

## MARK of the BEAST 666 – Part Two: MARKED - PHYSICALLY, SPIRITUALLY or BOTH



\*\*Please play from 30:03 – 30:29 Doug Batchelor states the Bible does not say the mark of the beast is 666\*\*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l23kgyLPZJA>

This is a 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist preacher and that religion is a cult. He is correct in saying that nowhere in the Bible does it say that 666 is the mark of the beast. He is saying the mark is spiritual and has to do with who you worship. If you have the law of God in your thoughts and in your actions you will not have the mark of the beast in your thoughts and in your actions.

\*\*I feel he nonchalantly dismissed the connection between 666 and the mark of the beast because he is teaching that the mark is spiritual and that it is Sunday worship. We covered last week that Sunday worship is not the mark of the beast. This could cause many people to stumble in taking the importance off of the

number that God laid out so plain for us in scripture. The number 666 is connected to the name, the mark and we know it is the number. I feel he dismissed 666 because in his theory of Sunday worship being the mark of the beast, then how do you tie 666 in with that?? So if you believe Sunday is the mark of the beast, then you will be open to actually taking the mark because you have been deceived.\*\*

### **IS THE MARK A PHYSICAL MARK OR A SPIRITUAL MARK OR BOTH?**

**Gen. 4:11-15** – And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from they hand; When thou tillest the ground it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond (wanderer) shalt thou be in (on) the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, MY punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, Thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from Thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in (on) the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the LORD said unto him, therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

This was a visible physical mark.

**Exodus 12:13** – And the blood shall be to you for a token (sign) upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

\*\*the word token here is the same as the word mark used on Cain\*\*



God knew who was His spiritually, but He commanded them to put a physical mark on the doorposts – obedience. This was a visible sign pointing to what Jesus would do on the cross to redeem out of the hand of the devil in the future.

**HEBREW LETTER TAV**

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**MODERN**      **PALEO**



You can see the shape of the Tav better here.

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TAV VAV ALEPH

(cross) (nail) (ox= strong leader)

Hebrew word – oth / English word – sign

**Exodus 12:13** And the blood shall be to you for a sign upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. **\*\* The Jewish InSTITUTE \*\***

**The Jews also see Aleph as representing God, it is the First letter of the Hebrew alphabet.**

Now let's take a look at some times in history when people were marked.

## A MARK AS PUNISHMENT

In [criminal law](#), branding with a [hot iron](#) was a mode of punishment consisting of marking the subject as if goods or animals, sometimes concurrently with their reduction of status in life.

Brand marks have also been used as a punishment for convicted criminals, combining [physical punishment](#), as burns are very painful, with [public humiliation](#) (greatest if marked on a normally visible part of the body) which is here the more important intention, and with the imposition of an indelible [criminal record](#). Robbers, like runaway slaves, were marked by the Romans with the letter F (*fur*); and the toilers in the mines, and convicts condemned to figure in gladiatorial shows, were branded on the forehead for identification. Under [Constantine I](#) the face was not permitted to be so disfigured, the branding being on the hand, arm or calf.



During the Civil War criminals were sometimes branded with the first letter of their crime.

The [Acts of Sharbil](#) record it applied, amongst other tortures, to a Christian between the eyes and on the cheeks in [Parthian Edessa](#) at the time of the Roman Emperor [Trajan](#) on a judge's order for refusal to sacrifice.



In the 16th century, German [Anabaptists](#) were branded with a cross on their foreheads for refusing to recant their faith and join the [Roman Catholic](#) church. <sup>[1]</sup>

In the North-American [Puritan](#) settlements of the 17th century, men and women sentenced for [adultery](#) were branded with an "A" letter on their chest, and for other crimes, such as "D" for drunkenness and "B" for blasphemy.

The [canon law](#) sanctioned the punishment, and in [France](#), in royal times, various offences carried the additional infamy of being branded with a [fleur de lys](#), also [galley-slaves](#) could be branded **GAL** or once the galleys were replaced by the *bagnes* on land, **TF** (*travaux forcés*, 'forced' labor, i.e. [hard labour](#)) or **TFP** (*travaux forcés à perpétuité*, forced labour for life) until 1832.

In [Germany](#) however, branding was illegal.

