

# This is the Mark of the Beast, Are You at Risk?

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The Mark of the Beast is not a Hollywood creation to generate ticket sales, it is a real Mark for real people that will tragically affect our world in the not-so-distant future. This being said, what is the Mark of the Beast and more importantly, who will take it and what will be their fate for taking it? It is definitely a very intriguing issue in all of Bible Prophecy, and as such, it has generated many books, conferences and YouTube videos. People go from making fun of it to being terrified that they might have taken it. I believe that like everything else, moderation is key and that we should seek solid ground rooted in Scripture to explain the Mark of the Beast. The Bible speaks of that Mark with the most details in [Revelation 13:16-18](#),<sup>16</sup> *And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a Mark on their right hand or on their forehead,*<sup>17</sup> *and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the Mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.*<sup>18</sup> *Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.*

It is important to understand that the Beast is the Antichrist. It is critical to understanding his Mark and his destructive agenda (Revelation 13). He will be under the authority of the dragon (Satan, [Rev. 13:2-4](#)). He is also the “little horn” of [Daniel 7:7-8, 20-25](#). So, If indeed the Beast is the Antichrist powered and directed by Satan, we understand that there is absolutely nothing good about this Mark; but it still doesn’t tell us who will get it, when, how and if they can escape from its grip after receiving it.

- **The timing of the Mark of the Beast:** Some believe that the Mark of the Beast occurred in the past (preterist). These are people who view the events of the book of Revelation as already having happened and they identify the Beast as Roman Emperor Nero. This would have occurred between AD 66-70 and culminated with the destruction of the Temple. Yet, the book of Revelation was written about 30 years after the reign of Nero, so that would force us to see the book of Revelation as non-prophetic, and Nero NEVER fulfilled all the events of Revelation 13 required to identify him as the Beast. Additionally, Nero never forced a mark on anybody. The Mark of the Beast has yet to come!

- **The reason for the Mark of the Beast:** While the Bible tells us that without the Mark of the Beast, nobody can buy or sell during the Tribulation ([Rev. 13:17](#)), the ultimate purpose for the Mark is for someone to show unconditional allegiance and devotion to the Antichrist ([Rev. 13:15](#)). The Antichrist will not invite people or offer them options to follow him. He will demand it! People will either worship the Antichrist or they will worship Christ (Yeshua the Messiah). The consequences will be drastically different. Those who worship the Beast will temporarily be taken care of during the second half of the Tribulation, but their eternal destiny will be the Lake of Fire without exception ([Rev. 20:11-15](#)).

*Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: To be more biblically accurate: During the second half of the seven-year Tribulation Period, all people will either (1) worship the Beast and receive his mark in their hand or forehead or (2) they will be hunted down as an enemy of the state if they refuse. Those who **do** take the mark will be able to buy and sell, but without exception their eternal destiny will be the Lake of Fire (Hell) (Revelation 14:9-11). Those who refuse to worship the antichrist because they put their trust in Jesus as their Savior will be prioritized for elimination (Revelation 12:17, 20:4) until there are no believers (Tribulation Saints) alive on the earth (Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Revelation 6:9-11). These Tribulation Saints will, however, live for all of eternity with Jesus and return to the*

*earth with Him at His Second Coming (Revelation 20:4). Then, Jesus will judge all those who survive the Tribulation Period in the Sheep and Goat Judgment as explained in Matthew 25:31-46.*

- **The number of the Mark of the Beast:** 666 is probably one of the most-known numbers in history by believers and unbelievers alike. [Revelation 13:18](#) advises those with wisdom to calculate the number of the Beast. The process of assigning a numerical value to letters exists in Hebrew, Greek and English and other languages. It is known as Gematria, and while people can get out of control with the use of Gematria, [Revelation 13:16-18](#) can be granted some clarity from its proper use. Many reputable scholars see the number 6 as the number of man, one short of the number 7, representing the number of perfection or the number of God. As powerful as the Antichrist will be at his peak of power, he will always remain just a man, still under the control of the perfect God of the universe. His name will have a numerical value of 666, but until his name is revealed, many names can have that numerical value. So, first people will have to hear his name and then they will be able to calculate the value of the letters as [Revelation 13:18](#) tells us, *Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast.*
- **The location of the Mark of the Beast:** A tremendous number of books have been written on what the Mark of the Beast will be and where it will be located on or in the human body. People continue to speculate on this topic. For decades, people have conjectured on the possibility for the Mark of the Beast to be an ...

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