

**THE BEAST SYSTEM VS. THE LAW OF יהוה**  
*Scriptural Proof of the Mark of the Beast*

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And יהוה answered him, “The first of all the commandments is, ‘Hear Yisrael, יהוה is our Elohim, יהוה is one: And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.’ ”

Mark 12:29-30

Our study begins with the opening Scripture seen just above; it is a record of the Messiah teaching us the greatest and most preeminent commandment in all of the Torah. The Messiah came to bring life and immortality to light through the Good News<sup>1</sup> and it is His very words which will reveal to us the precise nature of what is commonly known in our days as “the mark of the beast.” This study proclaims the Good News of the Kingdom: יהוה reigns!<sup>2</sup> He is the Sovereign King over all things and His counsel, plans, and purposes will stand to the ages.<sup>3</sup> No one can turn back His stretched out hand; יהוה sits as King forever, although we do not presently see all things in subjection under His feet. That which He has determined will come to pass, with or without us, and so it behooves us to continually humble ourselves before Him through fasting and prayer.<sup>4</sup> Because the age enduring Kingship of יהוה is the Good News of the Kingdom, it is not surprising that, at the very end of this age, when Satan’s mystery of lawlessness has gained its greatest power and momentum, our Creator’s Kingship will be

brazenly and diametrically opposed. The decrees of Satan, the Devil, via the world-ruling, political-religious beast system—a system so labeled because its advocates are totally devoid of true understanding<sup>5</sup>—will totally reverse the Law of יהוה, the King of the Universe. And instead of the death sentence falling upon those who flagrantly disobey the Torah,<sup>6</sup> the death sentence will be decreed upon those who “keep His commandments.”<sup>7</sup> Yet the second death will have no power over those who “keep the commandments of יהוה and the testimony of יהוה:”

*Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and to enter through the gates into the city.*

Revelation 22:14, 12:17, 14:12

As these days draw near, we must cleave to יהוה, seeking Him through fasting and prayer<sup>8</sup> to the end that we may be among those described by the Word of the Most High through the prophet Isaiah:

*For thus says the High and Lofty One that inhabits the ages, whose Name is Set Apart: I dwell in the high and separate place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones ... For all those*

<sup>1</sup> 1Timothy 1:10

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 97:1, Isaiah 52:7, Acts 10:36. יהוה is the Name of our Creator, the Name which the Savior teaches His followers to set apart and honor in our prayers and in our lives. The reverence behind honoring the Name is the “Key of David” because the secret counsel of יהוה is for those who fear Him, for those who revere His Qadosh Name. Psalm 61:5, Malachi 4:2, Matthew 6:9 Solomon would later write likewise when teaching, “The fear of יהוה is the beginning of knowledge.” Proverbs 1:7

<sup>3</sup> Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 46:10

<sup>4</sup> 2Chronicles 34:27, 1Peter 5:6

<sup>5</sup> Psalm 49:12,20

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 2:17, Ezekiel 18:24, Acts 5:1-10, Romans 1:32, Hebrews 10:28

<sup>7</sup> Romans 3:31, 1Corinthians 7:19, 1John 5:1-3, Revelation 11:7, 12:17, 13:7,15, 14:12, 20:1-4

<sup>8</sup> Daniel 9:3, Zephaniah 2:3, Matthew 9:15, 2Corinthians 6:5, 11:27

*has My hand made, and all those things have been, says יהוה: but to this one will I look, to one that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My Word.”*

Isaiah 57:15, 66:2

The fullest understanding of the Word of יהוה abides with those who walk in humility and contrition before Him and this understanding is something which the Messiah directs us to continually seek.<sup>9</sup> Yet truly seeking יהוה only occurs if/when we are upholding the testimonies of His Torah.<sup>10</sup>

*Blessed are they that do His testimonies,  
that seek Him with the whole heart.*

Psalms 119:2

Thanks be to יהוה that His prophetic Word provides much for us to glean regarding this momentous subject. Each of us owes a great duty of love, service, and worship to the One in whose Hand are held our life-breath and all our ways.<sup>11</sup>

In obedience to the teachings of the Messiah of Yisrael,<sup>12</sup> this work holds in highest honor the eternal Name of יהוה.<sup>13</sup> יהוה is the Most High King over all the earth; He is the Mighty One of Yisrael; and He is the Father of all who have believed on the Name of His Son. We also honor the Name of the Son of יהוה, יהושע the Messiah, the Name which is commonly, but erroneously translated as “Jesus”. We believe the titles of deity which are commonly used in today’s worship (such as “LORD” and “God”) are titles based in the traditions of men and that such traditions subsequently nullify the *Third Commandment*—which enjoins age-abiding reverence for His Name.<sup>14</sup> Of course, we pray that many will see such traditions were

<sup>9</sup> Matthew 7:7-8

<sup>10</sup> Psalm 119:2, Romans 3:31, Matthew 5:17-20

<sup>11</sup> Daniel 5:23, 1Samuel 12:24

<sup>12</sup> See Matthew 6:9, John 17:6, 11, 12, 26, Hebrews 6:10, Revelation 3:12, 11:18, 14:1, 15:4, 22:4

<sup>13</sup> Exodus 3:15

<sup>14</sup> Exodus 20:7, Matthew 15:6, Mark 7:13

ultimately designed to conceal the coming of the Messiah and to negate the Savior’s ministry as Prophet, Priest, and King:

2000 years ago, יהושע the Messiah came in His Father’s Name as a *Prophet*.<sup>15</sup> He is now risen from the dead and ascended into the Presence of יהוה in the heavens to serve as our *High Priest*—whose very purpose and ministry, currently, is to further reveal the Name of יהוה and keep us in its power.<sup>16</sup> And this same יהושע will return in the Name of יהוה to reign as *King* over all the earth.<sup>17</sup>

### ***The Mark of the Beast and the Prevailing Lawlessness***

What is the truth behind the world-renowned and historically famous “mark of the beast?” Most Christians are busy awaiting the much-dreaded, computer-code-based mark of control which, as multitudes predict, is supposedly slated to be imposed *on* or even *inside* the physical body by a looming, one-world government. Along these same lines, and since such things are related to commerce (i.e., buying and selling) many have speculated an implanted microchip will be the fulfillment of the prophecies which relate to this “mark of the beast.”<sup>18</sup> Still others speculate it is all related to the implementation of the “smart card.” But while spectacular speculations and theological theories make for a good return on book sales and personal profiteering, such things do not feed the sheep of יהוה. As we will see, those who have rejected the prophetic and age abiding Torah can never understand “the mystery of lawlessness”<sup>19</sup> which is behind

<sup>15</sup> Deuteronomy 18:18,19, John 5:43, 10:25

<sup>16</sup> John 17:3,11,26; Hebrews 2:12, 1Peter 1:5

<sup>17</sup> Psalm 102:16, 118:26, Isaiah 30:27, Zechariah 14:9, Matthew 23:39, Luke 13:35

<sup>18</sup> Revelation 13:16-17

<sup>19</sup> 2Thessalonians 2:7 (note: “iniquity” = “lawlessness”). After indicating the Torah of יהוה would span across all 1000 generations prophesied in the history of mankind (Matthew 5:17-20, Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 105:8), the Messiah then warned His followers that anti-Torah “lawlessness” would be the very thing that will cause Him to cast out many believers from His Presence in the

“the mark of the beast.” As goes the actual truth of the matter, the prophetic Word of יהוה clearly warns how the mark of the beast system is being received (even now) by those who subscribe to Satan’s mystery of lawlessness.

