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## **Mark of the Beast**

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## Mark of the Beast.

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### CHIP IMPLANTS, THE WAY OF THE FUTURE

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Chip implants have a way to go yet, before they are accepted globally. However, consider how quickly the great majority of the world's populations were vaccinated in 2022, when it was hit with the Covid 19 pandemic, countries around the world came to a standstill, and people stood in long queues to be vaccinated.

When credit cards were first being introduced, a TV host asked the CEO of VISA, "won't people be unwilling to give up their privacy?" Her reply, "Yes they will, but convenience always wins out in the end." I expect, in our ever-increasing internet age, chip implants are the way of the future, and suspect this same principle of convenience, will eventually apply to chip implants.

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### THE MEANING OF THE MARK

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The word mark comes from the Greek word (charagma), it means a scratch or graven etching, (i.e., stamp or mark as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure such as a statue or images of idols. It can also apply to a mark cut in or stamped on a coin. Applied to people, it was used to denote some mark or stamp on the hand or elsewhere as in the case of a servant whose hand or arm the name of the master was marked (i.e., tattooed) or of a soldier who was marked to denote the company to which he belonged. It was a common thing to mark slaves or soldiers in this way, for the purposes of denoting their ownership or rank, or to prevent

their escaping since by such a mark they would be easily identified. It was also common for sailors to voluntarily tattoo their names or the names of their vessels or a picture of an anchor etc., on their hands or arms to identify themselves as sailors and to the ship they sailed on.

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### THREE KINDS OF MARKS

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The book of Revelation speaks of a great portion of the world's population being deceived into receiving a mark of some kind, this may signify receiving one of the following three things:

1. New laws an ungodly global leader and his government introduce, and all the ungodly messages they proclaim.
2. A literal mark, such as a computer chip, or something similar, that allows people who have it to buy and sell.
3. Some kind of mark that distinguishes a person as a citizen of the global world, and allows them access to all the privileges of the world, such as, buying and selling, travelling, hotel accommodation, schools, doctors, and government benefits etc., while those without it would be denied access to all these things.

I suspect it will embrace all three.

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### HOW CHIPS WORK

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**The following was Published on August 27, 2017:** three Square Market is chipping its employees (who volunteer) with passive RFID (radio-frequency identification) chips. These chips are activated when they are in the proximity of radio-frequency (RF) waves generated by a reader. Once the chip is "awake," the reader has access to the information embedded in the chip. The effective range of most RFID readers is a few millimetres to a few meters. However, range can vary dramatically depending on the power of the system being used to read the chips. These RFID chips are not GPS (global positioning system) chips like the ones put into cats and dogs and therefore cannot be used to follow a person or find them if they are lost, unless they are in, close-proximity to a reader.

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**Insertion:** getting chipped is incredibly easy. It is a nonsurgical procedure. A person (who is trained and regulated about as rigorously as someone who pierces ears at a jewellery store) injects the chip under the skin. The most common place is on the top of the hand between the thumb and index finger. Once the chip is implanted, its outline can be seen and felt under the skin. People who have had the chips removed say it is easy, much like removing a splinter.

**A useful long-term ID solution:** If an employee work in a very secure environment, where they need to use a keycard to navigate between offices and hallways, chipping is a convenient option, since it can be used to identify a worker as an authorised user of various kinds of hardware and software. In this limited setting, there is practically no difference between carrying an RFID keycard and having a chip. Theoretically, a company-issued RFID implant could be used to unlock the door of a person's home, turn on lights, unlock and start your car, and on and on if a bunch of RFID-compatible interfaces were added to one's world. If a worker change jobs, there is no reason to have the chip removed, since their encrypted RFID number could easily be used by their next employer.

The previous company to safeguard themselves would just remove permission to the RFID number to open doors, log in to terminals, etc., in the same way they would remove permission to a keycard and revoke log in credentials.

**Suspicious thoughts:** manufactures of the technology publicise its convenience and the idea that no one will ever have to carry a wallet or remember a password. While they are technically correct, chipping people arouses a train of thought that quickly descends to all sorts of suspicions and conspiracy theories. For example: Will the government have a list of everyone's RFIDs? What will happen if the implanted code is stolen? Can it be hacked? Is this the first step toward government or some global multinational company controlling individuals and the human population.

