

Current Affairs #131 – The Mark on the Forehead or the Right Hand

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In continuing our discussion of Revelation, chapter 13, we have seen how, once the saints have been, in a sense, neutralized, the rest of the story is that the beast continues his rampage in devouring the whole earth, trampling it down, according to Daniel, chapter 7, and crushing it.¹ In what manner does that occur? Well, all of that indicates a certain hegemony, a domination of ideas, a domination of thought, particularly as the opposition has been neutralized. So there will be a hardening of anti-God, anti-Christ sentiments in the earth.

I used especially the latter term, anti-Christ, intentionally. Because for those who are wondering, “What is the role of the anti-Christ?” the answer is, he is against Christ. He opposes Christ. But you have to be careful how you oppose Christ because at any moment He may crush the head of the serpent.² He has the power to do so. You must oppose Him the way you always have: by deception, by lies, by half-truths, by misstatements, by fraud—intentional false statements intending to deceive. Is it surprising to us that we have now come to what is described as the post-truth era?

These things are not just because America has embraced these things; these things are true throughout the world. Even on the little island of St. Vincent, where I was born and from which I came, I was observing the prime minister of the island talking about the evacuation of the people from villages at the foot of a volcano called La Soufrière, which some of you may know, has been erupting. For those of you who want to know, all of my relatives on the island are safe. I am in fairly constant communication with them.

But the prime minister of the island was interviewed on CNN. The regional CNN carried a piece in which he was saying that cruise ships had been sent to evacuate refugees from that part of the

All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Daniel 7:7: “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.”

² See Genesis 3:15 NIV: “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

island. What was happening is, there were so many people to be evacuated, some 20,000 people were evacuated—not all of them needing to be evacuated by government transport—but anyway, enough of them that the roads were clogged, my brother said, and volcanic ash was thick in the air while they were trying to evacuate people. So, cruise ships from Carnival Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean had sent cruise ships to evacuate the people.

Well, the prime minister was quoted as saying that the evacuees could not board the cruise ships unless they had been vaccinated. Because the people are resisting vaccination, and the prime minister understands that this was an opportunity to get more people vaccinated. So he, on camera, read the script—in fact, I have the footage; it was sent to me—in which he said that the cruise line companies would not allow people to board the ships if the people had not been vaccinated. The local CNN for the region that was carrying this broadcast, the reporters said, “We have contacted Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise Line, and they have unequivocally said they have no such requirement.” Now what is this about? Plainly, it is about deception. The prime minister saw the opportunity to up the numbers of people being vaccinated, under duress, and utilized the moment to get more people vaccinated. He could have just come out and said, “This is what I am doing.” He could have been honest about it and direct about it. Instead, he used a subterfuge.

My point is, it does not matter if it is Russia, or China, or the United States, or politicians in Europe, or an out of the way little island, rulers and authorities are using the moment to pass their agendas. Again, this is not a comment on whether people should be vaccinated or not. I am not talking about the subject matter; I am talking about what it relates to and how deception has become the order of the day.

While the prophets are telling people to prepare for war and prepare to give your life for the truth, and imagining a shooting war, the war is fully here. A church that is deaf and blind is simply not even seeing it. Let us go on with the reading. It says,

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him [given to the beast] over every tribe, tongue, and nation (Revelation 13:7 NKJV).

We know that Satan gave his power, his throne, and great authority to the beast (cf. Revelation 13:2b), but that has to be understood in the context of Jesus saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”³ Even if Satan gave his power, his throne, and what authority he has to the beast, Satan himself, and therefore the beast by extension, always has to have permission from the One whose authority is plenary. He has to have God’s permission. So when it says here, “And authority was given to the beast over every tribe, tongue, and nation,” if God has already given every tribe, tongue, and nation to Christ so that He may select a people out from amongst them for His own possession,⁴ He has to consent. It is therefore Him giving authority to this beast over every tribe, tongue, and nation. Now Satan could give authority to the beast over the systems he created because they are his to give. That is what he told Jesus.⁵ But since God has already given Jesus authority over all the tribes, tongues, languages, and nations of people, it is God who retains the right, and Satan must ask for permission; and for him to have any authority, God has to give it.