*We must realize spiritual marks of allegiance are not necessarily evident to the naked eye of those who are yet living in the physical realm.*<sup>20</sup>

This work puts speculation and theories to rest in light of the clear, Eternal Word of the Messiah Himself. As we study this topic, the very issue surrounding the appearance of the AntiMessiah<sup>21</sup> becomes the most telling and instructive indicator for those seeking to understand the truth of the matter. That issue is one of *allegiance*: it is an issue of who we have determined to serve and obey.<sup>22</sup> For it was prophesied many centuries ago that false prophets would arise among the people and attempt to lead them astray from the commandments of יהוה.<sup>23</sup> Those prophets, Mosheh/Moses warned, would even use *miraculous signs and wonders of falsehood* in an attempt to lead others into anti-Torah rebellion. But this brings us to another question:

*“If there is, has been, and will be an effort to pull others away from the commandments of the Torah via the miraculous, then just how amazing and miraculous must the Torah itself be, once we begin to understand it?”*

The apostle Sha’ul also warned of this “mystery of lawlessness”<sup>24</sup>—the widespread

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coming Kingdom. Matthew 7:21-23 Thus, the need to be doers of the Torah (Matthew 7:24-25, Romans 2:13, James 4:11), doers of the Law of Liberty. James 1:22-25, Psalm 119:45, John 8:31-32

<sup>20</sup> Ezekiel 9:4-9, Revelation 14:1, 22:4

<sup>21</sup> (this is the term we will use for the AntiChrist)

<sup>22</sup> Matthew 6:24, Romans 6:16

<sup>23</sup> Deuteronomy 13:1-4

<sup>24</sup> “Lawlessness” is often translated as “iniquity,” but it refers to the lives of those who have rejected the immutable Torah of יהוה, the Word which He has commanded across the many eons of time still before us

deception which Satan would spawn among all the nations of the world to lead them away from the Law of the Most High. This same first century emissary also indicated *signs and wonders* would be used as a satanic front to inspire disobedience to the commandments of יהוה.<sup>25</sup> In the book of *Revelation*, the emissary Yochanan/John warned likewise.<sup>26</sup> We will visit these many Scripture texts in detail momentarily. But first, let us look at the undeniable contrasts surrounding this all-important issue. In contrast to all of this Satan-inspired, anti-Torah lawlessness, יהושע the Messiah—the Messiah of Yisrael and the Savior of the whole world—kept and taught the Eternal Torah of יהוה.<sup>27</sup> And not only did the Messiah uphold the Standard of true righteousness as He kept and taught the Torah of יהוה, He declared all of His followers who did likewise would be rewarded with greatness in the Kingdom of יהוה.<sup>28</sup> Yet we are warned the spirit of the anti-Messiah operates in a manner which is quite the opposite as he advocates either subtle or open anti-Torah lawlessness. The Life and Example of יהושע the Messiah give us the following contrasts:

- The Messiah vs. the anti-Messiah ...
- Law vs. lawlessness ...
- Righteousness vs. unrighteousness
- Good vs. evil ...
- Uprightness vs. sin and perversity ...
- Light vs. darkness ...

One would think that these contrasts, alone, should be enough to awaken those in the Christian world who still imagine our Savior abolished the age-enduring decrees of the Torah. But, sadly, this is not the case.

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in man’s history on the earth. See Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 105:8

<sup>25</sup> 2Thessalonians 2:7-9

<sup>26</sup> Revelation 13:13-18, 16:13,14

<sup>27</sup> Matthew 5:17-20, 19:17-19, John 15:10, 1John 2:3-6, Revelation 12:17

<sup>28</sup> Matthew 5:19

*The current study will show how it is only through both understanding and keeping/upholding the commandments of יהוה that we can be made wise against the schemes of our spiritual Enemy, the devil.*<sup>29</sup>

And, indeed, we will see the kingdom of darkness has completely aligned itself against the light which emanates from the Torah of יהוה. Yet Satan is further inflamed against any who would be bold in keeping the commandments of the light-giving Torah.<sup>30</sup> For it is the Torah which gives forth the light of יהוה,<sup>31</sup> even as Solomon wrote:

*“For the commandment is a lamp and the Torah is light” ...*  
Proverbs 6:23<sup>32</sup>

Hence, it is also through the commandments of יהוה that we shall expose the darkness and the strongly prevailing intrigue which are behind the “mark of the beast.” Through the written and Living Word, the splendor which ever shines forth from the Kingdom of Light now shines in the darkness; and no amount of darkness will ever affect to conceal it:

*“And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*  
John 1:10, ISRV

### ***The Word of יהוה Reveals the Mark of the Beast***

Numerous teachings abound regarding the mark of the beast. Christians are busy warning others about the relationship between modern technology and the prophesied number of the AntiMessiah’s name, 666. Computers, product codes, and the new currency have been cited as part of the one-world takeover. Yet while these things *may* be the *physical manifestation* of Satan’s imminent beast system—to be

<sup>29</sup> Psalm 111:10, 119:98-100, 2Corinthians 2:11

<sup>30</sup> 2Timothy 3:12, Revelation 12:17

<sup>31</sup> Isaiah 2:5

<sup>32</sup> The author of Tehillim/Psalms 119 and the prophet Isaiah wrote likewise. Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 2:1-5

headed by the evil, one-world ruler, the AntiMessiah—they cast no light on the ultimate evil, the spiritual intrigue, behind controlling the nations of the earth and leading them into the biggest system of false worship and *lawlessness* ever to be seen in all of history. Unfortunately, the majority of Christians are too busy teaching others about the superficial aspects of the beast system to realize they are also failing to see how the spirit of the AntiMessiah is working to establish the beast system by completely annulling the Creator’s Law. Unless we can perceive this, we too will fail to see the clear warning which we are provided in the Word of יהוה regarding the mark of the beast:

*Satan—the spirit of the AntiMessiah—has led and will yet lead the world in blatant opposition to the immutable Law of the Creator.*

Not only does the emissary Sha’ul label the AntiMessiah as “the lawless one,”<sup>33</sup> but the prophet Daniel also warned that he shall “think to change the times and the law.”<sup>34</sup> Recall that all of the prophetic dilemmas faced by Daniel and his three friends in Babylon were the result of a king’s edict, and nearly all such decrees<sup>35</sup> made it necessary for the captive Israelis to choose between serving יהוה and obeying His commandments (even in the face of death) or compromising their faith and the Almighty’s truth.<sup>36</sup> In like manner, the AntiMessiah and his false prophet will dazzle the world with deceptive signs and wonders of falsehood,<sup>37</sup> but only for the purpose of leading the nations in a rebellious turn from and against the Law of יהוה.<sup>38</sup> And part of this lawlessness will be a prevailing hatred<sup>39</sup> towards the people of the

<sup>33</sup> 2 Thessalonians 2:8, NASB

<sup>34</sup> Daniel 7:25

<sup>35</sup> (except one, Daniel 2:12)

<sup>36</sup> See Daniel 1:5, 8; 3:8-12; 6:5-10

<sup>37</sup> 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10, Revelation 13:13,14

<sup>38</sup> Psalm 2:1-3, 119:126

<sup>39</sup> In light of Romans 2:1, the slanderous, false allegations of “hate speech”—allegations being leveled

Most High; from all evidence, this hatred will lead to the death sentence being decreed upon those who will not compromise their stance in upholding the immutable Torah of יהוה. It is amazing to see that even ancient Yisrael received a *prophetic warning* against the AntiMessiah (along with his deceptive signs and wonders) some thirty-five hundred years ago:

*If there arises among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, whereof he spoke to you, saying, "Let us go after other deities, which you have not known, and let us serve them," you shall not hearken to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for יהוה your Elohim proves you, to know whether you love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. Deuteronomy 13:1-3*

Compare the above lines with Sha'ul's nearly identical warning of the AntiMessiah's false signs and wonders which Satan will use to deceive the whole world. Through such signs and wonders, Satan will pull those who practice lawlessness into the inescapable vortex of inevitable doom:

*For the mystery of lawlessness does already work: only he who now restrains will do so, until he is taken out of the way. And then shall the Lawless One be revealed, whom the Sovereign shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those that*

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against those who stand for the truth of Scripture—are already showing evidence of those who are really the culprits of hatred and duplicity. It is those who want nothing to do with the Creator and His Word who are breeding the hatred. Thus, they both hate and reject His Word as well as those who believe in it. Psalm 2:1-3, Matthew 24:9, John 15:19

*perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

2 Thessalonians 2:7-10

These wonders are empowered by the Devil's anti-Torah scheme of unrighteousness. Yet even though they had been warned, ancient Yisrael still succumbed to false teachings and to the pagan pull of the nations by which they were surrounded. They largely fell away from the Torah, and as their faith was undermined, their families and society also fell under the weight of judgment; ultimately, the nation suffered terrible punishments and captivity.<sup>40</sup>

Some 1500 years after the ancient warning for Yisrael to be on the alert against false prophets<sup>41</sup>—so defined because they were advocates of lawlessness—Yochanan/John wrote this warning to the early followers of יהושע:

*"... and this is that spirit of AntiMessiah, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now it is already in the world."*

1John 4:3

The anti-Torah, rebellious spirit was at work in the first century assembly of Messianic believers, for it had already been at work from the very beginning.<sup>42</sup> The apostle Sha'ul warned the Thessalonians that "the mystery of lawlessness is already at work,"<sup>43</sup> even as Balaam taught Balak to entice Yisrael to violate the Law of יהוה, so there were those among the early believers who did likewise.<sup>44</sup> To be sure, the aforementioned *physical manifestations* of the mounting, one-world, religious-political system<sup>45</sup> are certainly

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<sup>40</sup> Proverbs 14:34

<sup>41</sup> Deuteronomy 13:1-3

<sup>42</sup> John 8:44

<sup>43</sup> 2Thessalonians 2:7, NASB

<sup>44</sup> Revelation 2:14

<sup>45</sup> If studied, one will learn that ancient pagan practices have now completely infiltrated nearly every sector of the world's major religions. Because all believers in the Messiah become part of the Olive Tree of Yisrael (Romans 11:13-26, Ephesians 2:11-13), we are called by the Messiah to uphold His Father's Torah (Matthew

something to be kept in mind, but unless a person is able to perceive the *spiritual principles* of the Law of יהוה—the Law which, even now, the beast system increasingly violates on a worldwide basis—there is a great possibility of being swept away with the masses as they are spellbound by the AntiMessiah in Satan’s fiercest revolt ever against the fast-approaching Kingdom of יהוה.<sup>46</sup> יהוה knows man’s tendency to “go along with the crowd,” and He strictly warns us against such a course:

“You shall not follow a multitude to do evil.”  
Exodus 23:2

Consider Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Despite the compromise of the majority by which they were surrounded, those men refused to bow before the image of Nebuchadnezzar knowing that upon losing their favor with the king they would be thrown into the burning furnace.<sup>47</sup> Have you ever asked yourself this question?

“Did their keeping of the Second Commandment<sup>48</sup> fall under the realm of “works of the law” or were their actions “faith working through love?”<sup>49</sup>

Certainly, the *loving* obedience of these three men stemmed from the latter. Theirs was an occasion of “faith working through love.” And we note this *love* resulted in their faithfully keeping/upholding the Second Commandment, *even in the face of a terrible death*. A legalist, in the true sense of the word, would have had no such staying power and would have soon bent, buckled, or broken under such duress. This brings us to still another question:

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5:17-20, Romans 2:13, 3:31) as we come out of the world of religious practices which may be traced backwards across the pages of history to Babylonian paganism. Revelation 17:1-5

<sup>46</sup> Revelation 13:3,8

<sup>47</sup> Daniel 3:8-23

<sup>48</sup> (Exodus 20:4-6, the commandment which forbids the worship of false images)

<sup>49</sup> Galatians 3:2, 5:6, 1John 5:3,4

“Were Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah being *legalistic* in their staunch refusal to serve the carnal wishes of an evil and idolatrous king?”

Certainly not. And were these men “cut off from Messiah,”<sup>50</sup> as so many in our days would judge them to be based on their desire to honor יהוה and His commandments above the wishes of men? They were most certainly *not* cut off from the Messiah, for it was “One like the Son of Elohim” who saved them from the fire.<sup>51</sup> And this same issue will be seen, once more, on a still larger scale in the time of the end. We note Nebuchadnezzar’s image was sixty cubits tall and six cubits wide—not quite the 666 as it was not the fullness of time. But this incident was manifestly prophetic of the End Time, false worship which the AntiMessiah will thrust upon the deceived nations of the world. Just like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, faithful believers will be made to choose between false worship and death.<sup>52</sup> And even now, as Satan’s mystery of lawlessness increases in power, the great falling away is nearing completion,<sup>53</sup> those who honor the true teachings of Scripture have become greatly diminished in number. And the situation will worsen; those who have ears to hear will become fewer and farther between as Satan’s mystery of lawlessness puts the finishing few touches on amalgamating Christianity with the world. In many respects, statistics and observation show there is already little difference. For instance, the divorce rate among those professing to believe the Bible is nearly the same as that which is seen in the world. And if we are not to be conformed to this world,<sup>54</sup> then neither should we reject the Torah as the world now does, casting off restraint as though the Law of יהוה was a

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<sup>50</sup> Galatians 5:4

<sup>51</sup> Daniel 3:24-25

<sup>52</sup> Revelation 13:8,15

<sup>53</sup> 2Thessalonians 2:3, 2Timothy 4:3

<sup>54</sup> Jeremiah 10:2-3, Romans 12:1-2

scourge of cords and fetters of bondage.<sup>55</sup> Yisrael was commanded to refuse the pagan practices of the nations by which they were surrounded,<sup>56</sup> and the implications for us are inescapable: Had Yisrael obeyed יהוה, their city and nation would have remained, they would have welcomed the Messiah at His first appearing, and the Torah of יהוה would have become the Constitution of the Worldwide Messianic Government! Of course, Yisrael unwittingly rejected their Messiah, so that Government is now looming as a *certainty* for the very near future.

Daniel and his three friends stood alone against the pagan practices of the false worship in Babel/Babylon, and so will it be among those who are faithful unto death in the time of the End. Through faith in the shed blood of יהושע<sup>57</sup> it will be possible to stand opposed to the Adversary's beast system which ever has, and ever will, set itself in direct and blatant opposition to the First Four Laws of the Kingdom of יהוה. While the foremost Law of the Kingdom of יהוה involves "the Shema," upholding the First Four Commandments of the Decalogue is a large part of fulfilling the greatest commandment in all of the Torah. When asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" יהושע replied that the Shema was the foremost and preeminent mitzvoh, or commandment:

*"The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear,<sup>58</sup> Yisrael; יהוה יהוה' our Elohim, יהוה יהוה' is one: and you shall love יהוה יהוה' your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment."*  
Mark 12:29-30

This preeminent command is called "the Shema" because it begins with the Hebrew word "Shema," meaning "hear." We will see

<sup>55</sup> Psalm 2:1-3

<sup>56</sup> Deuteronomy 12:29-31, Jeremiah 10:2-3

<sup>57</sup> Revelation 12:11

<sup>58</sup> Hear = "Shema"

that this "first commandment," the Shema, encapsulates each of the *First Four Commandments* in the Decalogue; for it is these Four, preeminent Commands which define "the love of יהוה." The latter five commandments of the Decalogue (6-10) sum up expressions of true love for others.<sup>59</sup> Unless we love our neighbor, our worship (i.e., our love for יהוה and observance of "the first commandment," the Shema) is in vain. And יהוה said this very thing through Jeremiah:

*8 Behold, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit. 9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10 and come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My Name, and say, "We are delivered," that you may do all these abominations?"*  
Jeremiah 7:8-10

And יהושע taught likewise as He stated the second greatest commandment—to love one's neighbor as oneself—is like "the first.":

*"And the second is like it, namely this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*  
Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39

While the first command, the Shema, involved loving יהוה with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength, the second was like it—loving one's neighbor as oneself. Apart from having done the second, a person will also have failed to do the first. Yochanan/John wrote similarly,

*"If a man does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love Elohim who he has not seen?"*  
1John 4:20

That this is the case may be readily seen as we study the chart on the following page. >>

<sup>59</sup> The Fifth Commandment, to honor our father and mother, is really part of the First Table and this command is a transition between the first four and the last five commands seen in the Decalogue.

