



Starting with Nimrod and his kingdom (Genesis 10:8-12) of rebellion against God in ancient times there has always been a Mark of Fear even unto this very day.

All of the subsequent kingdoms such as the time of Isis have instilled fear. Notice the two horns on the head of Isis. They represent power, authority and even deity. By a thorough search you will come to know that the horns also represent satan's kingdom in the earth and that the crowns of modern sovereigns get their origin from them. The myth of the devil with two horns is not a myth. It is in fact a carry over of the ancient deities who instilled so much fear that they were actually thought of as being the devil. Note: See the articles on this subject in the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1948 Edition.



And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars;

Horizontal Rainbow over Jerusalem in 2010. Where the throne of God will be surrounded by a bow. Ezekiel 1:26-28. Could it be a sign of

His coming, since never before has their been a bow over Jerusalem!



Over Moscow in 2011 an unexplained circular pattern in the sky which caused distress upon the people who saw it!

And upon the earth distress of nations! In 2012 **this mushroom cloud appeared over Beijing**, no apparent reason for it to form as it did!



Perhaps it should be stated here that these three cities contain the seats of great power and will play a very important part in the coming of Armageddon and our Lord and Saviour! Daniel 11:44-45 is fulfilled. Daniel 12:1-3 is in the process of being fulfilled before our very eyes, the 7th Angel is now sounding!*

In perplexity for the roaring of the sea and billow; men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be and are being shaken.¹

For centuries man has followed traditions and teachings that have caused many to try, **“fearing their way into heaven”**, hoping to escape the pending judgements of God that are coming on the earth, the scourging of man.

When an unsuspecting soul becomes trapped in the traditions of man which in fact only shut up the kingdom of God, he or she losses the true blessings that salvation God's way brings. In fact, they are found to be ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.² **But [the scripture proclaims], the**

*** The sixth angel has sounded Rev. 16:12. The river Euphrates has dried up! The Seventh, Rev. 10:1-6; 16:17.**

¹ Luke 21:25-26 1881 RV ² 2 Timothy 3:7

Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.³

In fact, the unsuspecting soul never really comes to the abundant life that Yahshua the Christ came to bring here and now! He ***"hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love, and of a sound mind."***⁴

Another factor that is confusing and causing fear today is encouragement by some to be an activist in the power of their humanity against the kingdoms of this world that are controlled by satan. However, our only mandate given to us "The Church," is to reconcile the world to Him, our Saviour and to stay ***"unspotted from the world."***⁵ Unspotted means to stay free from vice, unsullied, free from censure, irreprouchable. The true weapons of our warfare are spiritual and not carnal.

To fulfill our commission, the LORD has given us power through the Holy Ghost ***"to be witnesses unto Him, both in Jerusalem and Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."***⁶

Notice the word ***"both"*** in Acts 1:8. The writer Luke under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost is saying that we will have power over spiritual wickedness and we will have strength to keep ourselves unspotted, that is, to be truly Christian, or Christ like.

Jesus did not go about attacking satan's kingdom, in fact He said, ***"if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight."***⁷ The word ***"both"*** in Acts 1:8 is applied to power to pull souls out of spiritual wickedness and to act as Christians in the uttermost parts of the earth.

In the passages to follow, we see statements that many have used to instill fear in the Church. But in fact, we have power over all the works of the enemy and we are not to fear the kingdoms of this world, but rather we are to fear God, that is, reverence and respect Him by doing His word for He is the only one that has power to destroy both body and soul.⁸

I was once preparing to preach on the streets of our city in a drug area when we were interrupted by a police zero tolerance hour SWAT team. This particular area of our city was so bad that we had been threatened with shot-guns and many other types of intimidation. As we were setting up our equipment the police moved into the area and stopped everything that moved for the purpose of searching for drugs.

