

In this broadcast I want to address two things: the mark of the beast and the name of the beast. Before we move into deconstructing this, there is a third subject matter, and that is the number of the beast. So there is the mark, the name, and the number of the beast (cf. Revelation 3:16). We will proceed in that fashion to speak about the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. In the context of Revelation 13:16 it says, “He causes all...”—this is this man of lawlessness who is the personification of the spirit of the beast, which in turn has been fully empowered by Satan.

In many respects, like the church is the compendium of all that represents Christ in the earth and Christ is the head of it, so Satan has his counterfeit. In his counterfeit there is the global kingdom, which is like his church, so to speak, that is the beast—the one with seven heads and ten horns.¹ And like Christ is the head who speaks and the body moves by the head, so this antichrist, this lawless one, this anti-messiah embodies the spirit of Satan. So the global kingdom embodies the spirit of Satan, and the global kingdom is like the church embodying the Spirit of God; and the lawless one who puts on display the spirit of Satan is like Christ who puts on display the Spirit of God.

The essence of God dwelt in Christ. The fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Christ in bodily form.² And He now is the head of the body, so that which is in Christ is, in general application and general relevance, generally to be encountered in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is His body.³ In a reverse order, the spirit of Satan is in the lawless one. We already talked about how the lawless one will be destroyed with “the breath of His mouth” which is the Spirit of God.⁴ As God gives

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

¹ See Revelation 13:1: “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

² See Colossians 2:9: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;” see also Colossians 1:19.

³ See Ephesians 1:22-23: “And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

⁴ See 2 Thessalonians 2:8: “And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”

revelation, it will blow up his paradigms, and it will destroy his assertions in the place of the truth. All that he is saying are lying deceptions, which gain traction amongst people until there arises in the earth that mature body of believers who speak the truth and embody the truth. So revelation, the breath of Christ's mouth—because Christ is the One to whom all the things of God have been entrusted—revelation spoken through the Body of Christ will demythologize, will deconstruct, will destroy, will damage irreparably the ideas of Satan himself. Just as the church, then, is configured according to the truth that is in Christ—so the ways of the Body of Christ are determined by who Christ is, what He says, what He does as led by the Holy Spirit today—so the *kosmos*⁵ will be opposed by the Body of Christ.

Here, you can easily understand why both have to grow up and become fully mature—why the Body of Christ has to grow up and become fully mature, and why the ways of Satan and the *kosmos* have to grow up and become fully mature. The end of the age is this conflict between:

- that which is Christ and that which is against Christ,
- that which is the truth and that which is deception,
- that which is mature in putting on display the nature of God and that which is mature in putting on display the nature of the evil one.

It is how it is going to end, and everybody has to choose. The Zion of God will emerge and be that city upon a hill;⁶ and the beast will emerge, together with its spokesman. Everybody who has not chosen will have to choose, including Christians. When the choice is made in the church, it will result in maturity for some, and the falling away for others when there is no middle ground. Because these are not the days where the message of going to heaven when you die is what God is saying in the earth. These are the days when growing up into the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ will be the imperative.⁷

⁵ See *kosmos*, Strong's Greek 2889 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2889.htm>

⁶ See Matthew 5:14: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."

⁷ See Ephesians 4:11-16.

We are already there. I mean, I am thinking when I started my journey, how nobody was talking about believers becoming mature. Billy Graham held sway in those days, and his message was, “Give me your hand, give God your heart, join the church of your choice,” and essentially do good works until you go to heaven. Because in true Calvinistic doctrine, that is how you know you are chosen to go to heaven. But Billy Graham’s gospel began and ended with going to heaven when you die. His whole motivational pitch was, “What would happen to you if you died tonight? Do you know where you will spend eternity?” Those are not the messages that are preached so commonly any more, even in Baptist churches, but they underlie the theology of evangelicals. It was never the “full gospel.” It was part of the gospel, and it remains just part of the gospel, but at one point it was made to be all of the gospel; and that was never accurate.

The growing up and maturing of the Body of Christ is an absolute necessity for the confrontation between the *kosmos* and the Kingdom of Heaven in the end of the age. And God will see to it that everyone chooses. If you choose not to, you will be part of that which fell away and became subject to the man of lawlessness.

Let me say this from like a third different angle. Increasingly, because you are alive today, this message is applicable to you. You must grow up, or you will fall away. How is that for being direct? I will say it again: You must grow up in these times, or you will fall away. There is no sitting on the fence. If you are in the Body of Christ, you must grow up, or you will fall away because those are the only two things said about the Body of Christ: that it grows into the fullness of the stature of Christ, or it becomes part of the harlot.⁸ The harlot is not the world. The harlot is the church—the church that has fallen away.

