

The Beasts of Daniel and Revelation and the Mark of the Beast: Part 2

Part 2: The Characteristics of the End Time Apostasy

The Image of the Beast

We need to return to Revelation 13,

And he leads astray those dwelling on the earth because of those signs which he was given to do before the beast, saying to those dwelling on the earth to make (poieō) an image (eikōn) to the beast who was wounded by the sword, yet lived. And there was given to him to give life (pneuma) to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak (laleō) and cause to be killed as many as would not worship the image of the beast.(Rev.13:14-15).

In all of the translations I am aware of this passage is poorly presented. It says the false messiah puts life into an image and this is sufficient to send many off into the realm of science fiction and talking monuments. Whilst I accept that the end time situation will be fueled by spiritual activity and spiritual power must never be underestimated, let's remain rational. The end time struggle is wholly about religious control and as impressive as it may be I fail to see how a living, breathing lump of stone will achieve this goal. Another question is what becomes of this talking monument, it isn't mentioned again? We shall see that the false messiah later transfers all authority from Papal Rome to himself but there is no mention of a monument being destroyed. Let common sense prevail, the miracles this counterfeit will perform will, for obvious reasons, be of a nature mimicking the true Mashiach, for example, we are told that this counterfeit will bring fire down from heaven and Mashiach says His return will be accompanied with lightning from east to west. But what of the statement 'he gave life to the image so that the image could speak?'

The problem is with the Greek words *poieō*, *eikōn*, *pneuma* and *laleō* all of which have a variety of interpretation. For translators to be satisfied with the above presentation, I believe shows a lack of cognitive thought about the end time situation and its context. It is almost as if translators set out to deliberately mislead readers because the passage as presented is a complete nonsense. The following gives some perfectly legitimate interpretations of the Greek,

- *poieō* - to execute, to do, to commit to.
- *eikōn* - likeness, resemblance to imitate.
- *pneuma* - to put breath into, bring to life, give vitality to.
- *laleō* - to talk, preach

Papal Rome is nothing more than an administration administering an apostate religion. An image is a visual representation of something and it is the religious system itself that is the image of Rome. The woman epitomizes a false priesthood (the Roman Pontiff) and it is the false religious system that is a representation of him. Rome will be in authority when the false messiah appears he and his ten associates (ten horns) shall actively support (commit to) Papal Rome and use their demonic power to galvanize (put life into/motivate) this false religious system (image). We have often heard the expression 'the artist's performance was so poor there was no life in her dancing' this is the context of Revelation. *Pneuma* and *laleō* are synonyms for putting vitality into this apostate religious system. These demonic beings do this by escalating Rome's apostate worship system, from which nobody will be exempt.

Just what form this universal religion will take is unclear but for some time now there has been a universal push for religious harmony and Papal Rome has been spearheading the thrust for religious appeasement. On 18 September 2014 the World Alliance for peace summit was held in Seoul. At this summit the leaders of the different religions of the world met together and signed a declaration for religious peace termed the 'Unity of Religious Agreement.' All religions were represented and all signed a declaration exclaiming they all worship the same god but differently - a fundamental first step towards a single universal religion. But YHWH says He is a jealous Elohim and commands Israel,

And you shall break down their altars, and smash their pillars, and burn their Ashĕrim with fire. And you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and shall destroy their names out of that place. (Deut.12:3).

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Master, one faith, one baptism, One Elohim and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Eph.4:4-6).

Pope Francis, in an effort to progress unity has announced that we are all children of YHWH whether Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Christian but this not what the apostle says,

But as many as received Him (Mashiach), to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim, to those believing in His (Mashiach's) Name. (John.1:12).

According to the apostle only those who believe in Yahusha HaMashiach are children of YHWH which rules out these other religions. Clearly this Pope has no qualms contradicting the Scriptures after all He is able to alter divine law. There can be no argument that the beast is here today and insidiously building a platform for its prophesied role but its prophesied life will be short lived. The following passages describe how the false messiah with his ten associates will, after a short while withdraw their support for the beast, put an end to the apostate religion administered by Papal Rome and force universal worship of himself,

And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these shall hate the whore, and lay her waste and naked, and eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (Rev.17:16).

Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim. (2Thes.2:4).

