

# The Mark

## A Beastly Comparison

- Four Beasts/Four Living Creatures Before the Throne of God – Perfect Angelic Beings Before the Throne (Ezekiel 1) and Revelation 4:6-11; 6:1-8)
- Two Beasts Coming Up Out of the Sea and the Earth in Revelation – Fallen Demonic Beings – Focused on Death, Destruction, Deception (Revelation 13)

## Preservation of the Sighers and Criers

**Ezekiel 9:1-11 [Ezekiel 8 – Great Abominations, Image of Jealousy, Creeping Things, Abominable Beasts, Idolatry upon the Wall, Women Weeping for Tammuz, Worshipping the Sun]**<sup>1</sup> He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his **destroying weapon** in his hand.<sup>2</sup> And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and **every man a slaughter weapon in his hand**; and **one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side**: and they went in, and **stood** beside the **brasen altar**.<sup>3</sup> And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the **cherub**, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;<sup>4</sup> And the **LORD [Yahweh] said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark [tav from tavah - a mark, signature, to mark out, scratch or imprint] upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations [towebah from ta'ab – detestable, disgusting, an abomination, idolatry, or idol] that be done in the midst thereof.** [Specific Directive of Preservation]<sup>5</sup> And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the **city**, and **smite**: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:<sup>6</sup> **Slay** utterly old and young, both maidens, and little children, and women: but **come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary**. [Specific Directive of Destruction] Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.<sup>7</sup> And he said unto them, **Defile** the house, and **fill the courts with the slain**: go ye forth. And they went forth, and **slew** in the city.<sup>8</sup> And it came to pass, while they were **slaying** them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah **Lord GOD!** wilt thou **destroy** all the residue of Israel in thy **pouring out of thy fury** upon Jerusalem?<sup>9</sup> Then said he unto me, The **iniquity** of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the **land is full of blood**, and the **city full of perverseness**: for **they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth [ra'ah] not**.<sup>10</sup> And as for me also, mine eye shall **not spare, neither will I have pity**, but I will recompense their way upon their head.<sup>11</sup> And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, **I have done as thou hast commanded me.**

## Divisions and Offences

**Romans 16:17-20**<sup>17</sup> Now I beseech [*parakaleo*] you, brethren, **mark** [*skopeo* from *skopos* – to take aim at, regard, to peer about as a skeptic] them which cause **divisions** [disunion, dissension] and **offences** [*skandalon* – a trap-stick, bent sapling, snare causing displeasure of sin] contrary to the **doctrine** [*didache* - instruction] which ye have learned; and **avoid** [*ekklino* – to deviate, to shun, to decline from] them.<sup>18</sup> For they that are such **serve not** [to be a slave to] our Lord Jesus Christ, but their

own belly; and by **good words** [*chrestologia*] and **fair speeches** [*eulogia*] **deceive** [to seduce wholly] the hearts of the **simple**. [*akakos*] <sup>19</sup> For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. <sup>20</sup> And the God of peace shall **bruise Satan** under your feet shortly. The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**

## The Father's Name Written in Foreheads

**Revelation 14:1-5** <sup>1</sup> And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb **stood** [*histemi*] on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his **Father's name written** [*grapho - to grave, to write, to describe*] **in their foreheads**. [*metopon from meta*] <sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: <sup>3</sup> And they sung as it were **a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders**: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were **redeemed** [*agorazo – to go to market, to purchase, to redeem*] **from the earth**. <sup>4</sup> These are they which were **not defiled** [*molyno from melas* to soil, root word means black, blackness] with women; for they are **virgins**. These are they which **follow** [a road, to be in the same way with, to accompany as a disciple] the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were **redeemed** [*agorazo*] **from among men, [Two Instances of Agorazo - Redeemed from the Earth and Men]** being the **firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb**. <sup>5</sup> And in their mouth was found **no guile**: for they are **without fault before the throne** [*thronos*] **of God**.

**Revelation 3:11-13** <sup>11</sup> Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. <sup>12</sup> Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and **I will write** [*grapho - to grave, to write, to describe*] upon him the **name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and **I will write upon him my new name**. <sup>13</sup> He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. [See **Revelation 17:5 – The Great Whore of Babylon – writing upon her forehead Mystery/Mysterion, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth**]

## The Beast – Coming Up Out of the Sea

**Revelation 13:1-10** <sup>1</sup> And I stood [*histemi*] upon the sand of the sea, and saw a **beast** [*therion from thera – a wild, dangerous animal/creature, hunting, destruction*] **rise up out of the sea**, having **seven heads and ten horns**, and upon his **horns ten crowns**, and upon his **heads the name of blasphemy**. [*blasphemia from blasphemos; comprise of two words blapto – to hinder, to injure; pheme – a saying, a rumor*] <sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was **like unto a leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the **dragon gave him his power**, [*exousia*] and his seat, [*thronos*] and great authority. [*megas exousia*] <sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as it were **wounded to death**; and his deadly wound was **healed**: [*therapeuo*] and all the world wondered after the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they **worshipped** [*proskuneo*] the **dragon which gave power** [*exousia*] **unto the beast**: and they **worshipped** [*proskuneo*] the **beast**, saying, Who is like unto the **beast**? who is able to make **war** [*polemeo from polemos – to be engaged in warfare, a single or a series of battles*] with him? <sup>5</sup> And there was given unto him a mouth **speaking great** [*megas*] **things and blasphemies**; and **power** [*exousia*] was given unto him to continue forty and two months. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy against God**, to **blaspheme his name**, and **his tabernacle**, and them that **dwell in heaven**. <sup>7</sup> And it was given unto him to make **war** [*polemos – to engage in warfare in a single or series of*