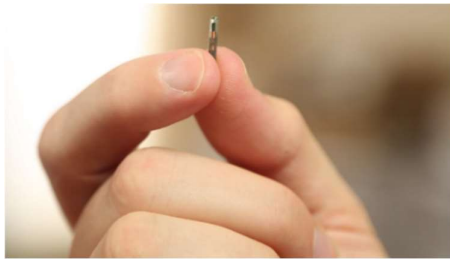
Though it is impossible to speculate on privacy issues and conspiracy theories, it is unlikely that an encrypted RFID number would be randomly hacked, since a person would need to be targeted, and even then, the encryption would offer significant protection. In practice, an encrypted RFID chip (implanted in the hand or kept in a wallet) is probably more secure than a smart phone).

**Moral questions:** should people be implanted with active chips? Should we implant chips that can be geo-located? Should we implant chips with computational capabilities and memory? What capabilities might we implant after IDs? Is, the acceptance of chipping people the first step toward a physical merging of humans and machines? Would we be networked to chipped people in close-proximity? If so, would that create a competitive advantage? Will we become part of a collective data set? Would we become part of a collective intelligence or a network of sensors that would inform our smart devices or implanted computers to help us make decisions or take actions?



A human microchip implant is an identifying integrated circuit device encased in silicate glass and implanted in the body of a human being. It typically contains a unique ID number that can be linked to information contained in an external database, such as personal identification, medical history, medications, allergies, and contact information. The bionic-grade glass chips use radio-frequency identification (RFID) to control electronic objects with the swipe of a hand from the lock on a front door to a car ignition or a personal computer. It is the same kind of technology used in pet ID tags; by itself, the chip does not do much, but when it comes into close contact with a "reader" device, it will transmit information that can then trigger commands.

The bionic glass chips are about the size of a grain of rice and cost about \$US99. The core market is a handful of dedicated geeks including a few in Australia, but a new kind of customer is emerging. More individuals who have less knowledge about the technology are purchasing the chips, this type of customer is slowly expanding.



NFC chips are increasingly used for instant payment methods, including via smartphones and RFID chips are becoming more common. The most well-known standard of RFID is near-field communication (NFC), increasingly used in instant, digital payment transactions, which

facilitate credit card payments in a matter of seconds with a simple tap. Visa is in partnership with the University of Technology in Sydney to develop new wearable technologies. According, to their own research a quarter of Australians were at least slightly interested in having an NFC chip implanted in their skin for payments.



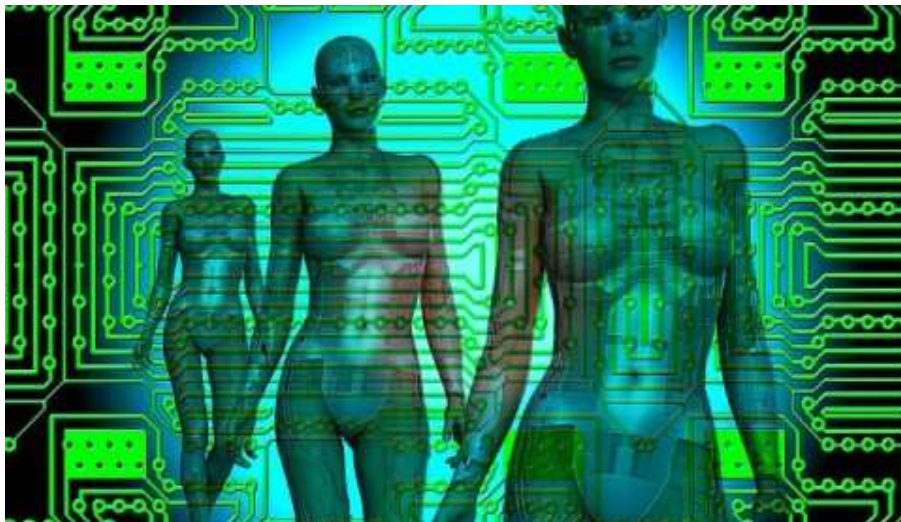
are not too far removed from the way we daily buy and sell today using binary transactions of bank cards, swipe cards tap cards and serial numbers which are all traceable back to our ID. A human microchip implant is an identifying integrated circuit integrated circuit device or RFID transponder encased in silicate glass and implanted in the

body of a human being. A subdermal implant typically contains a unique ID number that can be linked to information contained in an external database, such as personal identification, medical history, medications, allergies, and contact information.

