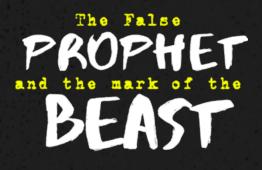


Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.



Revelation 13:11-18

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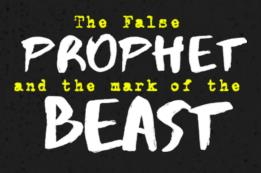
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¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.



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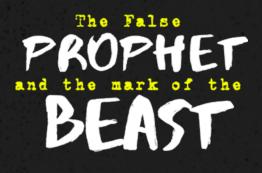
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¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,



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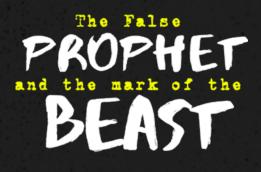
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¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.



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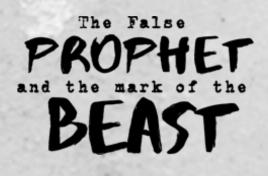
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In Revelation 13:13, we see he has great power and can even make fire come down from heaven.





TWO THINGS HE WILL DO WHEN HE APPEARS

He will set up a statue of the antichrist and will be given the power to give life to that statue and it will speak. Anyone who does not worship the image of the beast would be killed.







He makes everyone take a mark on their forehead or on their right hand and without this mark, no one can buy or sell anything.

















If you will bow down to the statue of the antichrist, you will live.



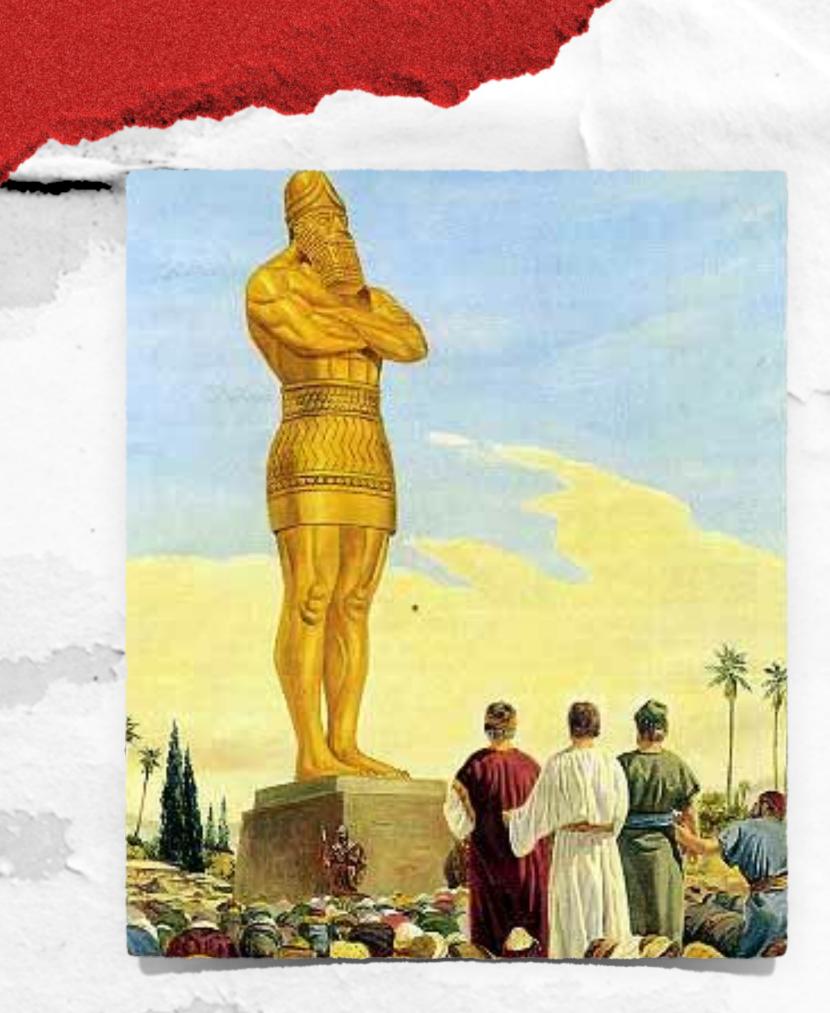


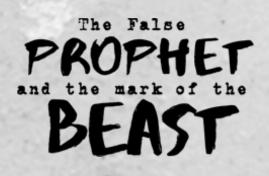


lf you don't, you will die.









This whole scene in Revelation 13 is reminiscent of Daniel 3 where we find the nation of Judah in captivity in Babylon.



THE SECOND ISSUE

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

An economic tool the false prophet uses to grant men and women permission to live on earth.







But there's another mark in the Bible that we often overlook -





THE MARK OF GOD









Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

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Revelation 14:1



...His Name shall be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:4b



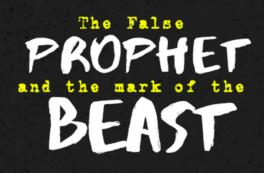


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Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.





Revelation 7:3

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The False **PROPHET** and the mark of the **BEAST**

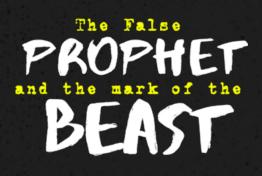
In Ezekiel 9, the prophet had a vision concerning the impending doom and destruction of Jerusalem.





And the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."





Ezekiel 9:4

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Do we grieve over or mourn and cry over the **sins and iniquity** of our city?

Do we mourn over the current state of affairs?



OR ARE VE JUST NOT BOTHERED!



The word for **servant** in Rev 7:3 is the word 'DOULOS', or better translated 'bondservant' or 'slave'.









Bondservants are servants by choice.

Bondservants do not own money.



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To offer oneself to become a slave is the **ultimate commitment** one can make in this world and **only a fool** would do it without carefully considering the costs involved.







Christians often think, *"I know what the mark of the beast is and when the time comes, I won't choose it."*

So how is it that many of us know what the will of the Lord is, YET WE CHOOSE NOT TO DO /T.









The number one reason why Christians are not free today to respond to the call of God in their lives is financial fear.