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# *The Beast System vs. the Law of YHWH*

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<i>Exodus 20:3-11</i>	<i>Mark 12:30</i>	<i>Revelation 20:4</i>
"I am YHWH your Elohim who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage..."	"Hear Yisrael, YHWH is our Elohim, YHWH is one. And you shall love YHWH your Elohim" ...	Of the victorious believers who will partake in the First Resurrection, it is written that they ...
<b>I.</b> "You shall have <b>no other deities</b> before Me" ...	<b>I.</b> "with all your <b>heart</b> " ...	<b>I.</b> " <b>worshipped not the beast</b> " ...
<b>II.</b> "You shall not make to yourself any graven <b>image</b> " ...	<b>II.</b> "with all your <b>soul</b> " ...	<b>II.</b> "neither his <b>image</b> " ...
<b>III.</b> "You shall not take the <b>Name</b> of YHWH your Elohim in vain" ...	<b>III.</b> "with all your <b>mind</b> " ...	<b>III.</b> "...neither had received the mark upon their <b>foreheads</b> " ...
<b>IV.</b> "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it set apart; six days you shall <b>labor</b> and do all your <b>work</b> " ...	<b>IV.</b> "and with all your <b>strength</b> ."	<b>IV.</b> "or in their <b>hands</b> " ...

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Reading the chart horizontally, it becomes clear that we are seeing an alignment with each of the First Four Commandments all the way across. This is a telling revelation as it shows us the Beast System of the AntiMessiah will be diametrically opposed to the Law of YHWH:

**I.** Those who love YHWH with all their **heart** will have **no other deities** before Him; they will not **worship the beast**.

**II.** Those who love YHWH with all their **soul** will not make to themselves any graven **image**; and so, they will not worship the beast's **image** ...

**III.** Those who love YHWH with all their **mind** will not take the **Name** of YHWH in vain; they will not receive the mark of the beast's **name** upon their **forehead**.

**IV.** Those who love YHWH with all their **strength** will **labor** for Him within the six days and rest on the Seventh as imitators of the Father; they will not receive the mark of the beast's name upon their **hand**.



As seen from the above chart, the First Four Commandments of the Decalogue (i.e., the Ten Commandments) are mentioned concurrently in at least four places in the Word of יהוה; two locations are in the Law and the Prophets<sup>60</sup> and two are in the Messianic writings; one of these latter two quotes was from an apostle while the other citation provides a direct quotation from the Messiah.<sup>61</sup> When the above chart is read horizontally, you are seeing reference to the same commandment all the way across. Of course, when the chart is read vertically in any column, you are seeing the First Four Commandments of the Decalogue *in sequential order*. If one studies the chart, it will be observed how precisely the key fits while remaining hidden to those who do not receive the love of the truth.<sup>62</sup> יהושע defined “the truth” as the word of יהוה given through the Law and the Prophets.<sup>63</sup> The chart, then, shows the governmental system of the beast established in *precise opposition* to the Law of יהוה! In the light of the Torah, we see those who keep the commandments of יהוה must do so in opposition to man’s carnality<sup>64</sup> which ever fuels the worldly viewpoint and its prevailing, pagan philosophies.<sup>65</sup> This is not to say that life is impossible for such believers, but, in general, they will find themselves “out of step” with the world. And it appears our differences with the world will be greatly emphasized (and wrongly vilified by the unbelieving) as this age draws to a close. From all we can ascertain, just prior to the return of the Messiah, this vilification will give rise to all-out persecution against those who abide in commandment-keeping faith.<sup>66</sup> Below is a short summary and explanation of the above chart which manifests the beast’s system

<sup>60</sup> Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21

<sup>61</sup> Mark 12:29-30, Revelation 20:4

<sup>62</sup> Isaiah 8:17, 45:15, Acts 17:26,27, 2Thessalonians 2:8-10

<sup>63</sup> John 17:17, Luke 16:30-31

<sup>64</sup> Psalm 1:1,2, Ezekiel 3:8-10

<sup>65</sup> Jeremiah 10:1-8, Romans 12:1,2, 1John 2:15-17

<sup>66</sup> Revelation 14:12

of lawlessness as blatantly, irreverently, and diametrically opposed to the Law of יהוה:

### **I. The First Commandment**

Those who love יהוה with all their heart are keeping the *First Commandment*; they have no other deities before Him. They will not worship the beast. (Readers are referred to the above chart; note the perfect horizontal alignment of the First Commandment all the way across: ... having no other deity before יהוה ... is ... loving Him with all one’s heart ... and it is also ... not worshipping the beast.)

### **II. The Second Commandment**

Those who love יהוה with all their soul are keeping the *Second Commandment*; they will neither bow in worship before nor serve graven images. As Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, they will not worship the image of the beast. The Word of יהוה foretells of a time of great commerce and trade throughout the earth<sup>67</sup> in conjunction with the AntiMessiah’s rise to power; and it is very likely his image will be placed on international currency even as Caesar’s image and likeness was inscribed on Roman currency in the days of יהושע.<sup>68</sup> Any who embrace this lawless, political-religious system,<sup>69</sup> who engage in false worship for the sake of food and clothing, and who worship mammon by coveting the treasures of this present evil age, all such persons will be worshipping the image of the beast and will bring upon themselves the wrath of יהוה the Almighty:

*“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast<sup>70</sup> and his image<sup>71</sup>, and receive the mark in his forehead,<sup>72</sup> or in his hand,<sup>73</sup> the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim,*

<sup>67</sup> Revelation 18:3-20

<sup>68</sup> Luke 20:24

<sup>69</sup> (including its monetary superstructure)

<sup>70</sup> [in opposition to the First Commandment]

<sup>71</sup> [in opposition to the Second Commandment]

<sup>72</sup> [in opposition to the Third Commandment]

<sup>73</sup> [in opposition to the Fourth Commandment]

*which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the set apart messengers and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment goes up to the Age of ages; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the set apart ones – even they that keep the commandments of יהוה and the faith of עדשע.”* Revelation 14:9-12

We also note it was in the Second Commandment that יהוה Himself taught the true definition of love; and He there defines love as the keeping of His commandments:

*... and showing lovingkindness to a thousand (generations) of those that love Me and keep My commandments.”*  
Exodus 20:4-6, Jude 1:21 <sup>74</sup>

Conversely, those who reject these age-abiding commandments express enmity and hatred against יהוה. <sup>75</sup> יהושע the Messiah taught likewise as shown in the second column of the above chart: Those who love יהוה with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength are keeping the First Four Commandments of the Decalogue. (Readers are, once more, referred to the above chart; note the perfect horizontal alignment of the Second Commandment all the way across: ... refusing to make and serve a grave *image* ... is ... loving Him with all one's *soul* ... and it is also ... not worshipping the *image* of the beast! The horizontal alignment of these words is no mere coincidence!)

