

# *Lesson 41: The Mark of the Beast*

**Memory Verse:** "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire:  
and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image,  
and over his mark, and over the number of his name,  
stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Revelation 15:2

## **A. Who is the Beast?**

1. Who is the Beast? Revelation 13:1-2 "And I stood upon the sand of the \_\_\_\_\_, and saw a \_\_\_\_\_ rise up out of the \_\_\_\_\_, having \_\_\_\_\_ heads and \_\_\_\_\_ horns, and upon his horns ten \_\_\_\_\_, and upon his heads the name of \_\_\_\_\_. And the beast which I saw was like unto a \_\_\_\_\_, and his feet were as the feet of a \_\_\_\_\_, and his mouth as the mouth of a \_\_\_\_\_: and the \_\_\_\_\_ gave him his \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_, and great \_\_\_\_\_." This Scripture reminds us of the prophecy of Daniel 7.

2. Daniel saw \_\_\_\_\_ beasts coming out of the \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel 7:3

3. What was the first beast? Daniel 7:4 The first beast was like a \_\_\_\_\_ which had \_\_\_\_\_ wings.

4. What was the second beast? Daniel 7:5 The second beast was like a \_\_\_\_\_ with three \_\_\_\_\_ in its mouth.

5. What was the third beast? Daniel 7:6 The third beast was like a \_\_\_\_\_ which had four \_\_\_\_\_ and four \_\_\_\_\_.

6. How is the fourth beast described? Daniel 7:7  
It was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ exceedingly.  
It had great \_\_\_\_\_ teeth. It \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in pieces and \_\_\_\_\_ the residue with its \_\_\_\_\_. It had \_\_\_\_\_ horns.

7. Compare the beasts in Daniel 7:4-7 and Revelation 13:2.

Daniel 7:4-7	Revelation 13:2
L_____	Mouth of a _____
B_____	Feet of a _____
L_____	Like a _____
D_____ and T_____	D_____ gave it power

Evidently the beast of Revelation 13:2 is a composite of the four beasts in Daniel 7.

8. What do these 4 beasts represent? Daniel 7:17 "These great \_\_\_\_\_, which are \_\_\_\_\_, are four \_\_\_\_\_, which shall arise out of the earth."

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Daniel 7:23 "Thus he said, The \_\_\_\_\_ beast shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces."

**Note:** To be a king, you must have a kingdom. This vision parallels the visions of Daniel 2 and 8 which also show the 4 world kingdoms.

9. What kingdom is the first kingdom, represented by the lion?

Daniel 2:37-38 "Thou, O king, art a \_\_\_\_\_ of kings: for the God of heaven hath \_\_\_\_\_ thee a \_\_\_\_\_, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee \_\_\_\_\_ over them all. \_\_\_\_\_ art this head of \_\_\_\_\_." Daniel was talking to \_\_\_\_\_, king of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Look in Daniel 2:1 and Daniel 1:1)

Jeremiah 50:17 "Israel is a scattered sheep; the \_\_\_\_\_ have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this \_\_\_\_\_ king of \_\_\_\_\_ hath broken his bones."

**Note:** Babylon ruled from 605 B.C. to 538 B.C.

10. What kingdom is the second kingdom, represented by the bear?

Daniel 2:39 After Babylon there arose another great kingdom, but it was \_\_\_\_\_ to Babylon.

What happened to the kingdom of Babylon?

Daniel 5:28 "PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

Daniel 5:31 "And Darius the \_\_\_\_\_ took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old."

Daniel 8:20 "The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** Medo-Persia conquered Babylon and ruled from 538 B.C. to 331 B.C.

11. What kingdom is the third kingdom, represented by the leopard?

Daniel 2:39 Another \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom of brass would bear \_\_\_\_\_ over all the earth.

Daniel 8:21 "And the rough goat is the king of \_\_\_\_\_: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king."

**Note:** Greece conquered Medo-Persia and ruled from 331 B.C. to 168 B.C.

12. What kingdom is the fourth kingdom, represented by the dreadful and terrible beast?

Daniel 2:40 "And the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom shall be strong as \_\_\_\_\_:

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forasmuch as iron \_\_\_\_\_ in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it \_\_\_\_\_ in pieces and \_\_\_\_\_."

Daniel 7:7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a \_\_\_\_\_ beast, dreadful and terrible, and \_\_\_\_\_ exceedingly; and it had great \_\_\_\_\_ teeth: it devoured and \_\_\_\_\_ in pieces, and \_\_\_\_\_ the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had \_\_\_\_\_ horns."

