

Mark of the Beast

Recommended studies that are helpful for understanding this prophecy

- [Sabbath Confusion](#) - understanding the 7th-day Sabbath & 1st-day sabbath origins.
- [The Surprising Origins of the Trinity Doctrine](#) - excellent historical documentation (not my study).
- [30 days/month and 360 days/year](#) in prophesy.
- [Day for Year in prophecy](#) - why some prophecies' days are actually years.
- [The identity of the 1st beast](#) "having ten horns and seven heads", we learned is **papal Rome**.
- [The identity of the 2nd beast](#) who "had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon", we learned is **the USA**.
- [The identity of the image of the 1st beast](#) we learned is the **apostate Protestantism** using the US government to persecute God's people, like the Jewish leaders used the Roman government to crucify Jesus. Also like papal Rome persecuted God's people through the laws of many nations for 1260 years(AD 538-1798).

The "mark of the beast" is first referenced in last four verses of Revelation 13

[Revelation 13:15-18](#) It was given to him{the USA} to give breath to the **image of the beast**{apostate Protestantism}, that the **image of the beast** should both **speak**{legislate laws}, and **cause**{enforce laws} as many as wouldn't worship the **image of the beast** should be killed. 18 And he{the USA} 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**{papacy's mark or name}, or the **number of his name**. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the **number of the beast**{papacy's number}: for **it is the number of a man**; and **his number is Six hundred threescore and six**{666 - the number of the papacy's name}.

In verse 15, why the death penalty for not worshipping apostate Protestantism?

My short answer is, "I'm not sure." What I do know is that the Greek word that was translated "worship" here was used about 60 times, mostly with worship directed to the Father and/or His Son. However, in Rev13 we see worship of pagan Rome, papal Rome, and the image of papal Rome. We also see in [Rev14:9-11](#) that those who worship the image... will be tormented for a long time. **Really, it is a bad thing to worship anything or anyone, other than the Father and His Son.**

What is a mark?

The Greek word translated "mark" is pronounced "**cháragma** , *khar'-ag-mah* ;". It is defined as, " a scratch or etching, i.e. stamp (as **a badge of servitude**), or sculptured figure (statue)". In this context, I would say that this **mark** is "**a badge of servitude**".

What is the mark of the "beast"(papacy)? These are quotes from the RCC =>

- "**Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible**, and this observance is proof of that fact." (**Catholic Record**, September 1, 1923)
- In reply to a letter of October 28, 1895, to Cardinal Gibbons, asking if the church claimed the change of the Sabbath as her mark, C. F. Thomas, chancellor of the cardinal, wrote the following: "**Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act, and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power.**"
- "Belief in the **Trinity**—one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is a distinctive **mark** of the Christian Faith." ("The Trinity: A Mystery for Eternity", "**The Catholic World Report**")
- "The mystery of **the Most Holy Trinity** is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore **the source of all the other mysteries of faith**, the light that enlightens them. **It is the most fundamental and essential teaching** in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'". ([Roman Catholic Catechism #234](#))

So, if **Sunday Worship is an authoritative mark of the Catholic Church, as they claim**, and if [the Roman Catholic Church\(RCC\) is the first "beast" of Revelation 13](#), as we previously established, then Sunday worship is "**the mark of the beast**(papacy)." But, we've seen **more...** They also say that the trinity is a "**mark** of the Christian Faith." And since this was said in a Catholic publication, and since [the trinity is a creation of Rome](#), this is their **mark** of authority also. But there is more... In the RCC Catechism, which is their statement of doctrinal beliefs, they say that the trinity is "**the source of all the other mysteries of faith**". What they call "mysteries" is their doctrines. So, the trinity doctrine is "**the source**" of the sunday sabbath, along with all their other mysteries/doctrines/heresies, what ever you wish to call it. And, because of this, the RCC also says =>

- "... **every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God.**" -[CatholicCulture.org liturgical year calendar 2018-05-27](#)

Now, keep in mind that **the trinity and the sunday sabbath are both creations of Rome, which make them idols**, which they want us to worship. More about "**Sabbath Confusion**" => <http://sidnash.org/docs/SabbathConfusion.html>

What does it mean "to receive a **mark** in their right hand, or in their foreheads"?