HaSatan's ultimate aim is to usurp YHWH and his puppet Papal Rome will continue to lead humanity into apostasy right up to the return of HaMashiach. Whilst we await the appearance of the false messiah, what is not appreciated is that cultivation of the false messiah started in the first century AD when the Church distanced itself from the religious Jewish authorities and set out on its apostate course. I am not too concerned about Mashiach's name and what Christianity calls him, as contentious as this has become for some, I consider it to be an aside. The real problem is the whole of Christianity not just Catholicism, fails to recognize the truth of Mashiach, who He was, how He lived and the true meaning behind His words. Consequently a false anti-Torah religion has resulted and you cannot have a true Mashiach at the head of a false religion.

The Name, Number and Mark of the Beast

Name/Number of the Beast

And he causes all, both small and great, and rich and poor, and free and slave, to be given a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads, and that no one should be able to buy or sell except he that has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (onoma). Here is the wisdom! He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. (Rev.13:16-18).

The passage instructs us to calculate the number of the beast whilst providing the answer to the calculation, does this not seem strange? What we have is similar to an algebraic expression. Consider the algebraic equation: $(x + y)^2 = 49$, we have the answer but the task is to find the values of 'x' and 'y' that is, to find the route to the answer. Generally clues are given to assist such as 'y' equals $\frac{3}{4}$ of 'x' thus the answer is 'x' = 4 and 'y' = 3. It is the same with this passage in Revelation, the answer is 666 and the clue we are given is that this is the number of a man who is also described as a beast. If it is a man then the beast has to be of human origin and from all we have established there can be only one candidate – the Roman Pontiff. So is there a route from the Pope to the number 666? Yes there is.

Because it says ‘the number of his name’ it is perceived that the number must be directly linked to a particular name but the Greek ‘*onoma*’ can also mean title. What is more the original language of the Brit Hadashah was Hebrew and the Hebrew word would have been (*Shem*) which can mean honour, memorial or authority. Authority is often reflected in a title: queen, president etc. and one of the Pope’s titles is ‘vicar of the son of god’ which in Latin (the language of the Vatican) is Vicarius Filii Dei. When we apply Roman numerals to this Latin title they add up to 666.

V	5	F	-	D	500	
I	1	I	1	E	-	
C	100	L	50	I	1	
A	-	I	1			
R	-	I	1			
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In Greek the Pope is referred to as ‘Lateinos’ meaning the ‘Latin speaking man’ ‘Lateinos’ also adds up to 666. Furthermore it is believed that the title Vicarius Filii Dei is inscribed on the particular tiara placed on the Pope’s head at his crowning ceremony, at which the following declaration is spoken over him,

“Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art father of princes and kings, ruler of the world, vicar of our saviour Jesus Christ.”

The apostle tells us the ruler of this world is HaSatan (2Cor.4:4) and Rev.13:2 says that HaSatan gave the beast, his power, his throne and his authority. The above initiation statement proves the Vatican’s acquiescence to the devil.

The End Time Issue Is About Worship

¹⁶ And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, **or** in their foreheads: ¹⁷ 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. (Rev.13:16-17).

Several translations have ‘on’ not ‘in’ but we will show that ‘in’ is the correct terminology. When we look at these two verses the common tendency is to isolate verse 16 from verse 17 but the verses are complementary. Verse 17 appears to present three alternative conditions; the mark of the beast, the name of the beast and the number of his name. In effect any one of these three is nothing more than a confirmation of allegiance. The issue is one of worship, that is, to whom will humanity give its religious allegiance? Whose shrine will humanity worship at? In the context of the above passage, forehead is synonymous with the mind and the right hand is synonymous with action/works. It is this choice that will determine whether or not you are carrying the mark, name or number of the beast. Hence ‘in’ is the correct terminology.

Knowing that Revelation was originally written in the Hebrew language, the term ‘mark’ would have been **תִּימָה** (*ôth*): Strong’s H226 which is defined as,

Probably from H225 (in the sense of *appearing*); a *signal* (literally or figuratively), as a *flag*, *beacon*, *monument*, *omen*, *prodigy*, *evidence*, etc.: - mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

The root is H225 (*ûth*) and carries the meaning - properly to *come*, that is, (impliedly) **to assent to**: - consent.