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## CHIP IMPLANTS IN AUSTRALIA

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In 1946, a senior executive at film studio 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox famously predicted that television would not take off. "People will soon get tired of staring into a plywood box every night," he thought. Then in the late 1970s, as computers sparked the interest of Bill Gates and the late Steve



Jobs, tech geeks were predicting there would be a computer in every home. And look how that turned out. Fast forward to 2016, and Australia is set to become the first country in the world to microchip humans, and while it is hard to predict the future, NBC news in the US recently predicted all Americans would be microchipped within the next few years.

The technology is already being rolled out in Australia. At this stage, a person's decision to be 'microchipped' is completely voluntary, and several who have undergone the procedure say they are excited to be pioneers of a "superhuman" phenomenon which enables them to get into secure buildings and their cars without cards or keys. The advantages do not stop there, since the technology has the potential to enable people to turn on lights and log into computers, or pay for things with a wave of a hand. Those who have received implants inserted under their skin, say they are thrilled they can now live a life without passwords, pins, cards, or keys.

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## ETHICAL CONCERNS

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The chips work by using Radio Frequency Identification (RIFD) technology, the same signals that power our motorway e-toll system and the 'pay wave' the cards we use every day at the supermarkets etc. The possible applications are endless and RIFD is also widely used in transport, manufacturing, and retail industries for tracking, tracing, and stocktaking. While it is early days, the ethical, social, practical and security concerns over what data people should have chipped, and how that data needs to be considered in terms of the law, are still being debated. Many are concerned the chips raise concerns about privacy and control by government and corporations, because they can know precisely where we are at any given time, and what we do is an information goldmine for companies, and has the potential to lead to a society where our every move can be monitored and controlled.

## SCRIPTURES THAT SPEAK OF THE HAND AND THE FOREHEAD

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### BIND GOD'S LAW ON YOUR HAND AND BETWEEN YOUR EYES

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#### DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9

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#### In Deuteronomy, it is written:

- **Deuteronomy 6:5-9:** You (Israel) shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
- **Deuteronomy 11:18-20:** You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup> You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>20</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**The New International Version:** says, "tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads." (Deut. 6:8).

**The New Living Translation:** says, "tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders." (Deut. 6:8).

**The New American Standard:** says, "you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead."

The instruction, "tie them as reminders on your forearm, bind them on your forehead and write them on the doorposts of their own house and on their gates:

- Can be taken literally, which many zealous Jews did.
- Can be taken spiritually, meaning God's law should be uppermost in the mind and the heart. It carries the idea of laying God's words up in the heart and meditating upon them so that the thoughts and the mind would be daily conscious of them so that in all occasions they would be ready to restrain themselves from sin and always prepared to do what is good.

**Jews and small black boxes are called Tephillin:** from this instruction, the Orthodox Jews developed the use of small cubic boxes made of tough black leather and on its side was placed the Hebrew letter (shin). It was bound around the forehead with leather straps or a ribbon. When worn on the forehead they had four separate small scrolls with four verses written on them and when worn on the arms the four verses were written on one slip of parchment. The Jews wore these during Jesus generation and still wear them today on their head and their arm during weekday morning prayer. These small black boxes are called Tephillin and sometimes Phylacteries.

- Jesus said, "They (the scribes and the Pharisees) do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long." (Matt. 23:5).

**The following three statements:**

1. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand.
2. They shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
3. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut. 6:8-9).

**Carry the following three ideas:**

1. Keeping God's Divine Law in the heart and as a perpetual memory in the mind
2. Steadfastly obeying His law and following His will
3. Carrying these great principles around with them wherever they went, and keeping them before their eyes every time they entered their homes.

The hand symbolises what they should do, the forehead symbolises what they should think in their day to day lives.

**Following are the four most common verses that the orthodox Jews place inside the Tephilim:**

1. **Exodus 13:2-10:** the focus of these verses is that the people of Israel are to consecrate all the firstborn to the LORD; keep the feast of unleavened bread in the month of Abib for seven days; remember the

day that they came out from Egypt (the house of slavery) and teach their children God's commandments and statutes. It commands them to, "be as a sign on their hand and as a memorial between their eyes so that the law of the LORD would always be in their mouth." (v9).