What is my point? Why is this important? It is important because God is in control, and this is a time ordained by God. You see, we do not put the Scriptures together. We read a Scripture over here and we read a Scripture over there, and this one is separate from that one, and never the two shall meet. There is no sense of the overarch. The Scriptures say that God will shake everything that can be shaken. He said, “Once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heavens, so that everything that can be shaken will be shaken” (cf. Hebrews 12:26). By granting power to the beast over every tribe, tongue, language, and nation, God is shaking the nations who are caught in unbelief. The enemy does not have power to shake the Body of Christ. In fact, we have a Kingdom

³ See Matthew 28:18: “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”

⁴ See Psalm 2:7-8: “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.” See also Revelation 5:9: “And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,’”

⁵ See Luke 4:5-6: “Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.’”

that cannot be shaken, and we serve God increasingly with reverence and awe, understanding how thorough and complete His sovereignty is.⁶ But one of the instruments of shaking that God uses is the enemy. Even the enemy is subject to prophetic Scripture and to being useful to God.

When God takes His hands off, when the restrainer is lifted, then the enemy comes in and terrorizes mankind, as the Scriptures have already indicated. In the Book of Daniel, it says this great beast crushes and devours the whole earth, and tramples down what is left. Nobody stands in his way. So it is the combination, then. This is what you have to understand in order to be prepared to see and see, to hear and hear. This is what you are going to be seeing; this is what you are going to be hearing. You are going to see the noose, as it were, tighten. The socioeconomic condition of the whole earth is tightening, even as disasters continue one upon another, upon another, upon another.

I was talking to my brother on the island of St. Vincent, this small microcosm of humanity. They are fighting the pandemic and not gaining ground against it, on top of which, “on the earth below”—and those of you who understand the Scriptures will understand what I am referring to—“there are signs, blood and fire and billows of smoke,”⁷ while the pandemic is going on. And then he told me volcanic ash, 4-6 inches thick, had collected on the roof of his house. When mixed with water, it becomes as solid and weighty as concrete—hard to remove, crushing roofs and destroying buildings. And he said it is only two months away from the hurricane season. Although he was evacuated from the area, he was concerned that he needed to get the ash off the roofs of his buildings before the hurricane season came. So pandemic; volcanic eruption on top of pandemic; hurricane season, upon volcanic eruption, upon pandemic: birth pangs on a pregnant woman.⁸

⁶ See Hebrews 12:28: “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

⁷ See Acts 2:19 BSB: “I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.” See also Joel 2:30.

⁸ See Matthew 24:4-8 NASB 1995: “And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.’”

These systems will take full advantage of human distress because it is opportunity, and leaders are opportunistic. They will get what they want. They will install their programs and plans in the heart of environments in which human suffering is at an all-time high and increasing. So on one level they are going to invade human systems, co-opting human systems of economics, of finance, of trade, of education, of governance, of healthcare, and the rest of it. These seven systems will creep through, pervade, and co-opt all other systems that exist, whether on national levels or international levels.

To back it all up, there will be an unrelenting propaganda war, which is a mixture of great things and blasphemies. It is aimed at the Body of Christ. And it will not redefine the Body of Christ to the Body of Christ, but it will redefine what the Body of Christ is to the world. If you are caught in the middle of this war of words, this polemics, you are going to have to decide what is true. There is no neutral ground on which to stand. This war of propaganda will consume everything in its path, and it will redefine everything in its own image. The only ones who will escape this grueling reset, this form of invading the mind and controlling your economics... I will say it again, what the beast is doing with this war is,

1. It is invading the mindset of unbelievers,
2. And it is invading their economies, and supplanting national economies by international pressure into a new global order.

What have I just described? I have described what is meant by a mark upon your forehead and your right hand.⁹

Traditional evangelical interpretation of the Book of Revelation has had us looking out for armies of soldiers in black with no insignias, in the old black helicopters and black ops, and that stuff that has been around now for decades that takes on new life every so often. You have heard all of that nonsense. It is nonsense. It is not what is true, but if you want to believe it, knock yourself out. If that is your idea of how this global kingdom is going to invade and make war against the saints; if your idea is that there are deep-state operatives who are part of this evil cabal; if that is your idea,

⁹ See Revelation 13:16-17: “He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

believe it if you want to. And you will not know until, like the flood, it comes and takes everyone away, because what you are not looking for is actually what is true and what is going to happen.