Daniel 7:23 "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ the whole earth, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ it down, and \_\_\_\_\_ it in pieces."

**Note:** Rome conquered Greece and ruled the world from 168 B.C. to 476 A.D.

13. What did the 4th beast have? Daniel 7:7, last part. "It had \_\_\_\_\_ horns."

These horns parallel what part of the image of Daniel 2? The T \_\_\_\_\_.

Daniel 2:41-42 "And whereas thou sawest the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be \_\_\_\_\_; but there shall be in it of the strength of the \_\_\_\_\_, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the feet were part of \_\_\_\_\_, and part of \_\_\_\_\_, so the kingdom shall be partly \_\_\_\_\_, and partly \_\_\_\_\_ [fragile]."

Daniel 7:24 "And the ten \_\_\_\_\_ out of this kingdom are ten \_\_\_\_\_ that shall arise."

**Note:** The Roman Empire became weak and was taken over by 10 tribes which settled in Europe. These tribes became the nations of Western Europe. They are:

Name of Tribe	Where they settled
Alemanni	Germany
Franks	France
Suevi	Portugal
Lombards	Italy
Burgundians	Switzerland
Visigoths	Spain
Anglo-Saxons	England
Heruli	Italy
Ostrogoths	Italy
Vandals	Northern Africa

14. What came up among the ten horns? Daniel 7:8

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ little horn, before whom there were \_\_\_\_\_ of the first horns \_\_\_\_\_ up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were \_\_\_\_\_ like the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ speaking great things."

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15. What are the characteristics of this little horn?

a. It is a kingdom. Daniel 7:24

b. He comes up \_\_\_\_\_ the 10 horns. Daniel 7:8

c. He rises A \_\_\_\_\_ the 10 horns. Daniel 7:24

**Note:** The ten kingdoms of Western Europe had taken over the Roman Empire by A.D. 476, so this little horn power must rise in Western Europe some time **after** A.D. 476.

d. The little horn uproots \_\_\_\_\_ of the other horns. Daniel 7:8,24

**Note:** The Heruli were destroyed in A.D. 493; the Vandals in A.D. 534; and the Ostrogoths in A.D. 538.

e. The little horn power would be a D \_\_\_\_\_ [or different] kind of kingdom from the other 10 horns. Daniel 7:24

f. What was the appearance of the little horn? Daniel 7:8

"In this horn were \_\_\_\_\_ like the \_\_\_\_\_ of man, and a \_\_\_\_\_ speaking great things."

**Note:** He had the appearance of a man because the head of this power is a man.

g. He was more S \_\_\_\_\_ than his fellows. Daniel 7:20

**Note:** He was stronger and more powerful than all the other kingdoms.

h. He speaks great words against the \_\_\_\_\_ . Daniel 7:25

This links us to the beast described in the beginning of Revelation 13 which has "a \_\_\_\_\_ speaking \_\_\_\_\_ things and \_\_\_\_\_." Rev. 13:5

What is blasphemy? It is a man claiming to be \_\_\_\_\_. John 10:33

It is a man claiming to \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 2:7

**Note:** Jesus was accused of blasphemy because He claimed to be God and because He claimed to have the authority to forgive sins. Jesus was not speaking blasphemously because HE IS GOD and HE CAN FORGIVE SINS. However, when a mere man, no matter what his rank is among men, claims to be God or to have the authority to forgive sins, he is speaking great words against God and blaspheming.

i. He would make \_\_\_\_\_ with the saints. Daniel 7:21

j. For how long were the saints given into his hand? Daniel 7:25

This time period is mentioned 7 times in the Bible:

1) Daniel 7:25 "until a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and the dividing of \_\_\_\_\_."

2) Daniel 12:7 "it shall be for a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and an \_\_\_\_\_."

3) Revelation 12:14 "a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and half a \_\_\_\_\_."

4) Revelation 12:6 "a \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_ and threescore days."

5) Revelation 11:3 "a \_\_\_\_\_ two hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ days,"

6) Revelation 11:2 "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ months"

7) Revelation 13:5 "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ months."

**Note:** Revelation 12:6,14 are clearly talking about the same thing, the \_\_\_\_\_ going into the \_\_\_\_\_ where they will \_\_\_\_\_ her for a time period.

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In Bible prophecy, a month consists of 30 days, and a year contains 360 days.

A "time" is one year, "times" is 2 years.

Therefore a "time, times, and the dividing of time" would be 3 1/2 years.

