<u>Rev 13:8</u> 'And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.'

Everyone on Earth will worship the Antichrist and his image; everyone, that is, except God's elect whose names were written into the Lamb's Book of Life, before God laid the foundations of the World; we were chosen from eternity past, we were adopted as God's own children and that was accomplished according to God's own plans and purposes, not according to anything we have ever done: 'According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will...' Eph 1:4

Everyone of God's Elect will, at God's chosen moment, hear and understand the Truth; they will be given God's gifts of repentance and faith to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ through the preaching of His written Word.

Those who are not of God's elect, will not hear or see to understand the Truth; their hearts are hard, their eyes are blind and their ears are deaf; only through the miraculous intervention of the Holy Spirit can anyone ever be saved. Jesus confirmed this truth to His disciples: 'And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? ¹¹ He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ¹² For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. ¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: ¹⁵ For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. ¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.' Matt 13:10

Then He made reference to this foundational Truth of God's Word again in each of the 7 letters to the churches in Rev. 2 and 3: 'He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.' Rev 2;11 (Conversely, He who does not have an ear to hear will not and cannot hear.)

If any man have an ear, let him hear, also:

<u>Verse 10</u>: 'He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.'

Here is what will strengthen the patience and the faith of the saints: it is the answer to those in Heaven who were crying out to God: 'And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?' Rev 6:10 and also to David's cry: '...how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?' Psa 13:2 and Habakkuk's cry: 'O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!' Hab 1:2 and the Psalmist's cry: 'How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire? ⁶ Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.' Psa 79:5

This is God, saying: 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay!' Rom 12;19

Throughout time, down to, and including, our time... one of the things that allows God's people to see the wicked debauchery all around them but to not become overwhelmed with fear or bitterness is the sure knowledge that God is in complete control and every wickedness will be, finally, recompensed. No one will escape God's final Judgment except His own dear children; He is our strength; He is our fortress; He is our hiding place and deliverer and He will not be mocked.

<u>Verse 11</u>: 'And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.'

This is the False Prophet; he will have extraordinary powers which will all be used in the service of the Antichrist, that is, in the service of Satan; he will deceive all those on the Earth to worship the Antichrist and to eventually follow him to eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire.

We will see, at the end of this short 7 years, the Antichrist and the False Prophet will both be cast, alive, into the Lake of Fire; they will be the only two, there, for the next 1000 years.

The False Prophet; he will be the Antichrist's *right hand man*; he will accompany the Antichrist; he will be the one who demands that all worship the image of the Antichrist, which he will bring to life, and he will demand that everyone receive the Mark of the Beast; he will be able to perform miraculous happenings while in the sight of the Antichrist; he will even be able to call down fire from heaven... but I'm getting ahead of myself, ahead of the Word:

<u>Verse 12</u>: 'And he (the False Prophet) exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.'

The False Prophet will have great power unto deception which he will be able to exercise when he is in the presence of the Antichrist. First, he will demand that everyone worship the Antichrist who had received a mortal wound, only to miraculously come back to life, at the hand of the False Prophet. Again, this will mimic the true death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; that will be the greatest deception: everyone not chosen, sealed and kept by the power of the Holy Spirit, will believe that this is Jesus Christ returned.

<u>Verse 13</u>: 'And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, ¹⁴ And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.'

The False Prophet will really be something; he will even be able to call down fire from above. Obviously, the fire he calls down does not come from the 3rd Heaven, what we usually think of when we think of Heaven but that will be the deception, that the fire is coming down from the Heaven of God to supposedly be God's sign of approval of these evil, False Prophet and Antichrist.

He will command that a great image of the Antichrist be formed; last time we rehearsed the great image, of himself, Nebuchadnezzar had built and, just like then, everyone will be commanded to worship this great statue, under penalty of death, which the False Prophet will be able to bring to life.

Here, we are told, again, that the Antichrist will be killed and then come back to life.

<u>Verse 15</u>: 'And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.'

This will not be some form of CGI, computer generated imagery. The image of the Beast will have been built, not projected on a screen. This will be the ultimate, the culmination of all these centuries of practiced deception by Satan. Everything he has practiced and perfected, since first appearing in the form of a beautiful, walking, talking serpent, has been developed for this very time; this will be Satan's greatest performance and he will have been given free rein without God's Holy Spirit restraining him. The sum total of all his power will finally be given full display and all the people of the Earth will willingly fall down and worship not only his handiwork but they will actually knowingly worship Satan, himself, which has always been his number one goal: 'I will be like the Most High!' Remember back in verse 4: 'And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?'

For thousands of years, the Chinese have been taught that dragons are good and loving creatures. Our side of the World has been taught to love dragons through many, many different movies and television programs, that dragons can be trained, like dogs, to be faithful, wise and loving companions. All of this has been an

integral part of Satan's long game leading to his next to the last and greatest performance. His last performance, his swan song, will be after the 1000 years of the Millennium is completed when he is loosed the final time, from the Bottomless Pit, to once again deceive the nations to try one last time to defeat the King, the Lord Jesus Christ. After that, Satan will finally be consigned to the Lake of Fire for eternity.