In the Tanakh (Old Testament) you will find **תָּיִט** translated as, mark, sign and token however, in the Greek language these are all different words and therein is the problem – which of these Greek words is to be used for **תָּיִט** in Revelation 13? But it gets worse because context further complicates the choice of Greek, for example, ‘mark’ in Rom.16:17 is *‘skopeō’* G4648 whereas ‘mark’ in Rev.13:16 is *‘charagma’* G5480 and in Gal.6:17 it is *‘stigma’*. So not only is translation a complex exercise, it is very much reliant on the integrity of the translator. But our concern is confined to a correct interpretation of ‘mark’ in Revelation 13 and for this we have to revert to the Hebrew **תָּיִט** which has a root meaning of assent to, i.e. agree to. This meaning fits exactly with our philosophy, a philosophy confirmed by Revelation,

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever received the mark of his name. ¹²Here is the patience of the set apart ones: here are they that keep the commandments of Elohim, and the faith of Yahusha HaMashiach. (Rev.14:11-12).

This is a passage of opposites: whilst it does not explain what the mark actually is, verse 12 distinguishes between those who have the mark and those who do not have the mark, the latter being those who observe YHWH’s commandments. Thus this passage confirms the issue is that of religious belief and worship.

Mark of the Beast

Let us repeat YHWH’s warning which opened Part 1 of this study,

And the third messenger 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, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, 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 set apart messengers, and in the presence of the Lamb (Rev.14:9-10).

So far we know the name of the beast - Vicarious Filii Dei which leads us directly to the Roman Pontiff and the number of his name – 666 but what is the mark of the beast? We must not lose focus of who the beast is - Papal Rome? So what is the mark of Papal Rome? We do not have to look far because Rome tells us what its mark is,

- Sunday is our mark of authority. The Church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. (*Catholic Record September 1, 1923*).
- Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (**Saturday to Sunday**) was her act...And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters. (*Letter from C.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons on October 28, 1895*).

The mark of the beast is with us today and has been with us for centuries. Most Christians have already accepted the mark albeit unwittingly. But the core issue centres on the weekly Shabbat, why is this? Let us look at the fourth commandment,

*Remember the Shabbat day, to set it apart. Six days you labour, and shall do all your work, but the seventh day is a Shabbat of YHWH your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days **YHWH made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them**, and rested the seventh day. Therefore YHWH blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart. (Exod.20:8-11).*

There is a lot more to this commandment than just commanding the sanctity of the seventh day. It is assigning the weekly Shabbat to be YHWH’s seal of absolute ownership and authority over all creation. A seal of authority contains three factors; the name of the authority, the position of the authority and the jurisdiction of the

authority. For example, Donald Trump, President, United States of America. Now consider the fourth Commandment and what is the highlighted,

- Name of authority – YHWH
- Position – Maker/Creator
- Jurisdiction – the heavens, earth, sea and all that is in them.

The seventh day Shabbat is the symbol of The Creator; it is YHWH's seal on and His claim to, all of creation including all of humanity. But there is more to it, remember the encounter on Mount Sinai was a marriage: in Exod. 19:5 we have YHWH's offer (the groom's will you) and three verses later we have Israel's acceptance (the bride's I will). Then in Exod.31:13 YHWH says His Shabbats are the sign that He is Israel's Elohim and they are His holy people, in other words the Shabbats are the sign of ownership/marriage. In effect YHWH's Shabbats equate to a wedding ring and just as a wedding ring is proof of marriage so too is observance of YHWH's Shabbats. Is it any wonder HaSatan has removed all of YHWH's Shabbats (weekly and annual) from Christianity and substituted his own? The Catholic Church has actually reworded the fourth commandment to read '*Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day*' lowering the prominence of this commandment and erasing its status of a seal. The Lord's Day for Christians is Sunday the day they erroneously believe Mashiach was risen.

Let us examine another aspect of the beast mark. Revelation says that the beast mark shall be in the hand or forehead – what a fraud HaSatan is. He is only capable of mimicking what YHWH commands. Look what YHWH has commanded of us?

*And this is the command, the laws and right-rulings which YHWH your Elohim has commanded, to teach you to do in the land which you are passing over to possess, so that you fear YHWH your Elohim, to guard all His laws and His commands which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days be prolonged. And you shall hear, O Israel, and shall guard to do, that it might be well with you, and that you increase greatly as YHWH Elohim of your fathers has spoken to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: YHWH our Elohim, YHWH is one! And you shall love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might. And these Words which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up, **and shall bind them as a sign in your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.** (Deut.6:1-8).*

Here The Father is commanding we keep His statutes and laws and for us to love Him with all our being and these requirements are bound in hand (by our works/actions) and in head (in our minds/thoughts). Incidentally, Exod.31:17 says the seventh day is to be a sign and according to Rom: 4:11 Scripture considers a sign and a seal as one and the same. Now let us examine what happens to those who refuse to accept the mark, those who reject Sunday worship.