2. **Exodus 13:11-16:** here the focus is upon Israel remembering when the LORD brought them into the Promised Land and them setting apart all that first firstborn of their animals to the LORD and remember that the LORD brought them up out of Egypt. This feast of Unleavened Bread is to be to them as a sign on their hand and as a memorial between their eyes, so that the law of the LORD would be in their mouth. (v9).
3. **Deuteronomy 6:1-8** here the focus is upon Israel fearing the LORD and keeping all His statutes; His commandments and doing them and loving God with all their heart soul and might and teaching their children to do the same. It commands them to, "bind them as a sign on their hand, and let them be as frontlets between their eyes." (v8).
4. **Deuteronomy 11:18-21** here the focus is upon laying up God's words in their heart and in their soul and teaching them to their children. It commands them, "to bind them as a sign on their hand, let them be as frontlets between their eyes and write them on the doorposts of their house and on their gates. (v20).

**Solomon wrote:**

- Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 3:3).
- My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 6:20).
- Keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; <sup>3</sup> bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 7:2-3).

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The Jews have always considered wearing of the Tephilim, (also called frontlets and Phylacteries) to be a permanent commandment.

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## AN INWARD AND OUTWARD MARK, JOB, AND THE JEWS

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### JOB 31:35

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**To a person's signature spoken of in the following verse:**

- **Job 31:35:** Oh, that I (Job) had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!) (my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me in KJV) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary! (Job 31:35).

Here is my signature, the word signature comes from the Hebrew word (tav) it literally means a mark and by implication a signature. It carries the idea of imprinting a mark upon a thing. It most likely had its origin from the fact that some mark was affixed to legal letters which sealed and certified it to be the real document of the writer. With, this in mind the expression, "Here is my signature," (v35) carries the following three ideas:

1. It is a declaration that what a person says is true.
2. It is an expression that declares a person is ready to defend themselves when they stand on trial.
3. It is a person's personal declaration that what they have stated is signed and sealed by their own hand.



**EZEKIEL 9:3-4**

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- **Ezekiel 9:3-4:** Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house. And he (the cherub) called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his waist. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it."

After being marked six executioners are told to slaughter everyone who has not received the mark in their forehead beginning with the heads of the House of God who have defiled the courts of the temple and then all others who polluted the LORD'S House and commanded not to touch anyone who has the mark. the executioners are, a symbol of the armies of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon who God used as His servant (Jer. 25:1-9) to bring judgment upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem for their gross idolatry, rebellion, and wickedness.

In the Old Testament God used Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon as His servant (Jer. 25:1-9) to bring judgment on Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the surrounding nations (Jeremiah chapter 49, 50, 51, 52). The armies of Babylon invaded and burned Jerusalem, pillaged the temple of God, slaughtered the inhabitants of the city, and took the survivors captive for seventy years. Ezekiel in this vision sees all the horror that is about to come upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and is devastated, so he prays God will not destroy all the people of Jerusalem. The LORD answers Ezekiel's prayer saying that the man (clothed in linen) has marked the foreheads of those who weep over the wickedness in the city of Jerusalem. In this context the mark signifies:

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- God knows who the faithful are, and being sealed by God for salvation and eternal life. It is a symbol of those who have favour with God and are set aside and kept for salvation and eternal life.

Many with the mark may have been mortally killed when Babylon's armies (symbolised by the executioners) invaded the city of Jerusalem, but everyone who had been marked in the forehead by the man clothed in linen would have been remembered by God, counted righteous and at the appointed time will be resurrected to eternal life. Just as those who mourn over sin today and have faith in Christ are sealed for salvation and eternal life. The mark in the forehead for the faithful in this context signifies faith toward Israel's Messiah, faithfulness before God and faith in Christ, and God's awareness of who they are.

It is outwardly seen and known by:

- The faithful's grief over sin.
- The faithful's refusal to accept anything that is offensive to God and against His law.
- The faithful's passion to witness to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and testify to the Gospel of grace.

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**SIX EXECUTIONERS TOLD NOT TO TOUCH THOSE WITH A MARK**

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**EZEKIEL 9:5-7**

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- **Ezekiel 9:5-7:** And to the others (the six executioners) (v1) he (the cherub) (v2) (said in my hearing, "Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity. <sup>6</sup>Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one on whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary." So, they (the six executioners) (v1) began with the elders who were before the house. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out." So, they went out and struck in the city.

