

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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QUESTION 1 – WHAT DOES ADRIAN ROGERS SAY ABOUT TRUTH AND ERROR? [Fill in the blank]

"It is better to be _____ by _____ than to be _____ in _____. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals, than falsehood that comforts and then kills. Let me tell you something, friend, it is **not love** and it is **not** friendship if we **fail to declare the whole counsel of God**. ...It is better to be **hated** for telling the **truth**, than to be **loved** for **telling a lie**...It's better to stand **alone** with the **truth**, than to be **wrong** with a **multitude**." – *Adrian Rogers*

Am I therefore become your **enemy, because I tell you the truth?** – Galatians 4:16

QUESTION 2 – WHAT IS TRUTH AND TRUTH? [Fill in the blank]

Thy righteousness is an **everlasting** righteousness, and thy _____. – Psalm 119:142

Thou *art* near, O LORD; and **all** thy _____. *are truth*. – Psalm 119:151

Blessed are they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. – Rev 22:14

"You never know how much you really believe anything until it's truth or falsehood *become a matter of life and death to you*." — *CS Lewis*

Details of The Mark

1. Rev 13:1, 11 2 Beasts
2. Rev 13:14 Lamb beast makes image
3. Rev 13:15 Image worship is commanded
4. Rev 13:15 Death penalty to refuse
5. Rev 13:16 Worldwide event 'all'
6. Rev 13:18 666 is connected to worship

Details of Daniel Three

1. Daniel 3:1 King Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon
2. Daniel 3:1 Makes image
3. Daniel 3:4,5 Command to worship
4. Daniel 3:6 Death penalty to those who refuse
5. Daniel 3:2,3 Command is for all peoples, nations
6. Daniel 3:1 Image is 90 x 9

| Daniel 3

What is the Mark of the Beast?

1. It is not 666
2. Powerful endtime kingdoms enforce the mark

3. Connected to worship of a symbolic counterfeit
4. Counterfeit is based on ancient pagan worship
5. All the world is commanded to follow
6. This counterfeit goes against God's law
7. While many compromise, a few are faithful
8. God delivers his people through the crisis
9. God's end-time people have a special relationship with Jesus God promotes his faithful ones by taking them to heaven

| Revelation 14:6-15

QUESTION 3 – WHAT DOES A BEAST SYMBOLIZE IN BIBLE PROPHECY? [Fill in the blank]

...The _____ shall be the _____
 _____ upon the earth...Dan 7:23

Who is this beast that gives a mark? | Revelation 13:1-7,18

QUESTION 4 – WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIRST BEAST? [Fill in the blank]

Characteristic of the Beast

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

QUESTION 5 – WHAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BEAST? [Fill in the blank]

"And he was given a mouth *speaking great things* and **blasphemies**." - Revelation 13:5

For a good work we stone thee not; but for **blasphemy**; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. -- John 10:33

How does the Roman church make that claim?

"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." - *Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII, p.304*
 Why doth this man thus speak **blasphemies**? who can forgive sins but God only? -- Mark 2:7

"God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priest, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution...The sentence of the priest precedes and God subscribes to it." — *Dignity and Duties of the Priest Vol. 12, p. 2*

Dragon gives seat

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the **dragon** stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. — Revelation 12:4

"To the succession of the Caesars came the succession of the Pontiffs in Rome. When Constantine left Rome he gave his seat to the Pontiff." — *La Blanca, Professor of History, University of Rome*

Forty two months

42 MONTHS = 1260 YEARS

"...I have laid on you a day for each year." — Ezekiel 4:6

"...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." — Revelation 13:5

"In 1798, he (Berthier)...made his entrance into Rome, ABOLISHED THE PAPAL GOVERNMENT and established a secular one." — *The Encyclopedia Americana, 1941 Edition*

Asks for worship

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, *but he is Jesus Christ, Himself*, hidden under the veil of flesh." — *Catholic National, July 1895*

Number 666

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: and his number is six hundred threescore and six. — Revelation 13:18

And that no one may buy or sell, save he that have the mark, or the name of the beast, or the *number of his name*. — Revelation 13:17

QUESTION 6 – WHAT DOES SIGN MEAN IN RELATION TO THE SABBATH? [Fill in the blank]

Exodus 31:13 | Exodus 31:17 | Ezekiel 20:12 | Ezekiel 20:20

Characteristics of the Mark of the Beast

1. Opposes God's Law
2. Counterfeit of God's sign/seal
3. Involves worship
4. Involves government enforcement

QUESTION 7 – WHAT DOES THE ROME CLAIM IS THE SIGN OF IT'S AUTHORITY? [Fill in the blank]

_____ is our _____ of authority...The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact."

Changing times & laws | Daniel 7:25

"The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ." — *Decretal De Translate. Espiscop. Cap.*

Sabbath... A Hebrew word signifying rest...

Sunday was the name given by the heathens to the first day of the week, because it was a day on which they worshiped the sun." — Bible Encyclopedia p. 561 *John Eadie, D.D., LL.D.*

QUESTION 8 – WHAT DID ROME DO TO THE LAW OF GOD? [Fill in the blank]

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____

"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**." — Faith of Our Fathers p. 561 / *Cardinal James Gibbons*

QUESTION 9 – SEAL VS MARK [Fill in the blank]

Seal: _____

Mark: _____

Is there anyone now with the mark of the beast?

Acts 17:30 | Rom 4:15 | James 4:17

No one has yet received the mark of the beast. The testing time has not yet come. **There are true Christians in every church**, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. **None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment.** But when the **decree** shall go forth **enforcing** the counterfeit **sabbath**, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the **worship** of the **beast** and his **image**, the **line will be clearly drawn** between the false and the true. **Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.** {Ev 234.2}
WHY DOES EVERYONE GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY? CAN SO MANY CHURCHES BE WRONG?

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth** the **whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. – Revelation 12:9

What would God do in advance to combat the worldwide deception?

REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour... but the **seventh day** is the **Sabbath** of the Lord your God... Exodus 20:8-11

How will they make this happen?

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that have the mark, or the name of the beast, or the *number of his name*." – Revelation 13:16

QUESTION 10 – WHY A SEAL? [Fill in the blank]

| Esther 8:8

8 texts on the first day

- ① Matthew 28:1
- ② Mark 16:1,2
- ③ Mark 16:9
- ④ Luke 24:1
- ⑤ John 20:1,19
- ⑥ John 20:19
- ⑦ 1 Corinthians 16:2
- ⑧ Acts 20:7

Results of the mark of the beast!

Revelation 14:9-10 | Revelation 15:1-3

KEY TO STAND THE TEST | 2 Thess 2:8-12

“Most people, sometime in their lives, **stumble across truth**. Most jump up, **brush themselves off**, and hurry on about their business as if **nothing had happened**.” – *Winston Churchill*

The Hebrew boys stood in a crisis because they learned to stand before the crisis!!

Pressure reveals what's inside!

Joseph **resisted** in **Egypt** because he **resisted** in **Canaan**

Daniel **resisted** in **Babylon** because he **resisted** in **Jerusalem**

Esther **stood** in **Persia** because she **stood** in **Jerusalem**

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”
– Rev 14:12