3 1/2 years x 360 days/year = \_\_\_\_\_ days.

42 months x 30 days/month = \_\_\_\_\_ days.

One score = 20, so threescore = \_\_\_\_\_.

So one thousand, two hundred and threescore days = \_\_\_\_\_ days.

In Bible Prophecy what does a day represent? It represents a \_\_\_\_\_.

Numbers 14:34 "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even 40 \_\_\_\_\_, each day for a \_\_\_\_\_, shall ye bear your iniquities, even 40 \_\_\_\_\_, and ye shall know my breach of promise."

Ezekiel 4:6 "I have appointed thee each day for a \_\_\_\_\_."

So 1260 days = 1260 \_\_\_\_\_.

k. What did this little horn power claim to have authority to change? Daniel 7:25

"And he shall ... think to change \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

This apostate power claimed to change God's everlasting 10 commandments, but the Bible says that God's commandments are \_\_\_\_\_ and they stand \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 111:7,8

Which of the 10 commandments has to do with time? Read Ex. 20:3-17.

The \_\_\_\_\_ commandment is the only one that has to do with time.

16. Which power has all of the above characteristics?

- a. The papacy is a kingdom. It arose out of Rome. The papal power was not only a religion, but also a kingdom. Just as the little horn came out of the 4th beast, so the papacy came out of the Roman Empire.
- b. The papacy rose up among the nations of Western Europe.
- c. The papacy began her temporal reign in A.D. 538.
- d. The papacy instigated the destruction of 3 of the barbarian kindgoms: the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths.
- e. The papacy was a different kind of kingdom.  
It ruled in religion, whereas the first 10 kingdoms were only political kingdoms.
- f. The papacy has one man at the head of its organization.
- g. The papacy was stronger than all the nations of Europe and ruled them.
- h. The papacy claims to have the authority of God on earth and the power to forgive sins.

They say: "All the names which in the Scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names apply to the Pope."

(by Robert Bellarmine, "On the Authority of the Councils", ch. 17.)

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"We hold upon earth the place of God Almighty." (by Pope Leo XIII, *Encyclical Letter* of June 20, 1894)

"The pope is of so great dignity and excellence, that he is not merely man, but as if God, and the vicar of God. The pope alone is called most holy, ... Divine monarch, and supreme emperor, and king of kings. ... The pope is of so great dignity and power, that he constitutes one and the same tribunal with Christ, so that whatsoever the pope does seems to proceed from the mouth of God. ... The pope is as God on earth." (by Pope Boniface VIII, *Unam Sanctam*, 1294)

"Pope John Paul II dismissed the 'widespread idea that one can obtain forgiveness directly from God' and exhorted Catholics to confess more often to their priests."

This comes from an article in the *Los Angeles Times*, December 12, 1984

called " 'No Forgiveness Directly From God', Pope Says", written by Don A Schanche

(These quotes are all found in the book "*Who Are These Three Angels*", by Jeff Wehr)

i. It is estimated that the papacy is responsible for the martyrdom of 75-150 million innocent people.

"That the church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a complete knowledge of history."

(written by William E. H. Lecky, in *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe*, vol. 2, page 35, quoted in *Who Are These Three Angels*", by Jeff Wehr)

j. The papacy reigned for exactly 1260 years.

If the papacy began her temporal reign in A.D. 538,

then it would have to end in A.D. 1798. What happened that year?

"When in 1797, Pope Pius VI fell grievously ill, Napoleon gave orders that in the event of his death, no successor should be elected to his office, and the Papacy should be discontinued. But the pope recovered. The peace was soon broken: Berthier entered Rome on the 10th of February, 1798, and proclaimed [Rome to be] a republic. The aged Pontiff refused to violate his oath by recognizing it, and was hurried from prison to prison in France. Broken with fatigue and sorrows, he died on the 17th of August, 1799, in the French fortress of Valence, aged 82 years. No wonder half of Europe thought Napoleon's veto would be obeyed, and that with the pope, that papacy was dead."

("The Modern Papacy, I", by Joseph Rickaby; quoted in "*Who Are These Three Angels*", by Jeff Wehr)

k. The papacy claims to have changed the law of God especially the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. Here is what they say:

"The Catholic Church, for over 1000 years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday."

("The Catholic Mirror", September, 1893)

"Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?"

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day; a change for which there is no Scriptural authority."

(by Stephen Keenan, "*A Doctrinal Catechism*," 3rd edition, page 174)

"If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh-day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew. ... Is it not strange that those [Sunday-keeping Protestants] who make the Bible their only teacher, should inconsistently follow in this manner the tradition of the Catholic Church?"