The six executioners are told to slaughter everyone who has not received the mark in their forehead. The executioners are a symbol of: the armies of Babylon who invaded the city of Jerusalem, burned the city, pillaged the Temple of God, and slaughtered the inhabitants of the city. Notice, the executioners are told to begin at the temple, all those who are in leadership and have influence over the LORD'S people are first to be judged.

### **Ezekiel intercedes for Israel.**

- **Ezekiel 9:8:** And while they (the six executioners) (v1) were striking, and I (Ezekiel) was left alone, I fell upon my face, and cried, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?"

Ezekiel in his vision sees all the horror that is about to come upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and he is devastated, and prays, God will not destroy all the people of Jerusalem

### **The LORD replies to Ezekiel's prayer:**

- **Ezekiel 9:9-11:** Then he (the LORD) said to me, "The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice. For they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see.' <sup>10</sup>As for me, my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity; I will bring their deeds upon their heads." <sup>11</sup>And behold, the man clothed in linen, with the writing case at his waist, brought back word, saying, "I have done as you commanded me."

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The LORD answers Ezekiel's prayer by comforting him saying: "the man (clothed in linen) has marked the foreheads of those who weep over the wickedness in the city of Jerusalem." In this context, the mark in the forehead is a symbol of the following two things:

1. Being sealed by God, for salvation and eternal life.
2. Having favour with God, and being set aside and kept for salvation and eternal life.

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## **A MARK THAT PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM BUYING AND SELLING**

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### **REVELATION 13:17-18**

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In the book of Revelation, we read:

- **Revelation 13:16-18:** Also, it (the two horned beast like a lamb) causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.
- **Revelation 20:4:** I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgement was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads on their or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

The Jews wrap copies of the law around their arms or place containers on their foreheads because they take God's word in a literal fashion when He told them to bind His commandments on their hands and between their eyes (Deut.6:8) (Deut.11:18), but God was not telling the people of Israel to wear bits of paper on their hands and forehead. Rather God is shining a spotlight on the fact that Israel should engrain God's commandments in their mind (the forehead) and do them (the hand). It is a way of advising, by figure of speech Israel, "to do," (the hand) and, "to think," (the forehead), upon godly things, so that from day to day, they would remember His commandments and do them.

**Following are two most common interpretations of these verses:**

1. The mark of the beast is a literal mark implanted in the right hand or forehead which will be used for banking and trading. Those who believe this interpretation expect it will be voluntary to begin with, but later no-one will be able to buy or sell without it. It is true, Visa and Mastercard, and the global banks do believe the best security for trading in the future, would be to use a part of the human body as identification, rather than a password.

Those who work in the worldwide field of searching out new ways of security for global banking at this present moment consider a finger print or the iris of the eye would be the most suitable for security in a cashless society. However, today (2023), most have mobile phones and wearable devices that allow them to bank, buy and sell, so it could be possible that the mark in the hand and the forehead could refer to our phones since it is held in the hand, and raised to our heads, and the screen gives us instant access to what is happening in the world, which means any speeches the two horned beast made, could be instantly heard and seen worldwide by all.

Though it is very possible we could all someday be chipped, it should be kept in mind, there is only one verse in the entire Bible that links the mark in the hand, and in the forehead, to buying and selling, and it is a dangerous thing to build entire doctrines on a single verse. Added to this the book of Revelation is a very highly figurative book (i.e., no-one would think the beast mentioned in Scripture refers to a literal 'animal beast' when referring to the Mark of the beast, so though a system such as this may come, we should not be so dogmatic or closed minded that we are not open to think that the mark could refer to something other than a literal mark of some kind on the hand or forehead used for buying and selling.

2. The mark of the beast simply refers to those who think (the forehead) and behave (the hand) in a way that is offensive to God, and usually motivated by money or greed. This behaviour is evident in many religious and political systems today, and rampant in the corporate world. In short, most of the world today could be said to already have the mark and name of the beast because they exhibit behaviour that is motivated by human greed and selfishness and not God's way.

**NOTE:** The word, "receive," implies that those who receive the mark, received it with some degree of willingness, and that it is not a mark that is forced upon anyone, but a mark voluntarily received. However, in another sense it is forced upon all, in that without it you will not be able to link into the global world's financial banking and trading system. It could be likened to saying no one is forced to agree to Google's privacy laws, but if you do not, you cannot have access to it.

