



THE SEAL *of* GOD — AND — THE MARK *of* THE BEAST

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY?

A Biblical Exploration of God's Seal,
the Mark of the Beast, and
the Difference Between Them

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in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."*

EPHESIANS 1:13

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The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast

I don't know about you, but as a young and even not-so-young Christian, these terms truly confused me, and in a way, scared me. So, for a long time, I just ignored them. Then, a few years ago, I stumbled upon an eBook called *The Seal of God: The Sign of God's Approval* by Carol Zarka. Now, let me be clear: I am not recommending this book. I did, however, read it, and to be honest, became even more confused.

So I turned to more 'well-known' authors to better understand it. I suppose this is my process. I need to read, research, and draw conclusions. Since I've spent my life doing this in the medical setting, why not approach my desire to understand God's word in the same way?

What is the Seal of God & What is its Purpose?

You may be surprised to learn that there is more than one seal. Essentially, they break down to the Present Day Seal of God and the Tribulation Seal of God. I know that may seem strange, but for me, that is what it boils down to.

However, let's begin with the question: what is the purpose of a seal? Historically, a seal proved something to be genuine. Think of the signet ring of a king. When he put his 'seal' on a document (placing an impression of the ring in melted wax), it proved it came from him and identified it as genuine. It also signified ownership. The document belonged to the king.

The Seal of God, therefore, identifies those who have it as belonging to him, that we are the genuine article.

Present Day Seal of God

As a believer in Jesus Christ, having accepted him as your personal Savior and Lord, you have been marked with him with a seal, and the seal is the Holy Spirit, who resides in you.

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit (highlight is mine). [Ephesians 1:13](#)

... set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:22

God Placed a Seal on Jesus

Before sealing us with the Holy Spirit, God placed his seal of approval on Jesus.

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” [John 6:27](#)

I find this significant, for God placed a seal on his Son, which showed God's approval of him. Then, after his death and resurrection, Jesus gave us his Holy Spirit, which acts as our seal, as our mark! So God approved Jesus, and he gives us his Spirit, which identifies us as his. So, in essence, by being sealed through the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, God approves of us.

Holy Spirit is our Seal

When we become believers and accept Christ, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who resides in us. He has many roles, which I will discuss later (in another post), but a significant one is to identify us as Christ's. When we come before God, the presence of the Holy Spirit is what identifies us as His Children. This seal also guarantees our eternal safety, especially for what is to come.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [Ephesians 4:30](#)

For now, this mark or seal is not visible, at least not to us. God and his Son Jesus Christ may see a mark upon us. Maybe Satan and his demons may see

something on or in us that identifies us as belonging to Christ, but I have no proof of that.

Tribulation Seal of God

This will be a visible seal placed on the forehead. It will be placed on two different groups of people. First, it will be the 144,000 Jewish witnesses (12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel), whom God will send to proclaim the word of God to all those who remain in darkness, who are unbelievers. They will spread the gospel of truth to an unbelieving world. The seal will not only identify them as belonging to God, but will also provide protection.

“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. [Revelation 7:3-43](#)

Tribulation Saints

Then, some come to faith during the Tribulation period: the Tribulation saints. They too will receive a mark, or seal, upon their foreheads. It will be a visible mark that identifies them as being God's. Although I did not find a specific passage stating that, Revelation 9:4 allows me to believe that Tribulation saints will be identified as belonging to God.

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (highlight is mine) [Revelation 9:44](#)

God's Protection

So, I believe that we can infer God's protection against some ravages of the Tribulation upon those who believe in Him, who have been sealed by Him and marked upon their foreheads with God's and Jesus' names. In addition, two scripture verses tell us that those who belong to God will not have to endure the same suffering as non-believers. I suppose that these passages may be extrapolated to the Tribulation saints.

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [1 Thessalonians 5:99](#)

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. [Revelation 3:10](#)

Invisible and Visible Mark

Although our seal or mark is not visible today, it will be visible on the Tribulation saints. That mark, or seal, will be the name of God our Father, and the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, imprinted on the foreheads of believers. It will separate them from those who follow Satan and who are eternally damned.

It will also allow the Antichrist to selectively persecute, torture, and kill the followers of Jesus Christ. On one hand, the seal protects the Tribulation saints from God's wrath upon the earth, but it also identifies them for persecution and death at the hands of the Antichrist.

Mark of the Beast

There is, however, one more mark or seal that we need to discuss, and that is the Mark of the Beast. That mark seals its wearer to an eternity of damnation, for it identifies the wearer as belonging to Satan, as being a worshiper of Satan. That mark makes them his.

What is the Mark of the Beast?

During the second half of the Tribulation period, also called the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist will demand that all people worship him (or his image) and receive his mark on their head or hand. Since Satan is a great copycat, always wanting what God has, he now replicates God's seal with his personal mark.

The threat posed by the Mark of the Beast

However, his mark becomes required to sell or purchase anything during the last three and a half years of the Tribulation. It carries a threat of starvation if you do not possess it. However, it also carries a far greater, more profound threat. It signifies the wearer as belonging to Satan and implies being a Satan worshiper. Hence, forever damning the wearer to hell.

It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666. [Revelation 13:16-18](#)

Just as God's seal upon the foreheads of believers will be his and Jesus' name, the mark of the beast will be the Antichrist's name. Scripture gives it only as a number: 666.

Children of God Series and the Seal of God:

In the Children of Light series of books, I've taken the liberty of presenting the seal of God as the light that shines in those of us who are the Children of God. This is seen by those who are lost in darkness.

Blessings,

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NOTE: All scripture passages are from the Jesus Bible, New International Version.

NOTE 2: If you want to go deeper, you may want to explore my devotional book, SEALED. It is available on any Amazon site worldwide.

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