battles] with the saints, and to overcome [nikao – to subdue] them: and power [exousia] was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.<sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship [proskuneo] him, whose names are not written [grapho - to grave, to write, to describe] in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.<sup>9</sup> If any man have an ear, let him hear.<sup>10</sup> 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.

## Another Beast - Coming Up Out of the Earth

**Revelation 13:11-18** <sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> And he exerciseth all the power [exousia] 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. [therapeuo]<sup>13</sup> And he doeth great [megas] wonders, [signs] so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,<sup>14</sup> And deceiveth [planao from plane – roam away from, to stray] 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 [lego] 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.<sup>15</sup> And he had power to give life [pneuma] unto the image [Contrast - Image of Elohim vs. Image/Eikon of the Beast] of the beast, that the image [eikon – a likeness, statue, profile, representation, resemblance] of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image [eikon] of the beast should be killed.<sup>16</sup> And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] in their right hand, or in their foreheads:<sup>17</sup> And that no man might buy [agorazo] or sell, save he that had the mark, [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.<sup>18</sup> 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 and the Hour of the Judgment of God

**Revelation 14:6-12** <sup>6</sup> And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel [euangelion] to preach [euaggelizo] unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,<sup>7</sup> Saying with a loud [megas] voice, Fear God, and give glory [doxa] to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship [proskuneo] him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.<sup>8</sup> And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.<sup>9</sup> And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud [megas] voice, If any man worship [proskuneo] the beast and his image, [eikon] and receive his mark [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] in his forehead, or in his hand,<sup>10</sup> The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture [undiluted] into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:<sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest [intermission, recreation] day nor night, who worship [proskuneo] the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] of his name.<sup>12</sup> Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep [tereo] the commandments of God, and the faith [pistis] of Jesus.

## **Victory Over the Beast**

**Revelation 15:1-8** <sup>1</sup> And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. <sup>2</sup> And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory [nikao from nike – to subdue, conquer, the means of success] over the beast, and over his image, [eikon] and over his mark, [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] and over the number of his name, stand [histemi] on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. <sup>3</sup> And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. <sup>4</sup> Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship [proskuneo] before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. <sup>5</sup> And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: <sup>6</sup> And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. <sup>7</sup> And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup> And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory [doxa] of God, and from his power; [dunamis] and no man was able [dunamai] to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. [teleo from telos]

## **Pouring Out of the Wrath of God Upon Those with the Mark of the Beast**

**Revelation 16:1-2** <sup>1</sup> And I heard a great [megas] voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. [Spiritual Place in Heaven Focusing on World Events] <sup>2</sup> And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] of the beast, and upon them which worshipped [proskuneo] his image.

## **Lake of Fire**

**Revelation 19:19-20** <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war [polemos – to engage in warfare in a single or series of battles] against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, [piazo - to squeeze, seize, arrest, capture; Who captured the beast and false prophet?] and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark [charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image] of the beast, and them that worshipped [proskuneo] his image. [eikon] These both were cast [ballo – to throw] alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

**Revelation 20:7-15** <sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, <sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive [planao from plane – roam away from, to stray] the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: [polemos – to engage in warfare in a single or series of battles] the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth [the width] of the earth, and compassed [to encircle, surround; root means a ring, cycle, in a circle, all around] the camp [a throwing in beside, battle-array, encampment or barracks] of the saints [hagios] about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived [planao from plane – roam away from, to stray] them was cast [ballo – to throw] into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented [to torture] day and night for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great

**white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, stand [*histemi*] before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [*thanatos and hades*] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.<sup>14</sup> And death and hell [*thanatos and hades*] were cast [*ballo – to throw*] into the lake of fire. This is the second death.<sup>15</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.

**Matthew 25:41** <sup>41</sup> Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

### Living and Reigning with Christ a Thousand Years

**Revelation 20:1-6** <sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless [abyssos – depthless, abyss] pit and a great [*megas*] chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold [*krateo*] on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,<sup>3</sup> And cast [*ballo – to throw*] him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal [*sphragizo – to stamp with a signet or private mark for security or preservation, to keep secret, to attest*] upon him, that he should deceive [*planao from plane – roam away from, to stray*] the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. [*chronos*]<sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped [*proskuneo*] the beast, neither his image, [*eikon*] neither had received his mark [*charagma – a scratch or etching, stamp, or a sculptured image*] upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.<sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.<sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.