### III. The Third Commandment

Those who love יהוה with all their mind are those who number among “*them that feared יהוה and that thought upon His Name.*”<sup>76</sup>

<sup>74</sup> See also: Deuteronomy 7:9, 11:1,22, 19:9, 30:16, Joshua 22:5, Daniel 9:4, John 14:15,23, 15:10, 1John 5:1-3

<sup>75</sup> Exodus 20:5, Deuteronomy 5:9, Romans 8:7, James 4:4

<sup>76</sup> Malachi 3:16

These believers will (not coincidentally) have His Name written in their *foreheads*.<sup>77</sup> They will not accept the beast's name of blasphemy which stands opposed to the honor which is rightly due the great Name of יהוה El Shaddai.<sup>78</sup> They will not receive the name of the beast in their *foreheads*.<sup>79</sup>

But let us look more closely at this “number of the beast” for Scripture informs us it is “the number of a man:”

*“Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: and his number is six hundred sixty and six.”*  
Revelation 13:18

Where in Scripture do we find reference to the number 666? In one place we read of a man named “Adonai-kam:”

*“ ... The children of Adonai-kam, six hundred threescore and six.”*  
Ezra 2:13

But why was 666 prophetically associated with Adonai-kam? Can we ignore the warning afforded us by the Word of יהוה which clearly connects *Adonai-kam* with the name of the beast and the number of his name? Is it mere coincidence that those Israelis who were entrusted with the oracles of יהוה<sup>80</sup> erroneously taught men to use the title “Adonai” over and above the great and honorable Name of יהוה? Is it mere chance that the vowel points of “Adonai” were combined with the Name of יהוה in the ancient Hebrew manuscripts resulting in the modern-day, linguistic monstrosity “Jehovah?” Is it mere chance that the masses today supposedly worship the Creator as “Master/Lord” (Adonai) while disregarding and, oftentimes, even scorning His eternal Name, יהוה—the Name of which He said,

<sup>77</sup> Revelation 14:1, 22:4;

<sup>78</sup> Psalm 115:1,2, Isaiah 42:8

<sup>79</sup> Revelation 13:17

<sup>80</sup> Acts 7:38, Romans 3:1-2

“this is My Name forever and this is My memorial unto all generations?”<sup>81</sup> Having made this point, readers should take special note: “Adonai” is the transliteration of a pure Hebrew word meaning “sovereign” or “master.” *We have no problem with this completely inspired, Elohim-breathed*<sup>82</sup> Hebrew word! But there is absolutely a problem with using *Adonai* as a substitute for “יהוה” in any place in the Scriptures since doing this a direct violation of the command not to *add to* or *take away from* His Word.<sup>83</sup> The Messiah warns us that removing even the smallest part of the Torah and Prophets is punishable disobedience.<sup>84</sup>

Returning to thoughts on the number of the beast, we also read King Solomon was given 666 talents of gold over the period of one year.<sup>85</sup> While it cannot be definitively said this wealth led to his corruption, there are many warnings in the Scriptures about the apostasy induced by living in a continual state of abundance and/or by setting one’s heart on riches.<sup>86</sup> Not long after Solomon prospered with gold, his heart went after many women; this is the general course of things in our days; men who greatly prosper oftentimes become womanizers, although this is not always the case. And the End Time commerce of the Babylonian, beast system appears to have a strong, apostate-inducing pull on all the peoples of the earth.<sup>87</sup> The idolatry behind the coveting of silver and gold<sup>88</sup> have led many astray from the truth of the Word and from truly loving יהוה with all their hearts.<sup>89</sup>

<sup>81</sup> Exodus 3:15, Psalm 135:13, Revelation 11:18, 22:4

<sup>82</sup> 2Timothy 3:16

<sup>83</sup> Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6, Revelation 22:18-19

<sup>84</sup> Matthew 5:18 (see context in vss. 17-20)

<sup>85</sup> 1Kings 10:14

<sup>86</sup> Deuteronomy 6:10-12, 8:10-14, 32:13-18, Proverbs 11:28, 22:8, 23:4, 30:9, Mark 4:19, 1Timothy 6:17

<sup>87</sup> Revelation 18:1-19

<sup>88</sup> Colossians 3:5

<sup>89</sup> Matthew 6:19-24, 1Timothy 6:9

It is also quite telling to note the prophecy of the beast’s number in *Revelation* had great meaning even for the contemporary believers who first received it. In Hebrew, the *misparim*<sup>90</sup> value for “Nero Caesar” is 666:

$$666 = \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ \text{קסר} \quad \text{נרון} \\ \text{Kaesar} \quad \text{Neron} \end{array} = \text{Kaesar Neron}$$

This breaks down as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ 306 = (50) \text{ן} + (6) \text{ו} + (200) \text{ר} + (50) \text{נ} \\ 360 = (200) \text{ר} + (60) \text{ס} + (100) \text{ק} \\ \hline \hline \end{array}$$

Total = 666

Yet many readers will recall that some versions/translations give the alternate reading of 616 (often indicated in the margin); this value is 50 less than the 666 and it is obtained from rendering “Neron Kaesar” as “Nero Kaesar.”<sup>91</sup>

$$616 = \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ \text{קסר} \quad \text{נרו} \\ \text{Kaesar} \quad \text{Nero} \end{array} = \text{Kaesar Nero}$$

This breaks down as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ 256 = (6) \text{ו} + (200) \text{ר} + (50) \text{נ} \\ 360 = (200) \text{ר} + (60) \text{ס} + (100) \text{ק} \\ \hline \hline \end{array}$$

Total = 616

Incidentally, the Roman word “Caesar” was originally rendered with a “K;” as such, it was pronounced “Kaesar.” It was this word which fathered the German word, “Kaiser.” Once more, we see the sovereign hand of יהוה warning us of things that were and are to come: the German Kaisers have historically followed in the footsteps of Nero Kaesar in their bitter hatred of the Torah and Yisrael, the people of the Most High.<sup>92</sup> Hitler himself may have been but a shadow of greater persecution yet to come. A successful, first-rate

<sup>90</sup> (what many call the gematria value; *misparim* is the transliteration of the Hebrew word for “numbers”)

<sup>91</sup> (without the letter “nun” ending the word “Nero,” the value is 50 less, giving 616)

<sup>92</sup> Psalm 2:1-3

“economic machine”<sup>93</sup> can easily be converted to and/or *fund* a war machine. And with the manufacture of such things as the BMW, the Mercedes-Benz, and many other highly coveted, worldwide exports, might this not already be the case?

As we give honor to His Name, the Spirit of יהוה will fill our lives more and more with His strength and Presence. Those who love יהוה with all their *mind* will honor His Name<sup>94</sup> and will not dishonor Him with pagan names of deities associated with the false worship of paganism; they will not receive the mark of the beast in their *forehead*; they fear only the Name of יהוה.<sup>95</sup> (Readers are, once more, referred to the above chart; note the perfect horizontal alignment of the Third Commandment all the way across: giving Honor to His Name ... is ... loving יהוה with all one’s *mind* ... and it is also ... refusing to take the number of beast’s name in one’s *forehead*! The horizontal alignment of these words is no mere coincidence!)

#### IV. The Fourth Commandment

Those who love יהוה with all their strength “work heartily as for the Sovereign and not for men.”<sup>96</sup> They truly labor six days doing all their work, for יהוה loves the diligent.<sup>97</sup> The weekly cycle of working six days and resting the Seventh pictures those who will do a greater spiritual work and enter its corresponding rest in the Kingdom of יהוה:

*Blessed is the man that does this,  
and the son of man that holds it fast: that  
keeps the Sabbath from profaning it and  
keeps his hand from doing any evil.*

Isaiah 56:2

As already seen in a previous text,<sup>98</sup> sacrifices of praise and worship on the Sabbath are

<sup>93</sup> (such as is seen today in Germany)

<sup>94</sup> Matthew 6:9

<sup>95</sup> Malachi 2:5, 4:2, Revelation 11:18, 15:4

<sup>96</sup> Colossians 3:23

<sup>97</sup> Romans 12:11

<sup>98</sup> (in Jeremiah 7:9-10)

offered in vain if we are not walking with יהוה the Father and loving our neighbor during the previous six days of work. In like manner, those who do the spiritual work of יהוה now—who “reign in life (over sin) through יהושע the Messiah”<sup>99</sup>—will have true rest as they reign in His Millennial Kingdom:

*Blessed are they which die in the  
Sovereign from henceforth: Yes, says the  
Spirit, that they may rest from their labors;  
and their works do follow them.*

Revelation 14:13

As we diligently labor throughout the week and keep the Seventh Day of יהוה—the day set apart for us to especially grow in our intimacy and walk with Him—He sets us apart and our true knowledge of Him increases:

*And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,  
You speak also to the children of Yisrael,  
saying, “Verily My sabbaths you shall keep:  
for it is a sign between Me and you throughout  
your generations; that you may know that  
I am יהוה that sets you apart.”*

Exodus 31:12,13

As we keep the Sabbath we grow to know יהוה more intimately, and we are strengthened to do His will, overcome, and enter His greater rest:

*“... and this is age-abiding life, that they  
may know You, the only true Elohim,  
and יהושע the Messiah whom  
You have sent.”*

John 17:3

Those who love יהוה with all their strength will not receive the mark of the beast (that is, the number of his name) in their hand. They will shun Canaanite commerce on this special Day<sup>100</sup> and they will keep the time set apart by יהוה for True Worship, true rest, and true salvation in the Messiah.<sup>101</sup>

<sup>99</sup> Romans 5:17, Psalm 125:3

<sup>100</sup> Nehemiah 10:31, 13:15-19

<sup>101</sup> Isaiah 30:15, Matthew 12:28-30

(Readers are, once more, referred to the above chart; note the perfect horizontal alignment of the Fourth Commandment all the way across: there is a direct connection between “six days shall you *labor*” ... loving יהוה with all one’s *strength* ... and refusing to take the number of beast’s name in one’s *right hand*! The horizontal alignment of these words—now seen *four times in a row* for the first four commandments—is no mere coincidence!)