It is very likely that I am going to make people quite mad at me, and I can hear the language: “He has no mercy. If you disagree with him, he thinks your point of view is irrelevant”—all of that. I really do not care. I will answer to God for what I say. How you deal with it, that is up to you and God. But if you are wise, you will recognize the truth when you hear it. This is not a time when you can continue to play these church games. This is not a time when you go and listen to a preacher because he tickles your ear—he tells you what you already know. If you are not being

⁸ See Revelation, chapter 17.

challenged, if you are not being upset in the place where you are by the word you are hearing, then you are asleep.

Five foolish virgins were excluded—in Matthew, chapter 25, the story of the ten virgins—because they were asleep and unprepared. All of them were sleeping, but five of them were prepared even while they were resting. But five were foolish because they were resting, in that case sleeping, and had not paid attention to their preparations. They had forgotten that this was about being ready to meet the bridegroom, which has to do with putting Him on display when He appears in His own House.

This is not about Jesus coming back from heaven. This is about Christ in you bringing you to maturity for the purposes to which maturity suits you or equips you in the last days, in the end of the age. The importance of becoming mature cannot be overstated. It is the only usefulness that you will have in the end of the age, the great falling away.

This lawless one, it says,

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 (Revelation 13:16).

These are three separate things: the mark, the name, and the number of the name. The word “mark” is an interesting word. It is the Greek word *charagma*.⁹ It is from the word *charax*,¹⁰ which is the root word for the term “image” that is the word *charaktér*.¹¹ This is different from the word *eikón*.¹² The word *eikón* may as well represent a spirit living in a person, so that the person becomes a representational *eikón* of the thing. We have already addressed that earlier when we spoke about

⁹ See *charagma*, Strong’s Greek 5480 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5480.htm>

¹⁰ See *charax*, Strong’s Greek 5482 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5482.htm>

¹¹ See *charaktér*, Strong’s Greek 5481 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5481.htm>

¹² See *eikón*, Strong’s Greek 1504 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/1504.htm>

creating an image of the beast. The physical man containing the spirit of the evil one is the image of the beast when he speaks. He gives breath that way to the image of the beast.

But now, we are not talking about that man; we are talking about people who have now been made subject to the beast by that man, by that lawless one, and they have to receive a mark. That is the word *charagma*, which relates to the word *charaktér*.

- The word *charaktér* is a tool for engraving; it is how you imprint or impress an image upon metal, like in coinage. An image and superscription that is referenced as *charaktér* means the way that metal placed in a die or an engraving tool... A die is an engraving tool, and typically you would pour metal into it, or put blanks in it (the unstamped metal is called a blank). If you are making coins, you would put the precious metal as a blank in the engraver—in this case, a die—and pressure would be exerted sufficient to imprint the image that you wish to imprint in that blank metal, so now it carries the image and superscription. This is the way you form coins which have value beyond the impression. They become spendable currency of the domain that these coins represent. A *charaktér* is a tool of engraving or the finished engraving.
- *Charagma* is to be marked, to be imprinted, to be stamped. So that is the mark. The mark of the beast is a stamp. It goes with the name of the beast, and it goes with the number of his name.

Before I get into that, go over one more chapter, to chapter 14. This is Revelation 14:1.

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, [By the way, this is the counter—144,000 defines a people differently than those who are defined by bearing the number 666. So, you are seeing the juxtaposition. But do not leave it to my speculation.] having His [the Lamb's] Father's name written on their foreheads (Revelation 14:1, comments added in brackets).

Where is the mark of the beast written? On their foreheads or on their right hand. Do you see the comparison? Now, are you of the mind that this is mechanically imprinted? How do you put the

name of the Father of the Lamb, who is described as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, how do you imprint that upon the foreheads of this exalted company? Does he go around tattooing them? Does he vaccinate them, as some have of late been inclined to believe? The church is awash with foolishness, but you cannot hardly believe the passion with which people are holding on to absolute rubbish. And because they do not know the truth, they perish.¹³ That is why the world can make so much fun of Christians: they do not have the wisdom of God; they are trying to appeal to the *kosmos* by the ways of the *kosmos*. No.