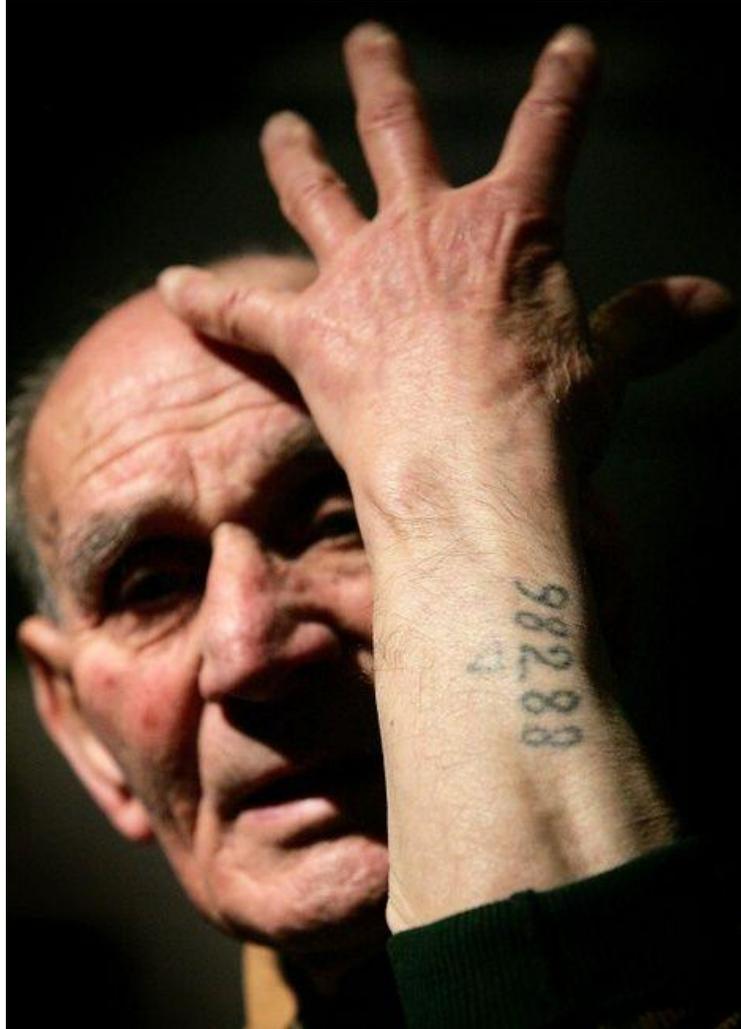
Following the [Conspiracy of the Slaves](#) of 1749 in [Malta](#), some slaves were branded with the letter **R** (for *ribelli*) on their forehead and condemned to the galleys for life.

In the Lancaster criminal court a branding iron is still preserved in the dock. It is a long bolt with a wooden handle at one end and an **M** (malefactor) at the other; close by are two iron loops for firmly securing the hands during the operation. The brander would, after examination, turn to the judge exclaiming "A fair mark, my lord."



Criminals were formerly ordered to hold up their hands before sentence to show if they had been previously convicted.

Such cases led to branding becoming obsolete, and it was abolished in 1829 except in the case of [deserters](#) from the army, who were marked with the letter **D**, not with hot irons but by [tattooing](#) with ink or gunpowder. Notoriously bad soldiers were also branded with **BC** (bad character). The British [Mutiny Act](#) of 1858 provided that the [court-martial](#) might, in addition to any other penalty, order deserters to be marked on the left side, 2 inches (5 cm) below the armpit, with the letter **D**, such letter to be not less than an inch long. In 1879 this was abolished.



I believe there will be a physical outward mark just like the Jews in the holocaust were marked outwardly. \*Both Jews and Nazi's were marked. In the tribulation, both sides will be marked.\*

### Labeling of “inferior” races

Jewish people had to wear a yellow Star of David on all of their clothing so other people would know immediately that they were Jewish