¹⁵ *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. ¹⁶ And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷ 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. (Rev.13:15-17)*

In verse 15 we are told that those who refuse the mark will be killed then subsequently in verse 17 it says these same people will be prevented from buying or selling! If we apply verse 15 we cannot apply verse 17. It is my opinion it would be more appropriate for these verses to have been presented in reverse order. But we must also consider another verse from Revelation,

*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded (**Pelekizo**) for the witness of Yahusha, and for the word of Elohim, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Yahusha a thousand years. (Rev.20:4).*

This verse seems to be a clarification of Rev.13:15 in that the means of execution is now specified, people will be forced under pressure of 'decapitation' to accept the mark. But there is another way of looking at these verses. Truly, HaSatan does not want to kill anyone, he wants to be worshiped as god and there is no worship in the grave. Most assuredly he does not want to kill believers. His desire is to rob YHWH of as many souls as he can: killing believers achieves the opposite. By killing believers he is sending souls to YHWH. With this understanding we can take a different view of the above verses.

Considering Rev.20:4 what is of significance is that this is the only time '**Pelekizo**' is found in the New Testament everywhere else; Mark 6:16,28, Luke 9:9, Acts12:2, beheaded is the translation of the Greek '**Apokephalizō**'. '**Pelekizo**' actually means to chop off, to cut off or to truncate. The Aramaic Peshitta recognizes this difference and has a better presentation for Rev.20:4; '*the souls of them that were cut off.*' Also the Ancient Roots Translinear Bible reads in a similar manner; '*these souls were cut off.*' If we consider 'cut off' in terms of isolation we have a better harmony with the earlier comment that those refusing to adopt the mark (refusing to accept Sunday) will be unable to buy and sell. Initially HaSatan and his ten generals (ten horns) will try coercion. Anyone refusing to deny YHWH will be starved of all life support. It will be a time when our faith is put to the extreme test: it will be our 'exodus experience.' Just as Israel in the first exodus, we also will have no alternative but to be completely reliant on YHWH for our survival, to completely trust in his ability to sustain us,

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. But seek you first the kingdom of Elohim, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matt.6:31-33)

But my Elohim shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Yahusha HaMashiach. (Phil.4:19)

Do you have this level of trust? When you have no means of providing food, no water for washing or cooking, no electricity for lighting or heating, no petrol in your car, will you remain faithful to YHWH? Is your faith strong enough to overcome such a situation? What a hard time it is going to be for young families. Whilst in the wilderness YHWH let the people suffer degrees of hunger and thirst before providing for them, it was a test of their faith. It may be that we will similarly be left to suffer a little before YHWH provides, remember the future is in the past. Mashiach warns that many will turn away from YHWH (Matt.24:12). From Mashiach's words the situation will prove to be too big a test for many.

When coercion does not work HaSatan has nothing to lose so he will resort to killing (not necessarily by decapitation) those believers who remain staunch. These are the martyrs described in Revelation chapter 7,

*And one of the elders responded, saying to me, "Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Master, you know." And he said to me, "These are those coming out of the great persecution (**tribulation**), having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Because of this they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in His Dwelling Place. And He who sits on the throne shall spread His Tent over them. (Rev.7:13-15).*

Killing is a last resort for HaSatan and he will act ruthlessly against those who remain resolute in their worship of YHWH hence Mashiach's comment,

And if the Master had not shortened those days, no flesh would have been saved; but because of the chosen ones, whom He chose, He shortened the days. (Mark.13:20)

The phrase 'no flesh would have been saved' is very true because only those rejecting YHWH will HaSatan allow to live but in the eyes of YHWH these people are already dead. But there is some encouragement for us in this verse;

it confirms that there will be believers who persevere which will only be possible via YHWH's provision. We do have an Elohim whose love for us is unfailing and in whom we can trust. Let's take a lesson from those in the wilderness, instead of grumbling when we are in need, and we will definitely be in need, instead we must pray reminding YHWH of the promise given to us by His son and confirmed by the apostle,

Because of this I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you shall eat or drink, or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than the food and the body more than the clothing? Look at the birds of the heaven, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into storehouses, yet your heavenly Father does feed them. Are you not worth more than they? (Matt.6:25-26).