It is commonly said, "he who has the control of the money has control of the world." The underlying aim of all global world rulers and empires throughout history has been to gain control, and dominion over nations,

the population of the world and its trade and wealth, in order that they would establish a New World Order and be the head of it. This was the enormous pride, ego, and goal of the king of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4) who said in his heart:

- I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God, I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' (Isaiah 14:13-14).

The arrogance, pride and ego expressed in these verses will perfectly apply to the final man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (an antichrist) (1 John 2:22) the son of destruction (perdition in KJV meaning utter disaster, ruin, and destruction) who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god. (2 Thess. 2:1-4). However, like the king of Babylon he will be brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. (Isaiah 14:15). The following verses show that the statement, "No man might buy or sell," (Rev. 13:17) refers to the final mighty world power having control over the finances and trade of the global world, and that they will be crushed when the day of their judgment comes:

- The merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her (the great city of Babylon), since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup> cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, <sup>13</sup> cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls. (Rev. 18:11-13).
- For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste." And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup> and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, "What city was like the great city?" <sup>19</sup> And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out, "Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in a single hour she has been laid waste. (Rev. 18:17-19).

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The statement, "no one might buy or sell except by its permission," shows that this beast has absolute control over a great portion of the world's wealth. Revelation chapter seven and twenty-two speaks of God's faithful servants being sealed in their foreheads which testified that they belonged to God. (Rev. 7:3) (Rev. 22:4). The power of Satan also has its mark, which in this context, is money and profit. Jesus said:

- No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Matt. 6:24) (Luke 16:13).

It is not necessary to think the entire world will be affected by this mark, but that a great portion of the earth will be afflicted, specifically that part of the world that the ten horned beast nations have control and influence over.

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## THE NUMBER 666 AND THE PAPAL LATIN ROMAN CHURCH

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### REVELATION 13:17-18

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- **Revelation 13:18:** This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

Man was created on the sixth day, therefore the number six multiplied three times (i.e., 666) symbolises man at the peak of his godless and worldly glory, which can apply to the following:

- All that is possible for human wisdom, and human power to attain, by the spirit of self-sufficiency, worldliness, and tyranny.

- Any great king or ruler and their kingdom or empire reaching their highest glory in power, wealth, dominance, control, and authority.
- Any false religious domination, organisation or church reaching enormous global supremacy, wealth, and influence.
- To an ungodly military commander that in the eyes of the world has risen in power and glory above nations, promising a better world of happiness and peace.

The ten-horned beast represents the nations that united-together to form the final world empire, which will embrace the global financial banking system, so it is natural that this mark will be linked to the global money system, that allows the inhabitants of the global world to trade buy and sell much like our bank cards today.

### **Following are three major things we know about the mark:**

1. It is identified with the number 666 (Rev. 13:16-18).
2. It will be placed on or in the body. The King James Bible says (in), while the English Standard Bible says (on).
3. It allows a person to use the global world financial banking system.

Figuratively speaking the right hand signifies work, actions, and service while the forehead symbolizes the mind, thoughts heart and character. However, it should not be thought that this mark is not some type of literal mark, especially since every barcode on every product worldwide has two thin vertical lines at the beginning, two in the middle and two at the end, which are the computer number six. This means that every barcode worldwide has within it the number 666 which identifies it with our global trading and banking system that the world operates on today. (2018). It is very likely the entire population of the world in the days of this final global world beast power will be marked with a similar identification perhaps firstly in mobile phones, secondly in the form of facial recognition, and thirdly a nanochip in the body or flowing through the bloodstream.

Since the right hand signifies strength, labour and work the fact the mark is mentioned as being in the right hand may simply signify that without this mark no one will be employed or able to work, while being on the forehead may simply mean that those who have this mark are totally given over to and dependent upon this final world's global banking and financial system. There is no-doubt that the world is moving toward a cashless society which began with bank cards, and is moving to smart phones (2018) and from there it is certain to move toward some type of mark on or in the body that allows a person to buy and sell, and does so much more.

