Lesson 19 The Mark Of The Beast: Part III



In the previous lesson we have seen form the Bible what a beast is, a kingdom. We have seen what kingdom matches perfectly to the description in the Bible. In this lesson we will identify what the Mark of the Beast or kingdom is. We will show what the mark of authority is for the Catholic Church. Let's begin.

Satan always has a counterfeit for what God has. He has even thought to make himself equal or above God. Isaiah 14:12-15 So first let's look at God's mark of authority.



1. Where are God's servants sealed? Revelation 7:3

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." Revelation 14:1

"And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee;" Mark 14:36 God's name is in the Sabbath. sABBAth

2. What means the same as a seal? Romans 4:11 Seal and sign mean the same

3. What is the Sabbath? Ezekiel 20:12

4. How do we know that we belong to God? Ezekiel 20:20 God's mark of authority is His seventh day Sabbath. If we belong to God we will keep this day holy.

Now let's look at the Catholic Church's mark of authority.

"In 321 AD Emperor Constantine changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday in honor of the "venerable day of the sun", not in honor of the resurrection of Christ as many believe and teach." (History of the Christian Church Vol 3 Page 380)

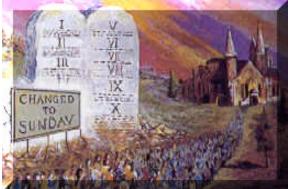
"To prove the church has the power to command holy days, she could not have done that in which modern religionist agree with her: she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the 1st day of the week for Saturday the 7th day. A change for which there is no scriptural authority." (*A Doctrinal Catechism Page 176*)

"Question. - How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days? "Answer. - By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church." (*Abridgement of Christian Doctrine, page 58.*) "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 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." (Doctrinal Catechism, page 351)

So it is fair to say if we honor God and His commandments we will keep holy the day He made holy. If we honor the Catholic church/Beast we will keep the day they set aside as holy.

"Protestants...accept Sunday better than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic church made the change...But the Protestants mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman of the church, the pope" (Our Sunday Visitor Feb. 5, 1950)



"Of course the Catholic church claims that the change was her act...and the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power." (Cardinal Gibbons via Chancellor H.F. Thomas Nov. 11, 1895)

SUNDAY SACREDNESS

8) AND ALL THE WORLD WONDERED AFTER THE BEAST

In the Light of God's Word...

I understand that Sabbath observance signifies an acknowledgment of the Creator's authority. I understand that Sunday observance marks those who acknowledge the Beast's authority. I desire to obey God with my whole heart, having His name inscribed in my forehead.