What then shall we say to this? If Elohim is for us, who is against us? Truly, He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up on behalf of us all – how shall He not, along with Him, freely give us all else? Who shall bring any charge against Elohim's chosen ones? It is Elohim who is declaring right. Who is he who is condemning? It is Messiah who died, and furthermore is also raised up, who is also at the right hand of Elohim, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of the Messiah? Shall pressure, or distress, or persecution, or scarcity of food, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? (Rom.8:31-35).

There are those who advocate buying a plot of land and becoming self-sustainable so as to overcome the persecution and isolation. As far as I am concerned this is the same 'Egypt mentality' as was displayed by the Israelites in the wilderness – wanting to return to the security of Egypt rather than place their trust in YHWH. It needs to be understood that during the tribulation believers are going to be hunted down by HaSatan's disciples and I do not believe HaSatan will be so easily thwarted by 'living off the grid.' This mentality insinuates that believers living in urban areas will, for one reason or another, perish contradicting what is said in Jeremiah,

Turn, O backsliding children, says YHWH; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. (Jer.3:14).

This verse is referring to Israel's return to the Land in the end times – remember who will constitute the end time Israel!

The Relevance of Psalm 23 Verse 3

He restores my soul He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake

The Phrase 'paths of righteousness' is from the Hebrew '**Be-Ma'agalei Tzedek**' which more correctly means circles or cycles of righteousness. So a more accurate translation would be 'He leads me in cycles of righteousness' and what are YHWH's cycles, His seven annual Festivals and His weekly Shabbats. What the Psalmist is saying is that YHWH leads a person to righteousness via '**Be-Ma'agalei Tzedek**.' In other words observance of YHWH's cycles (His Shabbats), the only means of achieving righteousness, has been removed by Papal Rome. Finally consider the following Proverb.

He who turns away his ear from hearing the Torah, Even his prayer is an abomination (Pro.28:9).

It is a waste of time praying if you are not on YHWH's circuit.

Conclusion

When considering the mark of the beast it is important to remember who owns the mark, it is the beast - Papal Rome. It is not Bill Gates or Facebook or any of the organisations developing a microchip or RFID system. The mark has nothing to do with implants under the skin. As said earlier the end time concern is whose system of worship humanity will choose: an issue in which none of these people show any interest and as far as I am aware, no religious entity is in the business of electronic development. But HaSatan is the master of deceit and will provide false marks to lead people away from the true mark. Today everyone is still waiting for the introduction of the mark when it's been with us for nearly two millennia. Fortunately our eyes have been opened. I watched a video showing a copyright document lodged by Bill Gates for a microchip system having the potential of not only

reading but possibly controlling minds and emotions. Whilst such intentions are insidious the presenter became focused on the patent registration number because the last five digits were 60606. I don't need to explain His excitement, it typifies the hysteria existing today but sixty thousand six hundred and six is not six hundred three score and six. No doubt there are thousands of numerical registrations and bar codes that contain three sixes within them. We must beware of apocalyptic alarmism and approach this matter with a balanced mind: fundamentally the mark is a moral issue. The world seems to be heading towards universal traceability of individuals and whilst this may enable the beast to establish if an individual is attending church every Sunday, it is a separate problem to the actual mark of the beast. No microchip can prevent a person from worshipping YHWH. Remember the warnings from the apostle,

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these the wrath of Elohim comes upon the sons of disobedience (Eph.5:6)

Because of these the wrath of Elohim is coming upon the sons of disobedience. (Col.3:6).

To recap a little, we opened this study with a warning from YHWH (Rev.14:9-10) in which He promises to pour out His wrath on those who took the mark of the beast. The above two verses tell us that YHWH only pours out His wrath on those who are disobedient, those who do not keep His Shabbats. Throughout this article we have said the issue is wholly one of worship and therein is the confirmation. The Scriptures have one single objective – worship of the one true Elohim, YHWH and the beast visions given to Daniel and John must be understood with this objective in mind. Whilst the beasts identified specific empires, the primary message has little to do with physical conquest; it is all to do with spiritual conquest. Fundamentally the message is about the evolution of the various false religious systems of worship past, present and future. To be forewarned is to be forearmed and these beast visions are provided for us to identify the end time apostasy that will encompass all of humanity. Let us not be fooled by the miracles performed by the false messiah. We now know that the first Jewish messiah that will appear is not the true Mashiach. The false messiah comes from below whereas the whole of the sky will be lit up from east to west at the appearance of the true Mashiach. The false messiah will accept the third Jewish temple whilst the true Mashiach will destroy what remains of humanity and its entire earthly works.