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This ends our direct thoughts on the above chart which shows “The Beast System vs. the Law of יהוה.” But before continuing, we should consider the following: it has become a popular opinion that “the mark of the beast” is an actual, physical imprint on the forehead or hand (and possibly a microchip to be injected under the skin). The author holds this to be a very dangerous *opinion*. Why? The unwary religious masses are currently rejecting the Law of יהוה<sup>102</sup> while resting at ease in false security; they feel quite safe and think themselves to be free from any threat of danger.<sup>103</sup> “The mystery of lawlessness” has so duped the majority they never even consider the much-dreaded, long-awaited “mark of the beast” has already been, or is in the process of being placed on those who bow down to the religious lawlessness which is so scantily clad in Torah-breaking, commandment-nullifying paganism. That the mark of the beast is thus clearly related to disobedience and rebellion against the Torah<sup>104</sup> cannot be denied: spiritual marks which will determine spiritual judgment—whether that judgment proves to be favorable or unfavorable—need not be visible to the human eye, especially when such marks are made by heavenly messengers.<sup>105</sup> In

<sup>102</sup> Jeremiah 6:19, 8:9, Hosea 4:6, 8:12, Proverbs 28:9

<sup>103</sup> (as is often the case with those staggering, unaware, to destruction, 1Thessalonians 5:3, Psalm 35:8, Luke 21:34)

<sup>104</sup> (i.e. the Five Books of Mosheh)

<sup>105</sup> See Ezekiel 9:1-6.

contrast to the “mark of the beast,” *the mark of true obedience*, the mark of allegiance to the Kingdom of Light, is given when we have allowed the Spirit to write our Father’s Law as “a sign upon our hand” and as “frontlets between [our] eyes:”

6 *And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart;*  
7 *and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.*  
8 *And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.*

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

This obedience, dear reader, is the exact *opposite* of the mark of the beast! And we read of such loved-derived obedience elsewhere in the Torah:

“*You shall put these words of Mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead.*”

Deuteronomy 11:18

This principle of love-derived obedience—which involves doing with one’s hand<sup>106</sup>—is seen throughout the Law of יהוה:

*And it shall be for a sign unto you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the Torah of יהוה may be in your mouth: for with a strong hand has יהוה brought you out of Egypt ... And it shall be for a token upon your hand, and for frontlets between your eyes: for by strength of hand יהוה brought us forth out of Egypt.*

Exodus 13:9,16

So the Spirit reveals it is those who “by the

<sup>106</sup> Being a *doer* of the word eventuates in even greater revelation as our *hearts* increase in love for the truth and as our *minds* increase in understanding it. Psalm 111:10, 119:98-100, Isaiah 51:7, Jeremiah 31:33, John 14:21.

Spirit, put to death the deeds of the body”<sup>107</sup> that are the precise antithesis to those who reject the Law of יהוה and who refuse to hear and obey the Good News of His Kingship.<sup>108</sup> The Lawgiver is the Judge and He is also the King:

*For יהוה is our Judge,  
יהוה is our Lawgiver, יהוה is  
our King: He will save us.*  
Isaiah 33:22

Disobedience to the Law of יהוה will result in an unfavorable marking of judgment being placed upon the forehead and hand of all those who reject His commandments. Just *how*, or precisely *when*, such a mark is placed upon any given person is beyond the scope of this writer, but in contrast to the *unfavorable mark*—related as it is to an unfavorable name of blasphemy—we are assured many times by the prophets and apostles that,

... “whosoever calls upon the  
Name of יהוה will be saved.”<sup>109</sup>

So dear readers must realize this work is offered in love by the Spirit of יהוה and the writer himself passes absolutely no judgment upon any person. If you have been led to this document, perhaps it was by the Sovereign Hand of the Creator who wishes you to reconsider the truth of the Good News and who wishes to place upon you the mark of His Name!<sup>110</sup> If the Spirit is revealing something of clear benefit from the Scriptures, failing to

<sup>107</sup> Matthew 5:29,30 [in this context, “plucking out” and “cutting off” are Hebraisms for “putting to death,” 2Chronicles 7:20, Psalm 52:5, Exodus 9:15, 31:14, Leviticus 7:27, 17:4,9,10,14, 20:6], Romans 8:13, Colossians 3:5.

<sup>108</sup> 2Thessalonians 1:8,9, James 4:12

<sup>109</sup> Joel 2:30-32, Acts 2:16-21, Romans 10:13

<sup>110</sup> Psalm 37:37. The Hebrew of Psalm 37:37 uses the word, “shamar” for “mark” (“mark” is the word used in the KJV). “Shamar” means “to keep, guard, watch, or **mark**” and this guarding/markings is one of the six things which יהוה does to place His very Name, **His mark**, upon His people. See Numbers 6:24-27, Revelation 14:1, 22:4

warn others would be a lack of love on the part of the writer.<sup>111</sup> Each person is exhorted to seek יהוה while He may be found.<sup>112</sup> We are instructed to call upon the Name of יהוה before the day of His wrath arrives.<sup>113</sup> For the day of His burning wrath approaches in which the doors of mercy will have closed with a thunder. In that day, when the lawless call out, יהוה will not hear them.<sup>114</sup>

Let us read closely the context of Revelation 14:9-12, where those who keep the commandments—as frontlets between the eyes and as a sign upon the hand<sup>115</sup>—are contrasted with those who do not keep the commandments and who are, subsequently, classified as those who have received the mark of the beast, the mark of disobedience, on their foreheads and the number of his name, upon their right hand.

*9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of יהוה, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the set apart messengers, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends up to the Age of the ages: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the set apart ones: here are they that keep the commandments of יהוה and the faith of יהושע.*  
Revelation 14:9-12

It should now be emphasized that this study is

<sup>111</sup> Amos 3:7-8

<sup>112</sup> Isaiah 55:6

<sup>113</sup> Joel 2:30-32

<sup>114</sup> Proverbs 1:24-32, Jeremiah 14:10-12, Ezekiel 8:17,18

<sup>115</sup> “Between the eyes” is the **forehead** – which signifies the **mind**! “A sign upon the **hand**” signifies being a **doer** of the word, a **doer** of the Law of liberty! James 1:22-25, John 21:25, Isaiah 56:2

not trying to deny or counter the *possibility* that the mark of the beast will also be physical in nature. However, avoiding that physical mark alone (assuming there ever is one) will not help anyone who still violates His commandments. This is because fearing יהוה and keeping His commandments is “the whole duty of man.”<sup>116</sup> And part of what יהוה forbids in His Law is cutting marks in our flesh and tattooing.<sup>117</sup> So those who know and obey both the physical and spiritual aspects of the Law of יהוה (and who refuse to compromise) have already been safeguarded, regardless of the nature of this mark. We can be sure that those who write His Law as frontlets between their eyes and as a sign upon their hands<sup>118</sup> will also not give place to have any other mark—whether that mark is physical, or spiritual, or perhaps *both*. In any case, as the apostle John and יהושע Himself have said, love is the keeping of His commandments.<sup>119</sup> Let any who aspire to follow their Savior wholeheartedly take heed: there is a great difference between dead, letter-of-the-law legalism and “the keeping of the commandments of יהוה.”<sup>120</sup> יהושע the Messiah (representing the latter) spoke of this difference when rebuking the scribes and Pharisees (who represent the former):