To receive the mark of the beast means to accept their "**mark(s)**" by accepting their trinity God and/or their sunday sabbath. Medical science tells us that the frontal lobes of our brain are in our forehead. This is where we make our conscious decisions - likely where angels(good & evil) communicate with us. So, **receiving the mark of the beast in our forehead would be the result of us deciding to worship the trinity and honor this false god's false sabbath on sunday. Receiving the mark in our hand means that, even if we do not agree with the trinity or the sunday sabbath, we'll do it any to avoid the consequences**, as mentioned in [Rev13:15-18](#) . Notice that **the seal of God cannot be given to the hand, but only to the forehead** =>

- [Revelation 7:2-3](#) And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**
 - [Revelation 14:1](#) And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having **the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.**
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What happens if you **REFUSE** the **mark** of the papacy/pope?

- You may be subject to penalties, inflicted by your government, as seen in [Rev13:15-18](#) .
 - [Revelation 13:17](#) and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name.
 - [Revelation 14:4-5](#) ... These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish.
 - [Daniel 7:18](#) But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.
 - [Revelation 20:4](#) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
 - [Luke 22:30](#) that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - [2 Timothy 2:12](#) if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us:
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What happens if you **ACCEPT** the **mark** of the papacy/pope?

- You will be able to "be able to buy or to sell" [Rev13:17](#) .
- [Revelation 14:9-11](#) And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, **If any man worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand,** 10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the

Lamb: 11 and the smoke of their torment goeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name.

- [Revelation 16:1-2](#) And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth. 2 And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became **a noisome and grievous sore upon the men that had the mark of the beast, and that worshipped his image.**

Considering [Rev13:17-18](#), What is the pope's name?

There was [a report in 1832](#) that someone saw the Latin phrase "**VICARIUS FILII DEI**"(**Vicar of the Son of God**) on the front of the pope's miter. From the 1828 Webster's Dictionary, this is the definition of "**Vicar**": "In a general sense, **a person deputed or authorized to perform the functions of another; a substitute in office.** The pope pretends to be vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. He has under him a grand vicar, who is a cardinal, and whose jurisdiction extends over all priests, regular and secular." But, the title "**VICARIUS FILII DEI**" was never officially given to any pope, as far I've been able to find... Why does this matter? Well, as we will see in the next section, the number for this title is 666.

However, the title "**Vicarius Christi**"(**Vicar of Christ**) has been **a standard title for popes for centuries, virtually all popes since its widespread adoption**(around 1200AD) have been referred to or have referred to themselves with this title in some capacity.

When we compare "VICARIUS FILII DEI"(Vicar of the Son of God) with "Vicarius Christi"(Vicar of Christ), we see that they are the same meaning, because "Christ" is "the Son of God. **So, either way, the Pope declares himself to be the representative of Christ, the Son of God.**

How is it that 666 is the number of the pope's name?

With Roman Numerals, which were in use in Rome since at least the 8th century BC, certain letters from the alphabet are used to represent various numbers. In 1st-century AD, when the book of Revelation was written, the following seven Roman numeral symbols, with these numeric values, were in use:

I: 1
V: 5
X: 10
L: 50
C: 100
D: 500
M: 1000

At that time, in the Latin language, "U" was the same as "V". All other letters, not in this list, are assigned the numeric value of 0(zero). With this information, we are able to assign a number to any name, such as "**VICARIUS FILII DEI**"(**Vicar of the Son of God**), like this:

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

When we add all of the above numbers, we get 666. Now, if this was the only evidence that the first beast of Revelation 13 is papal Rome, then I wouldn't be fully satisfied of it's accuracy. However, since we have [much more evidence of this](#), we can be quite sure that we have made an accurate match.