("Question Box", 1915, page 179)

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### **B. The Mark of the Beast**

17. What does the Bible say will happen to those who receive the mark of the beast?

Revelation 14:11 "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no \_\_\_\_\_ day nor night, who worship the \_\_\_\_\_ and his image, and whosoever receiveth the \_\_\_\_\_ of his name."

Revelation 16:2 "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous \_\_\_\_\_ upon the men which had the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast, and upon them which \_\_\_\_\_ his image."

Revelation 20:15 "And whosoever was \_\_\_\_\_ found written in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ was cast into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_." Revelation 20:14 tells us "this is the second \_\_\_\_\_."

They will receive the 7 last plagues. They will be judged as **disloyal** to God and the government of the universe. They will be cast into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_ and suffer the second death. This is **eternal** death.

18. What will happen to those who **refuse** to receive the mark of the beast?

Revelation 13:17 "And that no man might \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, save he that had the \_\_\_\_\_, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Revelation 15:2 "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_, and over his \_\_\_\_\_, and over his \_\_\_\_\_, and over the \_\_\_\_\_ of his name, \_\_\_\_\_ on the sea of glass, having the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

Revelation 20:4 "And I saw \_\_\_\_\_, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were \_\_\_\_\_ for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not \_\_\_\_\_ the beast, neither his \_\_\_\_\_, neither had received his \_\_\_\_\_ upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ a thousand years."

They may not be able to B\_\_\_\_\_ or S\_\_\_\_\_ for a while here on earth. They may even be B\_\_\_\_\_ for their loyalty to God. **But**, they will stand on the S\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven. They will sit on T\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and will R\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ 1000 years. [We will study this in Lesson 50] They will also have **eternal** life.

19. Which is better:

To stand on the sea of \_\_\_\_\_ and have eternal \_\_\_\_\_; OR  
To be cast into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_ and have eternal \_\_\_\_\_?

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Make the choice to be loyal to God NOW in **all** your everyday choices under **all** circumstances and **no matter** what might happen as a result.

To compromise **now** will prepare you to compromise **then**.

**Note:** "As the storm approaches, a large class who have **professed** faith in the third angel's message, but have not been **sanctified** through **obedience** to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By **uniting with the world** and **partaking of its spirit**, they have come to view matters in **nearly the same light**; and **when the test is brought**, they are **prepared to choose the easy, popular side**." GC 608.2

"The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. **Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be**, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the **gold** will be separated from the dross in the church. **True godliness** will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it." 5T 81.1

20. What are the characteristics of the mark of the beast?

a. It is the mark of the beast of Revelation 13:1-10, a mark of papal authority.

What does the papacy claim as its mark of authority?

"**Sunday is our mark of authority**. ... The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of sabbath observance is proof of that fact and any Protestant who keeps Sunday acknowledges this."

("The Catholic Record", September 1, 1923)

"Of course, the Catholic church claims that the change [from Sabbath to Sunday] was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and religious without her, and **the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters**." ("The Catholic Mirror", September 23, 1893)

b. It is in direct opposition to the commandments of God.

The papacy clearly acknowledges that Sunday is not the Biblical Sabbath. (see #16j).

Those who don't receive the mark of the beast are described as **keeping** the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Revelation 14:12

c. It leads the world to worship the image of the beast by the union of church and state.

(Revelation 13:15) Sunday laws are the direct result of the state supporting and enforcing the institutions of the church.

d. Sunday legislation leads people **away** from worshipping God on the **day** that **commemorates** creation. In Rev. 14:9,10, the 3<sup>rd</sup> angel warns us not to worship the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ and to receive his \_\_\_\_\_.

The 1<sup>st</sup> angel in Rev. 14:6,7 tells us to W\_\_\_\_\_ God as our Creator.

Exodus 20:8-11 shows us how God wants us to worship Him as our Creator. It says,

"R\_\_\_\_\_ the sabbath day, to keep it \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ days

shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the \_\_\_\_\_ day is the sabbath of

the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy

daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is

within thy gates: For in \_\_\_\_\_ days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and

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all that in them is, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day: wherefore the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the sabbath day, and \_\_\_\_\_ it." God blessed the \_\_\_\_\_ th day and made it holy. He asks us to remember to \_\_\_\_\_ it holy.

**Note:** We studied about the Sabbath in Lessons 34-37. It would be a good idea to review these lessons until you KNOW **how** and **why** to keep the Sabbath. Let's learn to **really keep the Sabbath holy**.