*“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the Torah: judgment and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done and not to have left the other undone.”*  
Matthew 23:23<sup>121</sup>

Why should anyone keep, or even want to keep the commandments of יהוה? Because יהוה teaches this is how we are to seek Him

<sup>116</sup> Ecclesiastes 12:10

<sup>117</sup> Leviticus 19:28

<sup>118</sup> Proverbs 3:1-3, 7:1-3

<sup>119</sup> 1 John 5:3, Exodus 20:6

<sup>120</sup> Ezekiel 36:26,27/2 Corinthians 3:3, Romans 7:6, 1 Corinthians 7:19

<sup>121</sup> See also: Romans 2:13, James 1:22,25, 4:11

wholeheartedly. Speaking in the Spirit, the psalmist teaches us it is by keeping His testimonies that we seek יהוה with all our hearts:

*Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, they seek Him with the whole heart.*  
Psalm 119:2

The general, Christian notion is that one can just relax after believing in the Messiah, but nothing could be more erroneous.<sup>122</sup> As he sought to establish the Law of יהוה, the apostle Sha’ul *delighted* in the Torah and exhorted believers to be “*doers of the Law*.”<sup>123</sup> This man forsook all the world had to offer so that he might fully obey the commandments and, through seeking, obtain a fuller knowledge of his Savior.<sup>124</sup> As we keep even “the least”<sup>125</sup> of His commandments, our understanding is opened and we grow in our knowledge of יהוה.<sup>126</sup> This is just as the psalmist wrote:

*... “a good understanding have all they that do [His commandments].”*  
Psalm 111:10

Seeking יהוה by keeping His commandments through faith in the shed blood of יהושע our Messiah is just the beginning of an eternal saga; for through countless ages יהוה will continue to teach us of His great love, and He will spend eons unfolding the revelation of His great Name.<sup>127</sup> So through faith in יהושע the Messiah, we uphold the Law—the immutable commandments of יהוה the Almighty.<sup>128</sup> To do anything less would be to fail to walk as our Example walked.<sup>129</sup> The ultimate purpose of יהוה in setting forth and establishing the New

<sup>122</sup> Amos 6:1

<sup>123</sup> Romans 2:13, 3:31, 7:22, Acts 24:14

<sup>124</sup> Philippians 3:7-14

<sup>125</sup> Matthew 5:19

<sup>126</sup> Psalm 119:97-100

<sup>127</sup> Exodus 3:15, Ephesians 2:7

<sup>128</sup> Romans 3:31, 1 John 5:3,4

<sup>129</sup> 1 John 2:6

Covenant was, and still is, to write His Laws and statutes on the hearts and minds of *all* of His people:

*“A new heart also will I give you,  
and a new spirit will I put within you;  
and I will take away the stony heart out of  
your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh.  
And I will put My Spirit within you and  
cause you to walk in My statutes, and you  
shall keep My ordinances and do them.”*  
Ezekiel 36:26,27, Hebrews 8:8-10

For those who follow the Savior, who trust in His shed blood, and who suffer persecution for righteousness’ sake, יהוה promises His everlasting love and kindness:

*“Hearken to Me, you that know righteousness,  
the people in whose heart is My Law: Do not  
fear the reproach of men, neither be dismayed  
at their reviling. For the moth shall eat them  
up like a garment, and the worm shall eat  
them like wool; but My righteousness shall  
be to the Age, and My salvation from  
generation to generation.”*  
Isaiah 51:7-8, Matthew 5:10,11

No man is a legalist who walks with יהושע and knows Him as the ongoing fulfillment of יהוה-Nissi, יהוה our Banner. Through יהושע, יהוה is a banner of love and victory over us.<sup>130</sup> Such believers have their eyes are fixed on Him;<sup>131</sup> their hope is set fully on the favor to be brought to them at the appearing of יהושע the Messiah.<sup>132</sup> And “every man that hath this hope in Him purifies himself as He is pure.”<sup>133</sup> As Abraham, the “love of the Messiah” constrains them;<sup>134</sup> having been justified by His blood, they are no longer free to continue in sin—to transgress His commandments.<sup>135</sup> This is not legalism, it is what Sha’ul called

<sup>130</sup> cf. Song of Solomon 2:4; Psalm 60:4; Romans 8:37-39

<sup>131</sup> Hebrews 12:2

<sup>132</sup> 1 Peter 1:13

<sup>133</sup> 1John 3:2-3

<sup>134</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:14,15

<sup>135</sup> Romans 6:1-23, 1John 3:4

“faith working through love.”<sup>136</sup> This is the faith identical to that which Abraham possessed and which resulted in him hearing the Voice of the Spirit and, thus, walking in the commandments, statutes, and ordinances of the Torah.<sup>137</sup> And just as יהוה blessed Abraham for keeping His commandments,<sup>138</sup> so He will bless those who obey Him in these Last Days; those who have entered the New Covenant by the blood of יהושע are also those who keep His commandments:

*“Blessed are those doing His commands, so  
that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree  
of life, and to enter through the gates into the  
city.”* Revelation 22:14 (ISRV), Genesis 18:19,  
Genesis 26:4,5

If you have not already made a decision, what will be your choice? Will you walk the wide, transient road of lawlessness which eventuates in death,<sup>139</sup> or will you walk in the eternal paths<sup>140</sup>—the ways which will be established and exalted forever? The narrow road of rest and peace is set forth in the Law of יהוה and we must not turn aside from it, either to the right hand or to the left.<sup>141</sup> Do not allow yourself to passively stand by accepting what others teach: seek יהוה while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Do not subject yourself to the lawless teaching of anyone who seeks to turn you from the commandments; for those who teach against the commands of יהוה fit *His definition* of a false prophet:

*“If there arise among you a prophet, or a  
dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a  
wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to  
pass, whereof he spoke unto you, saying, Let us  
go after other deities, which you have not*

<sup>136</sup> Galatians 5:6

<sup>137</sup> Genesis 26:4-5, Romans 3:31, Galatians 3:9

<sup>138</sup> Genesis 26:4-5

<sup>139</sup> Psalm 1:4-6, Psalm 37:10, Matthew 7:13

<sup>140</sup> Jeremiah 6:16

<sup>141</sup> Matthew 7:14, Psalm 125:1, 1 John 2:17,

Deuteronomy 5:32, 17:20, 28:14.



*known, and let us serve them; you shall not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for יהוה your Elohim proves you, to know whether you love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after יהוה your Elohim, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him.”*  
Deuteronomy 13:1-4

The above warning—quoted for a second time—finds its exact and ultimate fulfillment in Satan’s end-time mystery of lawlessness and the rise to power of the AntiMessiah—“the Lawless One:”

*“And then shall that lawless one be revealed, whom the Sovereign shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.”*  
2 Thessalonians 2:8-10

יהושע also warns that the AntiMessiah will use signs and wonders to turn the nations of the earth completely away from the Law of their Creator and to worship Satan, the dragon:

*“And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceives those that dwell on the earth by 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.”*  
Revelation 13:13,14

### **What Will Give Rise to the AntiMessiah?**

As this age draws to an end, many immense cataclysms are prophesied. As the heavens above begin to shake, the Messiah warns us the earth, the sea, and the dry land will also shake

mightily.<sup>142</sup> Many upheavals will permanently alter the course of human history: Massive and widespread volcanoes will blacken the sky<sup>143</sup> and affect the growing/harvesting of food crops, earthquakes of unprecedented magnitude will bring forth the demise of great cities,<sup>144</sup> horrendous tidal waves will obliterate islands and coastlines,<sup>145</sup> burning hailstones from heaven will destroy one-third of the world’s vegetation,<sup>146</sup> and at least one, massive meteorite will plunge into the sea bringing much destruction.<sup>147</sup>