**The mark, name, and number of the beast:** these words imply that the name has some numerical meaning, most commentators, agree, the number six hundred and sixty-six is contained in the ancient Greek word, for "the Latin speaking man," which is LATEINOS

**L** = 30 lambda

**A** = 1 alpha

**T** = 300 tau

**E** = 5 epsilon

**I** = 10 iota

**N** = 50 nu

**O** = 70 omicron

**S** = 200 sigma

**TOTAL** = 666

The following five statements support the idea LATEINOS is the word intended to be referred to:

1. Latin is the official language of the Roman Catholic Church, documents were normally published first in Latin, and then translated from the Latin into other languages.
2. It is a Greek word.
3. It expresses the exact number, and corresponds in this respect with the language used by John.
4. It was first suggested as the most likely meaning by commentators who lived close to the time of John, and who were fully acquainted with the Greek language, and this type of writing and symbolism.
5. The fact the word, LATEINOS is used shows it refers to the ecclesiastical power, or to the Papacy, for it is the perfect word to signify the ecclesiastical power. In contrast to this, if the civil power was the focus, the word used would be ROME.

In earlier times of the Roman Empire the more common title was Roman, this continued until the separation of the Eastern and Western empires. After this separation:

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- The Eastern empire was called the Greek and Roman empire.
- The Western empire was called the Latin empire.

At first Latin only applied to the language of the Western empire, for their mass, prayers, hymns, litanies, canons, decretals, bulls were all written in Latin. The Papal councils spoke in Latin, women themselves prayed in Latin, and the Scriptures were read in Latin, for these reasons they later became known by the following titles:

- The Latin world.
- The Latin kingdom.
- The Latin church.
- The Latin patriarch.
- The Latin clergy.
- The Latin councils.

Throughout history there have been others (especially enemies of the Bible and friends of the Papacy) who have shown through fanciful methods that there are numerous names that can be made to add up to 666. This should not bring any doubt to what has been said, for not only does the number 666 perfectly fit the Roman Papal Latin Church, but so does all that is said about the scarlet woman riding on the ten horned beast.

- **Revelation 17:3–7:** And he (an angel) carried me (John) away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. <sup>5</sup> And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s



abominations.”<sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.<sup>7</sup> But the angel said to me, “Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

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## THE HARLOT RELIGIOUS SYSTEM AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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### REVELATION 20:4-6

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- **Revelation 20:4-6:** Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also, I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.<sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.<sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

**The Beast;** this is a huge topic which we cannot fully cover or do justice to in this study, but it should be mentioned that though both the BEAST and the HARLOT RELIGIOUS SYSTEM (i.e., global false religion) are a gross offence to God, they are two different entities. The harlot system is not the beast, nevertheless both the beast and the harlot religious system are motivated by the same spirit. Throughout history artists have painted a multitude of drawings that picture the harlot religious system riding upon the back of the beast. This is a perfect picture that brilliantly and simply depicts the two different systems that affect the entire world. Both these systems are in total contrast to the heart of God. So, what is the beast? In the context of these verses the beast can be viewed as the entire world system of banking, trade, usury (interest), mammon (money) greed and excessive profits and to a leader or group of leaders who are in control of this worldly system of finance and opposed to the plans, purposes and will of God, opposed to Christ and opposed to those who follow him.

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**A mark in the hand:** could refer to a literal mark or to someone or something that the mark represents.

**A name in the forehead:** could signify a literal mark or to the idol or God a person has in their mind and their thoughts. The book of Revelation presents two groups:

1. Those who receive the mark of the beast.
2. Those who have not received the mark of the beast.

Those who receive the mark of the beast refers to those who serve mammon (money) and live for gaining more to indulge self while those who have not received the mark of the beast refers to those who have not made worldly wealth and riches the love and passion of their heart and mind, but rather choose to live to honour God and to be a good testimony to the Lord rather than make the love of money their god, and spend their life in indulgent, selfish luxurious living.

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## HIS NAME WRITTEN ON THEIR FOREHEAD

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### REVELATION 22:4

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- **Revelation 22:4:** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

The phrase, "His name written of their forehead," does not mean that the name is literally written their forehead, but carries the following idea. The Lord is their dominate excitement and joy and the uppermost desire of their life and their best thought. It means that Christ has the highest place in their heart and is the exalted King on its throne and the champion of their life.

**They will see his face:** means they will literally see him, but it also carries the idea of being in an intimate relationship with a friend you truly love, and enjoy being with. It carries the idea of being with a person who you share every secret and hidden thing with. Every brother and sister in Christ are fully aware of their own devotion toward the Lord, and their excitement to see him when he returns, but not all have the same awareness that the Lord they love, is equally excited to see them, when he returns to gathers them to himself to dwell with them throughout eternity.