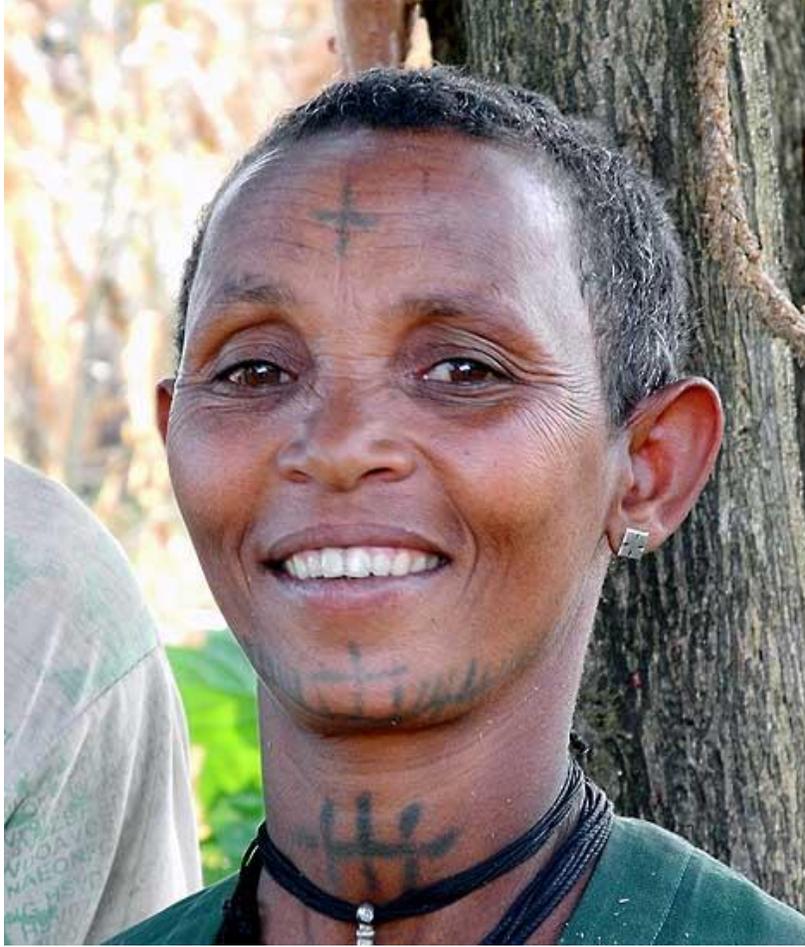


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She is from Ethiopia.



Again, this woman is from Ethiopia.



This is an Ethiopian Amhara woman.



Ethiopian man with cross on forehead.

Because **Christians were** widely persecuted by the Romans, **Christians were** commonly **marked** with tattoos signifying the crime of being **Christians**, or, again, the punishment given to them. Eventually the stigma of being a persecuted Christian became a badge of honor among **Christians**, leading to the practice, starting about the fourth century, of **Christians** voluntarily tattooing themselves as a sign of faith and group membership. When the Roman Empire later converted to Christianity under Constantine, Constantine banned facial tattooing, but he allowed it on the hands and calves of criminals, although it was no longer forced upon **Christians**.

The Christians of the first century were under the military authority of Rome, a nation which openly proclaimed its rulers, the Caesars, to be divine. All those under the jurisdiction of Rome were required by law to publicly proclaim their allegiance to Caesar by burning a pinch of incense and declaring, "Caesar is Lord". Upon compliance with this law, the people were given a papyrus document called a "libellus", which they were required to present when either stopped by the Roman police or attempting to engage in commerce in the Roman marketplace, increasing the difficulty of "buying or selling" without this mark. This is the essence of Scripture's warnings to the early Christians against taking upon themselves the "**mark of the beast**".

## **CLOSING**

In the Old Testament there was a physical temple, right now Christians are the temple of God spiritually. In the Old Testament sacrifices had to be brought to the temple. Now under grace, we offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving – our sacrifices are a mix of spiritual and physical things. The high priest had to offer sacrifices for himself and the people once a year for the covering of their sins (not washing away). People had to physically mark their door posts in order for the death angel to pass over them and spare their lives. They had to do their best to follow the 10 commandments and the ordinances God had set forth or risk God taking their lives because of trespassing His commandments.

Jesus came and He fulfilled the law. He gave us two new commandments.

**Matt.22:37 – 40** – Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang **ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS**.

We can have our sin washed permanently away on a continual basis.

**1 John 1:7** - But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin (continually).

We are under grace right now, it is a spiritual time to willingly love and choose Jesus. God has allowed this time so that the Gentiles could be saved. When the fullness of the gentiles comes in, then Jesus will remove His church in the rapture, and then the tribulation will begin. The tribulation is “The Time of Jacob’s Trouble.” I believe it will be a time of physical acts again. By physical, I mean I believe that those who accept the mark of the beast will be marked outwardly. If they refuse, then they will be beheaded. During the tribulation in order to accept Christ and stand for Him, you will be beheaded. There will be a physical price to pay. It will be easy during the tribulation to know who belongs to the beast and who does not. If someone walks into a store, it will be easy for the clerk to know if they can sell to them or not just based on looking visually with their eyes. Passing people on the street, you would know who stands with the beast and who does not. There will be people that survive the tribulation and don’t take the mark because they will be ushered into the millennial reign in mortal bodies. I would not want to take that chance believing I could survive the wrath that God will pour out during that time. Only the 144,000 are guaranteed to be protected during this time.

It will seem like a good thing to keep your life by taking the mark of the beast, but in reality you will lose your life if you do that and be damned for all of eternity.

**PRAYER**

Research on Christian persecution

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Badge of Shame

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