In the days of Noach (Noah), *water* came from above and below to destroy the world and to judge the lawless inhabitants of earth.<sup>148</sup> In this time of the End, it will be *fire* that comes from above<sup>149</sup> and below<sup>150</sup> to destroy the world and to judge the lawless inhabitants of earth. Through the prophet Isaiah, יהוה warns that the Sun will become seven times brighter than the light of one day while the Moon will be as bright as the Sun:

*Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that יהוה binds up the breach of His people, and heals the stroke of their wound.*  
Isaiah 30:26

The Sun will become an agent of burning

<sup>142</sup> Luke 21:25-26, Haggai 2:6-7/Hebrew 12:26-27, Isaiah 2:19-21

<sup>143</sup> Joel 2:2, 30-31 (“pillars of smoke” = volcanoes); Amos 5:20, Zephaniah 1:14-15. The Day of יהוה is “a day of clouds and thick darkness” because of such volcanoes erupting on a massive and worldwide scale. Thus, with the light of the sun being blocked out on such a massive scale, much famine will result. Matthew 24:7, Luke 21:11

<sup>144</sup> Isaiah 2:12-15, Revelation 16:19

<sup>145</sup> Luke 21:25-26, Revelation 16:20

<sup>146</sup> Thus, much vegetation will be destroyed and famine will result. Matthew 24:7, Luke 21:11

<sup>147</sup> Revelation 8:8-9

<sup>148</sup> Genesis 7:11, 8:2

<sup>149</sup> 2Peter 3:7,12

<sup>150</sup> Joel 2:30-31, Acts 2:19-20 (“pillars of smoke” = volcanoes)

wrath upon the lawless and the disobedient will become ashes before His fire of fury:

*2 But to you that fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says יהוה of hosts.*  
Malachi 4:2

This is part of the burning wrath prophesied upon the nations of the earth for their lawless rebellion against the age-abiding Torah of יהוה El Shaddai. Isaiah clearly wrote of this lawlessness and the burning wrath that would follow:

*3 The earth shall be utterly emptied, and utterly laid waste; for יהוה has spoken this word. 4 The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the lofty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants thereof; because they have **transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant.** 6 Therefore has the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are found guilty: therefore **the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.***  
Isaiah 24:3-6

The burning wrath of יהוה will be made known as He uses the Sun to scorch men with heat because of their lawlessness:

*And the fourth poured out his bowl on the Sun; and it was given to it to burn men with fire.*  
Revelation 16:8<sup>151</sup>

And fire from below will come forth as יהוה uses the earth's magma to purge the land and cleanse away the filth of iniquity:

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<sup>151</sup> Job 38:12-13, Psalm 19:4-6

*8 Your hand shall find out all Your enemies: Your right hand shall find out those that hate You. 9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger: יהוה shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them.*  
Tehillim/Psalms 21:8-9<sup>152</sup>

In the midst of these upheavals, not knowing, or not *acknowledging* and *believing* the Source of such Judgments, the world will be ripe for a political-religious figure claiming to have the much-needed answers. As Satan spoke to יהוה when accusing Job: “All that a man has he will give in exchange for his life.”<sup>153</sup> Of course, many people will be further moved to acquire “security” for their family and loved ones, especially for their needy children. In the midst of such great need and uncertainty, and in exchange for the promise of food and provisions, the masses of the earth will easily and readily succumb to the political figure of the AntiMessiah; and they will promptly comply with the lawless edicts of his false prophet.<sup>154</sup>

### **Conclusion**

In this manuscript, you have scriptural proof Satan is the author of a lawless scheme to deceive the entire world and to acquire the worship of all mankind.<sup>155</sup> The Messiah has stated the Adversary of your soul was a murderer from the beginning;<sup>156</sup> he is the one who is advocating lawlessness in the earth.<sup>157</sup> In contrast, our Messiah is the Author of Life and Law.<sup>158</sup> Thus, no believer in the Messiah should continue to subject themselves to anyone who teaches against the age-abiding commandments of יהוה, well-meaning though

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<sup>152</sup> See also: Deuteronomy 4:24, Psalm 50:3, 97:3-5, Isaiah 33:10-16, 66:15-16, Ezekiel 8:1-3, Joel 2:30, Nahum 1:5-6, Zephaniah 1:17-18, 3:8, 2Peter 3:7-12

<sup>153</sup> Job 2:4

<sup>154</sup> Revelation 13:1-18

<sup>155</sup> Revelation 13:4

<sup>156</sup> John 8:44

<sup>157</sup> 2Thessaloninas 2:7-9

<sup>158</sup> Deuteronomy 30:15-19, Acts 3:14,15, 7:38

such persons may be. יהושע calls us to leave all and follow Him. Part of what He may be calling you to forsake is the false worship of those who refuse to accept the facts. We must count the cost and know which is more important: Seeking for wisdom as for hidden treasure<sup>159</sup> or enjoying religious, social, and familial popularity for a short season?<sup>160</sup>

יהושע kept, taught, and upheld His Father's commandments.<sup>161</sup> In contrast, the AntiMessiah is termed, "the Lawless One;"<sup>162</sup> the wicked antithesis of your Savior will cast the truth to the ground, hating and spurning the eternal Law of יהוה!<sup>163</sup> Certainly, then, there is another explanation for the few Scriptures which most Evangelicals use to purport the commandments of יהוה have been abolished. In light of Satan's *mystery of lawlessness*, such a viewpoint (that the Law has been abolished) should be seriously reconsidered.<sup>164</sup> When understood in its proper context, *no Scripture* ever relaxes the immutable Law of יהוה or man's responsibility to uphold it.

The Law is eternal and cannot be abolished.<sup>165</sup> The rampant, no-law claims of false teachers are simply without scriptural basis and those teachings have greatly contributed to the disintegration of the American social fabric over the last 100 years. The grace of יהוה in יהושע the Messiah was never meant to be turned into lawlessness.<sup>166</sup> When properly understood, the Ten Commandments are seen to be a summary of all of the Torah so that not even "the least" of the commandments has ever been abolished.<sup>167</sup> We must seek to

<sup>159</sup> Proverbs 8:10,11

<sup>160</sup> Mark 8:36

<sup>161</sup> Matthew 5:17-20, Romans 3:31, 1 John 5:4-5

<sup>162</sup> 2 Thessalonians 2:8

<sup>163</sup> Daniel 7:25, 8:12

<sup>164</sup> 2 Thessalonians 2:7

<sup>165</sup> Deuteronomy 29:29, Psalm 105:8, 119:89,160, Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35/Mark 13:31/Luke 21:33, 1 Peter 1:23,25

<sup>166</sup> (termed "lasciviousness" in the KJV, Jude 1:4).

<sup>167</sup> Matthew 5:17-20

understand and obey the Torah in the light of the Life and Example of יהושע the Messiah.

May each reader find in this study a better understanding of "the mark of the beast." We have seen the light of Torah shining on the truth of this issue, and we have experienced the very truth of which the psalmist wrote:

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

Psalm 119:105

The light of the Torah has exposed "the mark of the beast" and has made us wiser than the Enemy of our souls; we are now more fully aware of his schemes. May each reader receive a blessing from the Word of יהוה herein revealed, and may each one, in some way, be further inclined to hear and to obey the Word of יהוה. May many tribes, tongues, peoples, and nations receive the mark of His Great and Qadosh<sup>168</sup> Name. יהוה will surely bless many to abide in His awesome, light-filled Presence as He bestows upon them His great and endless love—both now and in the ages yet to come.<sup>169</sup> May the Spirit of יהוה fill each one with a growing understanding of His infinite love and wisdom revealed through the ancient paths of the Torah—the Word which he has commanded across the immense time span of 1000 generations.<sup>170</sup> אה

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<sup>168</sup> (i.e. Set Apart)

<sup>169</sup> Deuteronomy 33:3, Luke 10:39, Ephesians 2:7

<sup>170</sup> Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 105:8

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