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## FURTHER EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE BEING MARKED

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### EMPEROR CHARLEMAGNE AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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An early example of an enforced mark, can be found during the reign of emperor Charlemagne. Whoever refused to accept traditional Catholicism, and keep its religious practices were banned from buying or selling, which resulted in many starving. Believing something is an action of the mind and the thoughts (i.e., the forehead) while keeping religious customs and traditions is an action of works (i.e., the hands).

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The people with the name of the beast are contrasted with God's people who have victory over the beast (Rev.15:2), meaning they have overcome evil-doing and evil thinking and are therefore said to have Christ's Father's name written on their foreheads (Rev.14:1). This does not mean that they overcome every sinful thought, the idea is that God is the highest thought of their mind and their heart, and that they are totally devoted to Him in love, and their life is totally committed to Him in every way.

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### PAPAL CHURCH AND BUYING AND SELLING

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- The Lateran council, under Pope Alexander, decreed against the Waldenses and Albigenses, that no one should presume to shelter or encourage them in their houses or countries, or "trade" with them
- The synod of Tours in France, forbid any receiving of heretics, or protection, and that no communion should be had with them "in buying and selling."
- Pope Martin the Fifth, ordered by a bull that no contract should be made with heretics, and that they should not do any business and trade with those who did not make a public profession of the Papal religion.
- Rome at certain times by law prohibited all trade with heretics and the canon of the Lateran council, under Pope Alexander III., commanded that no man should entertain or cherish heretics in his house or land, or trade with them.

- For these reasons many believe the mark refers to an open profession of the Popes and conformity to the Roman Papal Church idolatries, corrupt doctrines, superstitions, and practises, because these things clearly identified a person as belonging to the Papal Roman Church and those who are willing to submit themselves to it, and in this sense, they were marked.

All over the world, the following things clearly identifies those who belong to the papacy.

- The attendance of mass.
- The partaking of the Eucharist.
- The exaltation of the Pope.
- The confessing of sins to their priests.
- The belief in the doctrine of purgatory etc.

There have been past rulers whose aim was to establish a New World of which the Roman Papal Church would be its religious head, and the underlying aim of the Roman Papal Church and its Popes throughout its history has been to gain control, and dominion over the world and its wealth, in order that it might spread its religion and doctrines to all nations and accomplish its own purposes. Based upon these facts it would seem the mark of the beast is some kind of mark that links people to the global world's financial system, that the final ten horned antichristian beast nations along with their head (the man of Lawlessness (also called the man of sin, and the little horn) set up, and the two-horned beast that speaks like a lamb (also called the false prophet) (i.e., the Papal Roman Church) promote.

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## AUSCHWITZ AND TATTOO NUMBERS

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Numbering prisoners in the Auschwitz camps was initially introduced because prisoners came from all languages which made it difficult for German writers to spell names when registering and recording them into documentation, especially the spelling of Russian, Polish, and Hungarian names. At first these identification numbers were sown onto the left arm of their clothing, but due to the mortality rate being so high and clothing being removed from the dead bodies there was no way to identify the dead body, so the practice of tattooing was introduced. The SS guards used these numbers daily to help in the management of the camp and the greatest number of prisoners were Jews from more than twenty European countries. These Nazi prisoner numbers have become a synonym of dehumanization.

**Method of tattooing:** originally, a special metal stamp, holding interchangeable numbers made up of needles approximately one centimetre long was used. This allowed the whole serial number to be punched at one blow onto the prisoner. However, the metal stamp proved impractical, so a single-needle device was introduced, which pierced the outlines of the serial-number digits onto the skin.

**The Holocaust:** was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire." The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed

that Germans were "racially superior" and that the Jews, deemed "inferior," were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community. During the era of the Holocaust, German authorities also targeted other groups because of their perceived "racial inferiority": Roma (Gypsies), the disabled, and some of the Slavic peoples, Poles, Russians, and others). Other groups were persecuted on political, ideological, and behavioural grounds, among them Communists, Socialists, Jehovah Witnesses, and homosexuals. Although the Nazis deemed the Jews, the primary danger to Germany, and were the primary victims of Nazi racism, other victims included around 200,000 Roma (Gypsies), at least 200,000 mentally or physically disabled patients. These were mainly Germans living in institutional establishments, who were murdered in the Nazis so-called Euthanasia program.

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