The Father's name on your forehead means that your spirit is in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, you have been confirmed as a son of God, and now a mature son of God, so your mind is His mind. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ, who, though found in the form of man, humbled Himself, even to death on a cross, and God highly exalted Him" (cf. Philippians 2:5-11). The point at which we have the clearest understanding of the Father's name on His forehead was when the Lord Jesus Christ said, "Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done."¹⁴ That is when the name of the Father is completely engraved upon His forehead. Which is to say, His mind was the mind of God—synonymous with, indistinguishable from the mind of God. That is why He could say, "I do nothing of My own. It is the Father who lives in Me who is doing His work. I only do what I see My Father doing. I speak what I hear."¹⁵

For God's sake, it is not a tattoo on your forehead. It is not that. It makes it painfully obvious that it is not anything that is injected in your body. It is a mindset. It is not a vaccine. You ought to evaluate the vaccine on the basis of its efficacy and/or potential dangers, like you would any other medicine. Let me tell you plainly, we ought not to rely on the world, but we may use the world. That is what the Scriptures say. Use the world, but do not rely on it. I am amazed that people say, in medical terms, you cannot get vaccines because they are *pharmakeia*,¹⁶ and that is witchcraft.

¹³ See 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10: "The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

¹⁴ See Matthew 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42.

¹⁵ See John 5:19, 8:28, 12:49-50, 14:10.

¹⁶ See *pharmakeia*, Strong's Greek 5331 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5331.htm>

All of that is true, but all of the systems of the *kosmos* may be described in this way, not just the medical system.

The legal system is called an adversarial system, and yet people have to go to the law to settle all matter of things. It does not make it verboten for the believer; it means you cannot rely on it. So if forgiveness is the more divine option, then you forgive. If reconciliation is the better option, then you reconcile. The economy of the world, banking, is all based in usury—things that are strictly forbidden in the Scriptures. Does that mean you cannot use a bank? Anytime you are using a bank, you are involved in usury. They are taking your money and lending it to other people and collecting for it. So does that mean you put it under the mattress? No. It is the childish, juvenile ways that the church has come to, and it is what passes for wisdom.

The mark, first and foremost, is an imprint by which your thoughts have been shaped. That is the notion of *charagma*, like *charaktér*. The end result is you look like the person who has imprinted you. So, the mark of the beast is that you have the mind of the *kosmos*. You have come to rely on it rather than on God. There does not have to be a mark on your body for you to have the mark of the beast. The forehead is a particular reference to the mind, just like the heart is a particular reference to your convictions. If it said you had to have a mark on your heart, does that mean that you have to have a chip implanted into your heart? No. God judges by the heart. How does He do that? He understands your behavior—what you love. The lawless one causes people to be imprinted with the philosophy of the *kosmos*, so they believe it as thoroughly as if they were marked as slaves to it. Because that is what you would do with a slave: you would mark a slave in his forehead, or you would mark a slave in his right hand. Because, whereas the forehead represents your thinking, your right hand represents your economy, your strength. So you have been thoroughly co-opted by the beast in regards to how you think and how you act as these things relate to buying or selling: your survival, your provision, your protection. None of this has to be imprinted on you personally. If you capture the mind, if you restrict the economy, all but those who trust in God will fall in line.

So, what is the mark of the beast? It is a mindset. We have not talked about what the number is and what that signifies, but it is a mindset. And what is the name of the beast? We will get to that

because I am out of time right now. We will come to the name and the number as we continue these discussions. But I hope, by going through this methodically, we are blowing away the smoke and preparing a path for you to be able to receive the truth. The truth will set you free from all of this Christian mythology that you have been fed by so-called prophets who have no idea what the Scriptures are saying, and yet they speak as if they are in full command of the knowledge of these things.

These things are coming forth now and at this time because a people need to be mature, and this is how they are being prepared—not this silly mystical stuff. The Bible is interpreting itself, as it ought to. That is what it means for men of understanding to arise in the last days. You have to understand the Scriptures. It is the understanding of the Scriptures; it is not speculating and pulling things from popular news shows and what people are thinking in the world today. That is not understanding. That is not even knowledge. That is just information. Understanding is what comes as a result of the Spirit of God imparting generously of one of His characteristics to us.¹⁷ The whole Scripture is written by inspiration of the Spirit of God, and is profitable, shall I remind you, for instructions in righteousness; it is profitable for doctrine so that the man of God might be thoroughly furnished in every good work.¹⁸ You cannot interpret the Book of Revelation without placing it as it is in the rest of Scripture. That is what we are doing. When you do that, understanding comes—the name of the Father on their foreheads.

The name of the beast or the number of his name on the forehead or the right hand has to do with your mindset and your economy. That is how you are controlled by the beast. That is also how you are controlled by the Spirit of God.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will continue to unpack the name and the number. I will talk to you then.

¹⁷ See Isaiah 11:2: “The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.” See also Revelation 4:5b: “Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”

¹⁸ See 2 Timothy 3:16-17: “All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”