

Revelation 13: 16-18

The Mark Of The Beast



13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

13:17 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.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Another Counterfeit Tactic of the Dragon

- Exodus 13:8-10
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Original by God, the Counterfeit by Satan

Exodus 13: 8-10 “And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, ‘*This is done* because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.’ It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.”

God wanted the deliverance from Egypt to be constantly at hand and before their eyes. The Jews used this passage (along with Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11: 13-21) to institute the practice the wearing of phylacteries – small boxes holding parchment with scriptures on them, held to the forehead or hand with leather straps.

Jewish Phylacteries



Later, Jesus condemned the abuse of the wearing of phylacteries among the Pharisees. They made their phylactery boxes large and extravagant as a display of supposedly greater spirituality (Matthew 23:5).

The Counterfeit

In the end times there will be a Satanic imitation of this practice when the number of the Antichrist will be applied to either the hand or forehead of all who will take it. The mark of the beast will go in the same place where the people of God were originally told to place the Word.

(Revelation 13:16)

Symbolic meaning of the right hand

The right hand was a symbol of strength

Exodus 15:6,

Psalm 20:6,

Psalm 78:54

Isaiah 62:8

Lamentations 2:3

Symbolic meaning of the forehead

The forehead represents the one whose mind we have been given through walking in agreement with. It represents the center of and the origination of our thoughts.

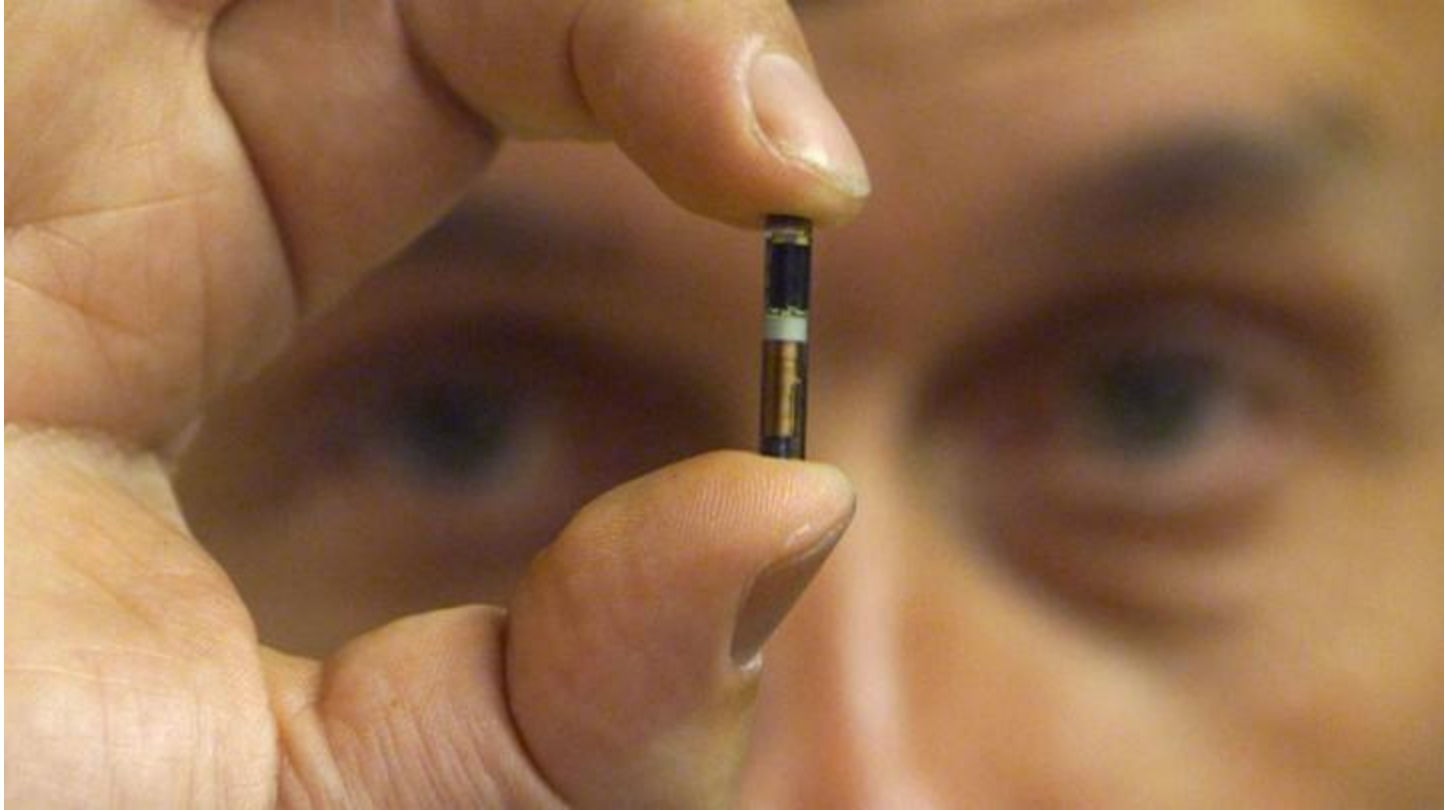
The mark of the beast is an allegiance on the right hand (surrendering of strength) and the forehead (submission of thoughts) to the antichrist.

What is it? Some speculations

The Apple I went on sale in July 1976 at a price of US\$666.66. The first unit produced was used in a high school math class, and donated to Liza Loop's public-access computer center. The mere fact that the first public computer sold for \$666.66 does not make it to be the mark of the beast.



Microchip in humans



What is it?

It is possible that the technology we are seeing today represents the beginning stages of what may eventually be used as the mark of the beast. This is not to say that the use of technology or those who have microchips have taken the mark of the beast. The mark of the beast will be something given only to those who worship the Antichrist. The mark of the beast will be an end-times identification required by the Antichrist in order to buy or sell, and it will be given only to those who worship the Antichrist.

The Fate of the 144,000

(1-3) The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion.

“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.”

- The 144,000 are not defeated by the antichrist.
- The fact that they stand on Mt. Zion is not to be viewed as “heavenly Zion”. This is the Mt. Zion of Jerusalem. It is a view of the Kingdom Of God, Jesus standing with the 144,000 who have triumphed over the Antichrist. These people will survive the great tribulation and will enter the Kingdom because they have been sealed for the purpose.

144,000 in choir rehearsal

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144,000 Described

(4-5) “These are the ones who were **not defiled with women, for they are virgins**. These are the ones **who follow the Lamb wherever He goes**. These were **redeemed from among men**, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And **in their mouth was found no deceit**, for they are **without fault before the throne of God**.