This included stopping some of our brethren as they were coming for the meeting. Afterwards the officer in charge came up to me and apologized. He began to speak saying, "what we are doing is only a band-aid, but what you are doing can change the heart of man which will cause him to live a good and decent life." Church, we have power to change lives through the weapons of our warfare against spirits which bind the souls of men. Many in our street services were delivered and began living wholesome lives, they actually arose from the dead of satan's control, metaphorically speaking.

³ Romans 14:17

⁴ 2 Timothy 1:7

⁵ 2 Co 5:19; James 1:27

⁶ Acts 1:8

⁷ John 8:36

⁸ Mt. 10:28; Luke 10:19

After ministering in one specific problem area of our city we went out on a Saturday afternoon and conducted a poll in the neighborhood so see if the people wanted us to continue ministering in their area. The results were astounding. Many said, "yes please do, we now can send our children out to play without fear and our whole community seems to be a happier place. We feel such a free spirit and we are rejoicing."

THE MARK OF SEPARATION

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is *Six hundred threescore and six.*⁹

Contrary to traditional teachings, **the mark referred to in V16 & 17 which all humans on earth must take at the time of its power does not cause you to be automatically doomed. Nor does it cause you to be eternally separated from God and lost!** Important to read; Revelations 15:1-4

Remember this, satan has power over the kingdoms of this world, but not over Gods Blood Bought Church! We are in the world, but we are not of the world.¹⁰ No man can take us out of the hand of God! *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand.*¹¹

Being forced to receive the mark of the beast is one thing, but to worship satan that caused man to give you satan's mark is another.

Jesus was crucified by this worlds powers and suffered the shame of the cross, but He endured it for the joy that was set before Him. He never bowed down to nor did He worship satan, and for this cause He rose from the dead. The evil kingdoms of satan do not know all things, in fact he is not even omnipresent. The wisdom of God in all ages has been known to those that love Him and He speaks to His chosen in a language with wisdom not known by this world nor none of its' princesses.

Paul wrote and said; *"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love*

⁹ Revelations 13:11-18 KJV

¹⁰ John 17:15-16

¹¹ John 10:28

Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.”¹²

Could have Yahshua refused the suffering? Yes! But He didn't because He being the eternal Spirit came in likeness of sin full flesh to destroy satan and his powers, fulfilling His own spoken will. If we are truly Christian, we too will do the will of God, our heavenly Father as He did when He was in flesh.

Even at the weakest humanly moments, satan cannot force man to worship him, that is, to desire the lust of the eye, the pride of life and the lust of the flesh, ***“for greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world”***.¹³ We must keep ourselves consecrated and unspotted from the world through this power He has given us in the Holy Ghost.

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, V7. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. V8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. V9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image**, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, V10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: V11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*¹⁴

From the scripture passages, Revelations 14:6-11 we see that **there are four things that we must do to receive the eternal damnation that is associated with taking of the mark.**

1. Not obeying the gospel that is preached by the messenger of God that comes to us (vs6).
2. Not giving Glory to the God of Heaven for our blessings in this present life (vs7).
3. Not worshiping Him that made Heaven and Earth and all there is therein (vs7).
4. Worshiping the beast and his image (vs9).

MICAH 6:8 ***“He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”***

The real reason that anyone would be subject to the wrath of God is for disobedience or rejection of Him by refusing to hear those that He has sent to bring us to Salvation. Disobedience which is the same as rebellion, is the spirit of witchcraft. (1 Samuel 15:23)

The four conditions that one must meet to receive eternal damnation are, rejecting God's opportunity of salvation from the things coming on the world by not obeying the gospel (John 3:1-9, Acts 2:14-21,36-42, Acts 8:5-24, Acts 10:34-48, Romans 6:1-11), giving glory to others including ourselves that belongs to God (Isaiah 48:10-11), not worshiping the One and only true God, Yahshua the Christ and finally, worshiping the beast and his image.