All those on the Earth, except those who will have trusted in Jesus Christ, they will all worship the Dragon, the Antichrist and the False Prophet but none will worship the true God of the Universe. The same is true even now: so many will worship anything, no matter how foolish, other than God Almighty and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. They worship mother earth, gaia; they worship fallen angels in many disguises around the World; they worship wind, fire, water and earth; they worship the Universe... anything and everything except the True God of that Universe.

Verse 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:'

And there it is! The final goal will be to deceive the World into taking that mark after which there will be no hope; they will be damned and condemned, finally to the Lake of Fire after the Final Judgment, after the Millennium.

We are seeing the World being set up for that final Mark of the Beast. The last 3 years have been about governmental control over the population; we've watched as our government has become a beast along with the governments of Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand... every nation which used to be known for their varying degrees of freedom have become more and more Stalinist, Hitler-like and soon to be willingly handed over to the rule of the Antichrist.

The vaccine mandates were meant to control and condition us to finally receive that Mark. Even now, after the truth is coming out about their not only uselessness but, rather, their actual dangerous risks, they are still being pushed, even to children as young as 5 who are virtually without risk of covid.

We are seeing many more things being developed to create our submission: artificially elevated oil prices, the threat of disallowing gas stoves, the massive push toward electric automobiles, completely ignoring the fact that the electricity to charge them is produced in coal fired energy plants. Never mind the facts that many have spontaneously combusted, they are useless without time consuming electric charging, in the face of any mandatory evacuation, they soon become dead derelicts clogging the highways to safety.

Those who will soon, willingly, take on the Mark of the Beast are quietly submitting to all these and many, many more: not only submitting but even trumpeting the wisdom of each one.

Verse 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.'

The nations of the World are swiftly moving to this end; the bank failures have begun; the move to digital finances will be swift and without mercy. Many will lose their life savings. The government will track every transaction, large or small. We will soon see the same type of social credit system being perfected by China; if we submit and obey, we will have a minimal balance to just subsist in constant dependence on the government. If we fail to submit, our meager funds will be frozen or even erased.

A large portion of the World's population will be kept in line through the provision of their drug of choice. We are watching that coalesce even now. All drugs are being decriminalized; soon they will all be legalized, like marijuana and **Psilocybin** are now, and eventually, they will all be provided as a portion of our monthly financial allotment. Remember back during the first half of the Tribulation: 'For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. ²⁰ And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can

see, nor hear, nor walk: ²¹ Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.' Rev 9:19

The Greek word which the Holy Spirit inspired John to use, for 'sorceries,' is pharmakeia, from which are derived our English words, pharmacy and pharmaceuticals... drugs. The use of drugs for the purpose of experiencing the spiritual realm, even if unconsciously, is sorcery and witchcraft.

That will be an important tool in population control; many, even now, will do anything... anything to keep the unfettered flow of their favorite drug... even to, and including, the simple willingness to take a cool looking tattoo on their right hand or forehead.

<u>Verse 18</u>: '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.'

The Mark of the Beast will be one of three things and those who come early will doubtless be able to choose their favorite: his mark or his name or the number of his name which is 666.

The Antichrist has a name; it's probably a name we would all recognize; he is probably a rising star in politics somewhere in the World today. He will have a certain badge or logo which is immediately recognizable: Remember these?



I'm not saying either of these guys is the Antichrist... well, at least, not one of them...

The Antichrist will have his own special Mark or logo and the one wearing it on their hand or forehead will be immediately recognized as a loyal follower of the Antichrist. Conversely, anyone seen without that Mark will immediately be recognized as a traitor, a Christian, someone who must be killed and, so, that person must either stand up and be killed or try to go into hiding somewhere in the wilderness.

Many, many corporate logos, today are stylized pictures of the number 666. Here is the Google Chrome logo, one of the most obvious: see the stylized 666 and see it with the colors removed to more easily see the obvious 666 in it:



666 is everywhere, today, on signs and tattoos, if one has eyes to see it.

The Antichrist's one world government is being formed, today; those with eyes to see it, do.

The absolute control over all the World's population that will be necessary and obligatory during the Antichrist's reign of terror is being formed now; those with eyes to see it, do.

God is in complete control over all things, in all places, at all times and over all people, including the soon coming Antichrist, the False Prophet and Satan, the Dragon. We, who belong to God, are ever in His watchful care at all times and in all places; we have nothing to fear from the World, the government, Satan or his Antichrist; we are the sons and daughters of the rightful King over all Creation, princes and princesses unto God. 'Fear not for I Am with you; I will never leave you or forsake you, even to the end of the World.'