immigrants. How do you field an army when you can no longer talk to each other? How do you conscript non-citizens to fight a foreign enemy, especially if the enemy looks and sounds like them? How do you maintain unity, patriotic fervor, economic stability or common purpose when you can’t understand one another or accept one another’s cultural values, religious beliefs, customs, laws, language, dress, and even basic national character? How do you prevent civil unrest ultimately? We can’t even get along as Americans (democrats vs. republicans, conservatives vs. liberals) anymore, let alone as natives and foreigners. How can our police even function when so many languages are spoken in a given area? In time, America will cease to function as a unified entity because of the twin politics of political correctness and tolerance. Without a common vision the people perish.

torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”⁸

Some of you will throw up your hands at these verses and blaspheme “a God who would be so cruel,” so unreasonable. You will make up your mind never to worship a God like that.

I can only urge you to reconsider. God is completely righteous and holy and perfect, and in order to be consistent with His own character, He must hate evil of every stripe. And He must punish it. Worshipping false gods is the height of evil, and anyone who does so aligns himself and identifies with the very gods he bows down to. Idolatry violates the first commandment: “I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before Me.” This commandment is simply right—that we worship only the highest, holiest, and most righteous Being in existence—the Creator and Sustainer of our universe. And it is wrong to do otherwise.⁹

Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar required his subjects to violate the first commandment by demanding that they bow before a huge statue of himself and worship it (he was a type or prefigurement of the Anti-Christ), and thus will the end-time false “Messiah” do the same in some form. Read Revelation 13: “And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; and they worshipped the dragon (Satan), 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? ... And it was 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. And 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.’¹⁰ ... And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon (deceiver). And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who

⁸ Rev.14:9-11

⁹ Some of us “worship” money, fame, sex, our spouse, our boyfriend/girlfriend, our pastor, or other gods, to which we devote all our time and resources and attention. Ask yourself: How much of your time and attention goes to the one true God, both in direct communication and in living consistent with His will? That will be a good measure of where your heart is really at with Him.

¹⁰ God has always known who would believe in Him in the end. But He doesn’t make us believe.

dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. And 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 there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 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 should 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.” (vv.3 ff.) Those who, like Daniel, refuse, will be “thrown to the lions” so to speak; executed by beheading, or left to starve or to survive on the goodwill of those who slip them illegal rations or operate “safe houses,” as some did during the Nazi persecutions. (See Matthew 25:31-46)

To refuse the mark means being willing to “suffer unto death for obedience,” just as Christ did. Only the truly converted will have the stomach for this (starvation, ostracism, homelessness, etc.). They will not be able to buy food for themselves or their precious starving children; they will not be able to pay their rent, mortgage, credit cards, car loans or taxes, heat their homes or purchase other vital utilities such as water, or necessities such as diapers. They will not be able to procure medical care or even herbs (except wild ones) for their ailing loved ones or fuel for their vehicles in order to escape or relocate. At the same time, they will be hunted like fugitives. Even close relatives will betray each other. It will require the firmest of commitments and true faith to endure to the end. Threats and persecution will lie round every corner.

Judgment begins with the household of God and everything that can be shaken will be shaken. God is not mocked. He will expose the hearts of His people and reveal those who are willing to give up everything, including in some cases their own lives for the sake of their loyalty to Him.¹¹ These are the true,

¹¹ Granted there will be those, like the thief on the cross, who die shortly after being saved, without having been much sanctified or even tested. Why God chooses or allows this for them is His business. But those who are alive but are not persevering through trials and temptations are on shaky ground and can have no confidence that their faith is genuine or strong enough to endure deep trials. Like James 2:20,24,26 says: “But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?... You see that man is justified by works, and not by faith alone... For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.” And in 5:19-20, he says, “My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back,

uncorruptible “sons of God” who will dwell with Him forever, ruling and reigning with Him in His kingdom. For only they can be trusted not to rebel or mutiny at some future time as did Satan and his cohort. God will not have another mutiny. He has prepared a sure test to ferret out the imposters and the changlings. There will be no deception that can win Him over. That is why Scripture says to pray that you may be *found worthy* to escape all these things (the wrath) that are coming upon the whole world.¹² “Found worthy” cannot only mean to be positionally in Christ. Since this is spoken to Christians, the equivalent would be, “Pray that you Christians may be found to be Christians...” It must mean something more akin to “pray that you may be found a faithful and confirmed Christian, walking in obedience and repentance.” Those who are will be spared, either by the Rapture¹³ or some other form of *in situ* protection.

This leads us to Theory #12.

let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.”

¹² Luke 21:35-37: (Jesus speaking to His disciples) “Watch ye, then, in every season, praying that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are about to come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

¹³ The Rapture will be discussed in detail in Theory #13.