### **C. The Number of the Beast**

21. The number of the beast is the number of a \_\_\_\_\_. Rev. 13:18  
It is the number of his \_\_\_\_\_. Rev. 13:17

22. The number is \_\_\_\_\_ hundred \_\_\_\_\_ score and \_\_\_\_\_. Rev. 13:18  
A score is 20, so 3 score is \_\_\_\_\_. The number adds up to \_\_\_\_\_.

23. The official title of the pope is "VICARIUS FILII DEI" which means "Vicar of the Son of God." The Roman numeral values for this name are: (U is the same as V)

V	I	C	A	R	I	U	S		F	I	L	I	I		D	E	I
5	1	100	0	0	1	5	0		0	1	50	1	1		500	0	1

This adds up to \_\_\_\_\_. Catholic sources agree that the pope's title adds up to 666.

"The title of the Pope of Rome is Vicarius Filii Dei, and if you take the letters of his title which represent Latin numerals (printed large) and add them together, they come to 666."

("Our Sunday Visitor", November 15, 1914)

24. Has anyone received the mark of the beast yet?            YES            NO

**"When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshipping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome – 'the mark of the beast'. And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who **continue** in transgression will receive 'the mark of the beast'." GC 449.1**

**"But not one is made to suffer the wrath of God until the truth has been brought home to his mind and conscience, and has been rejected. There are many who have never had an opportunity to hear the special truths for this time. The obligation of the fourth commandment has never been set before them in its true light. He who reads every heart and tries every motive will leave none who desire a knowledge of the truth, to be deceived as to the issues of the controversy. The decree is not to be urged upon the people blindly. **Everyone is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently.**" GC 605.1**

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### **D. Summary**

25. The beast has been shown to be the P\_\_\_\_\_.

26. The mark of the beast is the observance of \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the Sabbath.

27. The number of his name points to the title of the P\_\_\_\_\_.

28. We will have to make a choice whom we will worship and obey:

whether we will worship the **Creator on His day** and keep **all** of His commandments

OR worship the **beast on his day** contrary to God's Law. The **consequences** of our

choice are clearly given in the Bible. See section B, #17,18. What do you choose?

Will you be loyal to **God** or will you obey **man**?

29. God has given us a view of the final outcome. Who will win? The last thing will not be the enforcement of religious laws by intolerant powers. All those who support this final Inquisition against the people of God will be judged and destroyed by God.

Revelation 19:20 "And the \_\_\_\_\_ was taken, and with him the \_\_\_\_\_ prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he \_\_\_\_\_ them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of \_\_\_\_\_ burning with brimstone."

Not only will this false system be **destroyed** in the lake of fire, but so will the devil who

inspired them. Revelation 20:10 "And the \_\_\_\_\_ that deceived them was cast

into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_ and brimstone, where the \_\_\_\_\_ and the

\_\_\_\_\_ prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

God will judge. He will judge right. The intolerant powers that make these unjust laws to try to force people to worship the beast, his image, and receive the mark of the beast will come to a complete end.

30. God's people will go through some very difficult times. Their efforts will be misrepresented, but in spite of this, thousands will be converted in a day. **All their efforts** to preach the everlasting gospel, to declare that the judgment is come, to instruct the world how to worship God as their Creator, to sound the alarm that Babylon is fallen, and to warn the world not to worship the beast nor his image, or to take the mark of his name, will be worth it if only one precious soul will be saved for His glorious kingdom.

We are almost home! Soon Jesus will be here to take His saints to heaven. The gates of the heavenly city will be opened and the saints will enter in. Who will enter in?

Revelation 22:14 tells us: "Blessed are they that **do** \_\_\_\_\_ commandments, that they may have \_\_\_\_\_ to the tree of life, and may \_\_\_\_\_ in through the gates

\_\_\_\_\_ the city." It will definitely be worth it no matter what we might have to go through in order to stay loyal to God.

**Note:** "While John was shown the last great struggles of the church with earthly powers, he was also permitted to behold the **final victory** and deliverance of the faithful. ... But looking **beyond** the smoke and din of the battle, he beheld a company upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having, **instead** of the mark of the beast, the '**Father's name written in their foreheads**.' And again he saw 'them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, **stand on the sea of glass**, having the harps of God' and **singing the song of Moses and the Lamb**." 5T 752.3

It means **everything** for us to be there. Those who **remain loyal to God** will be there! **Will you?**