While you are looking for armies with uniforms that are black and without insignias, and as I said, black helicopters and all this rubbish that has been floating around for so long—while you are looking for that, the war will have already come to you in two forms:

1. A redefining of what is true—polemics, propaganda, a war, a quarrel;
2. And the pushing of an economy in which you cannot buy or sell, in which you cannot participate except if you buy the ideology.

And no, it is not going to be tattoos or any kind of implant on either your forehead or your right hand. These are symbolic references. On your forehead it symbolizes what is going on behind your skull, in your mind. In the old days, slaves would be tattooed or branded, actually. Before they understood inking, you would be branded either on your forehead or on your right hand, or both. It was an indication of being owned and not being free. He is referring to mindsets that also control economies. You notice, not a brand on your left hand but on your right hand. What difference does it make which hand they implant the chip in if that is what it actually is? No. That is domestic, popular, sentimental scare tactics. And while you are waiting for them to insert it in your right hand...

You know, when I went to get the vaccine—you heard me right, I went and I got the vaccine—do you know what they asked me? “What shoulder do you want it in?” They did not give it to me on my right hand or on my forehead; they gave it to me in my shoulder. And just so that you know, I have not received the mark of the beast—I got it in my left shoulder. You have to laugh at this nonsense. This domesticated understanding of Scripture is pathetic. It is childish. It is dreadfully in need of an update.

And to think that when preachers get up and rant and foam at the mouth while they spout out these pathetic understandings of Scripture, the real war has already come. It is a war for your slavery. Who owns you? Who owns what goes on in your mind? Who programs your mind?

1. This mouth that is speaking blasphemous things, that is the war that is designed to reprogram your thinking, that is designed to supplant the truth.
2. And this capture of your economy, your ability to function, that is why it is referenced as a brand upon your right hand.

Let me ask you this: When the enemy came into the Garden, and Adam and Eve agreed with him, did he brand them in their foreheads? You say, that is kind of a silly question. No, it is not. What did he do? He opened the eyes of their souls.¹⁰ The soul has a mind, like the spirit has a mind. The mind of the soul is called “carnal.” To be carnally minded is opposed to God and cannot be reconciled to God; to be carnally minded is death.¹¹ Why does the enemy need to be able to read you with a scanner from a chip in your forehead if your mind has already been compromised solidly against God and totally predisposed to the deceptions of the enemy? Do you not see how foolish this domesticated understanding is? And while people are obsessed about it, the enemy has already largely controlled the thinking of the earth’s populations.

Again, plainly and simply, to be carnally minded is enmity against God; to be carnally minded is death. The carnal mind cannot be reconciled to God because it is opposed to it. If the soul has a mind that can be corrupted like Adam’s was—when the eyes, the way he saw things, changed, he became blind because from now on he could only see that which related to his provision and his protection—if co-opting the mind is what happened with the first Adam, if co-opting the mind was what the enemy tried to do with the last Adam,¹² what need does he have to brand you in the forehead? Here in the Book of Revelation, what we are reading, it says that he engaged in war—polemics, information, redefining culture, redefining understandings away from the eternal truths of God and to the urgency of provision and protection. When he accomplishes that, you are branded in the forehead; you are his slave. And when he co-ops your economy, you are branded on the

¹⁰ See Genesis 3:7: “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”

¹¹ See Romans 8:5-7 KJV: “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

¹² See Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13.

right hand. What was the other thing that God said to Adam when the eyes of his soul were opened? The other thing God said was, “And by the sweat of your brow”—by your toil, by the work of your right hand—“you will eat bread.”¹³

It is the forehead and the right hand fully brought forth and captured by the beast. This is not about brandings and tattoos and vaccines with traceable anything. These things are red herrings. They are distractions. While you are looking for them, he is already gaining inroads that cannot be reversed by capturing the minds, by controlling the economies.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will continue to unpack the Book of Revelation. Stay with me. We will learn some things together. Grace and peace be with you. Bye-bye.

¹³ See Genesis 3:19 BSB: “By the sweat of your brow you will eat your bread, until you return to the ground—because out of it were you taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”