Whilst the beast visions all point to Papal Rome we must not forget that Catholicism is the head of Christianity, a fact of truth irrespective of the thousands of Church denominations. Sunday worship was instituted by the Catholic Church and by adhering to a Sunday Sabbath a church accepts Rome as its parent authority. The following are admissions by several of the leading church denominations which are nothing less than confirmation of their acquiescence to Papal Rome.

1. The Catholic Church

- a) You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify. *(Cardinal Gibbons – Faith of Our Fathers)*
- b) We deem it necessary to be perfectly clear on this point – The Bible, Old Testament, confirmed by the living tradition of weekly practice for 3383 years by the chosen people of God, teaches then, with absolute certainty, that God had himself named the day 'to be kept holy to Him' that the day was Saturday and that any violation of that command was punishable with death. *(The Catholic Mirror: a publication by Cardinal Gibbins - Sept.9, 1893).*
- c) The Redeemer during His mortal life never kept any other day than Saturday. *(The Catholic Mirror Sept. 1893).*

2. Protestant Church

- a) There is no word; no hint in the New Testament about abstaining from work on Sunday... into the rest of Sunday no divine law enters The observance of Ash Wednesday or Lent stands exactly on the same footing as the observance of Sunday. *(Protestant Canon Eyton - The Ten Commandments).*

3. Episcopal Church

- a) The Bible commandment says on the seventh day thou shalt rest. That is Saturday. Nowhere in the Bible is it laid down that worship should be done on Sunday. (*Philip Carrington – Toronto Daily Star 1949*).

4. Baptist Church

- a) There is nothing in Scripture that requires us to keep Sunday rather than Saturday as a holy day. (*Harold Lindsell - Christianity Today, 1976*).

5. Lutheran Church

- a) The festival of Sunday, like all other festivals, was always only a human ordinance and it was far from the intentions of the apostles to establish a divine command in this respect, far from them and from the early apostolic Church, to transfer the laws of the Sabbath to Sunday. (*Dr. Augustus Neander – The History of the Christian Religion and Church 1843*).

6. Methodist Church

- a) But the moral law contained in the Ten Commandments and enforced by the prophets, He (Christ) did not take away. It was not the design of His coming to revoke any part of this. This is a law which never can be broken... Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind and in all ages, as nor depending either on time or place or on any other circumstances liable to change but on the nature of God and the nature of man and on their unchangeable relation to each other. (*The Works of the Rev. John Wesley*)

7. Anglican Church

- a) And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh but we are nowhere commanded to keep the first day.... The reason why we keep the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because of the Bible, but because the Church has enjoined it.

This is just a small sample of admissions by the mainstream Church and shows beyond any doubt that the leaders of all church denominations know the truth. Church leaders are quite unconcerned that they are teaching apostasy and appear quite willing to ignore the warning in James '*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*' But possibly the most disconcerting comment is the following from the Council of Laodicea, a synod of bishops,

'Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day...But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema (cursed) from Christ.'

Here the church is proclaiming a curse from Christ on any Christian wanting to honour YHWH's commandment to keep His Shabbat. In effect a curse on any Christian wanting to observe the fourth Commandment. Can there be any greater perversion of the Gospel truth than this? Is this not proof of whom the Vatican's messiah really is?

One final comment, there is the conception that once a person has taken the mark of the beast they are damned and have no route back to YHWH but that is not how YHWH works. YHWH is always ready to receive a repentant heart. This mistake comes from a misunderstanding of Revelation,

*And the third messenger 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, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, 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 set apart messengers, and in the presence of the Lamb** (Rev.14:9-10).*

The highlighted section is understood to mean eternal damnation but eternal damnation is via the lake of fire. What this passage is saying is that those with the mark of the beast will suffer fire and brimstone as did Sodom and Gomorra. In other words the verse is confirming that those with the mark will suffer YHWH's wrath. But remember the primary purpose of His wrath is to bring people to repentance and not to punish.