¹² 1 Corinthians 2:7-10

¹³ 1 John 4:4

¹⁴ Revelations 14:6-11 KJV

MAN MUST WORSHIP!

Since man,¹⁵ that is, mankind was created by a Spirit who contained his temporal life in humanity, he by his natural inheritance was accustomed to living in a higher and loftier level than the earthly domain man finds himself in today. Man also, since they were created by God, desires to live forever and very rarely will lay down his life willingly like the animal kingdom that he has dominion over. In fact, man is so desirous to live, that he constantly looks for explanations of his surroundings, and things to enhance and comfort his life with while in his human constraint. This has been in his makeup even before his disobedience in the garden of Eden when man gave away his birthright to serve a lower evil spirit being through his temptations of something better.

Man was created with choice, the choice to obey or disobey, to love or to hate. The choices given to man take on awesome proportions, because he has power to control his destiny through them. God, a purposeful creator gave man choice because He wanted in return true love which can only be expressed through the free will of man to choose. No one knows how long Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden living with the choice to obey and to love the Lord their God, but we do know that a day came when they made the wrong choice.

In the years immediately after the fall of man from total comfort afforded him through his close proximity to his Creator and his protected environment, man began to seek diligently to restore his lost benefits. He soon found out that he had been deceived and that the true benefits alluded him, for there is no truth in the world. He thus turned to worship the things that had blessed him from the created world, thinking perhaps that in some way this would bring him back to God. However, man's thinking was perverted because of the overpowering influence of a liar. While thinking that in some way he was climbing back to the favour of his true God, he in fact was worshiping satan. The further down the road man got, the more he forgot about the true God and he began to worship the creation more than the creator because deception told him he could at will control his own blessings and in turn comfort himself for he now was a god and needed no other. Man continued to progress downward to the point of worshiping the fish, the rain, the stars, the sun, animals, the works of his hands and yes, even himself, man. **They became so corrupt in their worship of themselves that their Creator repented¹⁶ (Ge. 6:6) that He had made man. MAN MUST WORSHIP!**

Lucifer, a spirit being who was given dominion over all the earth through subtlety, encouraged man through their ignorance to serve and worship him indirectly and directly. Satan a fallen angel himself was the being that caused man to fall from his union and blessings that came from God. Today, after many thousands of years, he knows how to deceive and trick the unsuspecting soul into thinking that all worship is accepted by God Almighty. Yet man is for the most part worshiping satan, for satan has transformed himself as an angel of light.

THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Let not your heart be troubled for these things that are coming on the earth. The LORD will not give

¹⁵ Mankind, the human race.

¹⁶ Genesis 6:6.

us more than we can bear. But Love the LORD our God, Yahshua the Christ and take no thought for the things of this world, but go about doing good to others and preach the true gospel message of peace, for it is the power of God unto salvation.¹⁷

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*¹⁸

Be not overcome with the mark of fear for it has no power over our soul when we LOVE the LORD our GOD with all of our hearts. *“...Perfect love casteth out all fear:”*¹⁹

To conclude this important study, be reminded what God has written through the pen of John the Revelator in the following comforting words.

I ¶ And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God. (Ready to pour out judgement against satan and his kingdom!)

And I saw as it were a glassy sea (saints purified) mingled with fire (the anointing)(faithful ones from the old testament period); and them (those from the new testament period) that come victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the glassy sea, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages. Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest.

Revelations 15:1-4 1881 ERV

We may be forced to do things that our humanity does not like and even hates as Jesus was when He was spit upon while His beard was plucked out. Satan does not have the power to bring us into hell through a physical mark or a politically corrupt system. He has used many unsuspecting tools throughout the ages to steel the worship and glory that belongs unto El Shaddai, God Almighty the Lord Jesus Christ our Messiah!

Glory to our God and Loving Saviour, Jesus our Messiah.

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¹⁷ 1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 1:16

¹⁸ John 14:27

¹⁹ 1 John 4:18