

SYMBOLISM

THE MARK

All through the Bible there are symbolisms. The book of Revelation is 99.9% symbolism. God uses symbolism in part, I believe, to simplify across the ages, a thought or command. But in OUR wisdom we try to elevate things to a higher plane and in doing so lose track of the simple meaning. Sometimes the meanings are obscured by translation errors or the fact that our language does not express in a word or phrase the idea God had inspired in the original writer. This is why it is so important to understand the age in which the Word was written, who wrote it and to whom it was written. There are those who will argue that all Word was written to all mankind for all times and this is true. BUT it was written by a person who was defined by the intellect and circumstances that person was living in, to be understood by people of his time. That is why God commanded parents to teach their children. Alas parents did not do this. There are many 200, 300 and 400 year gaps in the fellowship of man and God. In each of these lapses of devotion, meaning is lost and must be regained and redefined. But Christ has sent a Counselor to help and guide us. We must however be moving to be guided by this Spirit.

So on to the point. "THE MARK OF" is a good example of symbolism gone awry. See Ex 28:38, Rev 9:4, 13:16, 14:9, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4 and 22:3-5.

POINT 1: The symbolism of "THE MARK OF" can be a good thing or a bad thing depending upon the source of the mark. What is the source of your MARKS?

POINT 2: What is this mark? Does God or the antichrist come down and brand, tattoo, or place a chip under the skin on your forehead or hand? No I don't think so.

POINT 2A: The mark of the forehead is what you believe, your faith, what is in your heart that directs your faith and belief system. This is your MARK of salvation.

POINT 2B: The mark of the hand is your works. It is how you live your life. How have you worshiped. Who have you aided, who have you mistreated? This is your mark of rewards or,,, judgement.

In prejudgment times the true mark of the forehead is truly seen only by God. In the end times it will be clearly seen by all. The mark of the hand, on the other hand (pun intended) is there for all to see. This mark can be somewhat faked. We can display to those around us a character we wish to project. But God always knows our true works. We will be rewarded or judged in line with our true forehead and hand MARKS.