

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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PART 1: IDENTIFYING THE ANTICHRIST

TECHNOLOGY

It was in the early 1970s that I first began to preach about the coming Antichrist and the Mark of the Beast. There was no Internet, personal computers, or cell phones at the time and all television programming was transmitted via towers from local television stations or the cable system in the ground. We didn't know about fiber optics or cameras as small as a pinhead. Recorded audio was played back on vinyl records or 8-track tapes. Today we have CD's, DVD's, and content streaming from the internet.

The Barcode system was invented in 1951 but did not come into use until 1973. Prophecy teachers in the United States jumped on the subject when they were shown the bar on the left side was a six, the bar in the middle was a six and the bar on the right was a six. We all thought the barcode numbers of 666 lined up with the Book of Revelation. It was speculated that each person would have a barcode etched on their skin and hundreds of books were written on the subject.

Mary Stewart Relfe was a very popular prophecy writer who wrote "When Your Money Fails" in 1981 and "The New Money System 666" in 1983.

The prominent prophecy speakers at this time were Hal Lindsey, Stan Johnson and Gary Kah. The latter came to our church for a prophecy seminar.

THE MICROCHIP

Two men burst on the scene in the early 1990's when they declared the legendary Mark of the Beast was a microchip. Carl Sanders claimed to be the inventor of the microchip and Terry Cook asserted that Sanders was a fraud and that he possessed the truth.

Carl Sanders came to our church and held a three day seminar on the subject before I found out that he was a fraud and had worked as an asset for the CIA. Later we had former Sheriff's deputy from Los Angeles County, Terry Cook, speak at our church where he convinced the people that the microchip would be the Mark of the Beast.

THE YEAR 2020

I have personally experienced leaps in technology. I remember the introduction of transistors in the 1950s and as a teenager I appreciated the transistor radios called "boom boxes," which we could take with us to the beach or to a party.

I remember buying my first cell phone in the late 1980's. It looked like a telephone receiver, was wired to a battery and transmitter weighing about 3 lbs. It was kept in a black case that sat on the front seat of the car.

I purchased my first personal computer in 1991 which I thought was a technological marvel. My next cell phone was small and clam shaped. I also have a small GPS device that sits in my car and provides me with instructions for places I have never visited



before. I have not progressed beyond this technology, but today there are smartphones, wrist watches that pair with your cell phone, digital tablets, self-driving cars, robotics, 3D printing, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, etc.

Most people today do their banking online, receive their salaries through direct deposit, and use debit cards to get cash from ATM machines.

Because of the attacks on September 11, 2001, the federal government created the Department of Homeland Security which demands that all bank transactions, car sales, house sales, etc., be reported and no bank accounts can be opened unless a person has identification that can be verified by Homeland Security.

It is no longer possible to walk into a car dealership and buy a car with cash. The process has become convoluted. A long form has to be filled out and checked against the Homeland Security database. It is possible to have the necessary cash on hand and be denied because you are deemed to be a domestic terrorist.

If the government considers you a domestic terrorist or mentally unstable, they can assign you to a "No Fly List," effectively denying you the right to use an airline for travel within the United States.

If you try to deposit or withdraw cash over \$500, a special form must be filled out by the bank teller before the transaction can take place. If you try to withdraw more than \$5,000 from a savings account, there is now a mandatory 24 hour wait before you can pick up the cash.

Life in the 1960's was easy as most people were not questioned for their use of cash and there were no banking restrictions. It was possible to walk into a dealership, put cash on the table, fill out a DMV registration form, and drive away with a new car. Those days are over and we now live in a controlled society that seems bent on more and more restrictions each year. We are getting conditioned for the Mark of the Beast.

UNDERSTANDING THE END TIMES

We are told that there will be an Antichrist that will set up a worldwide rule before Jesus returns and sets up the thousand year kingdom. This is predicted in different parts of the Bible, so let's examine the passages in order to get a complete picture.

1. Daniel received the first revelation from God on this subject. He was born in 623 B.C. and died in 538 B.C., putting the age of his writing to some 2,600 years ago. Daniel was given a prophecy about a king toward the end of time who will be Jewish but reject the God of the Old Testament. He will also be a practicing homosexual. God did not provide Daniel with a timeline when this would happen. **Daniel 11:36-39**
2. Daniel was also given a prophecy about the temple in Jerusalem which did not exist at that time because it had been destroyed by the Babylonians. He was also given a prophecy about the coming Messiah (Jesus). **Daniel 9:26**
3. This future king will make a covenant with nations for one week. The problem is that we don't know the timescale. **verse 27**

- a. We have a way of measuring time on earth and God has a completely different way of measuring time in heaven. Another example of God's timescale is found in Peter's revelation that a day is with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. **2 Peter 3:8**
 - i. We can deduce God's eternity time by dividing 1,000 years by 24 hours:
 1. One hour with God is 41.67 years for man.
 2. One minute with God is 8 months and 8 days for man.
 3. One second with God is 3 days and 22 hours for man.
4. Jesus refers to the Antichrist as the Abomination of Desolation, stating that this man will stand in the temple at Jerusalem. **Matthew 24:15-17**
 - a. The temple was still standing when Jesus spoke these words.
5. Jesus also predicted that the temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed. King Solomon built the first temple. It was rebuilt by Nehemiah after the Israelites returned from the captivity in Babylon and was later enlarged by King Herod. People at that time referred to it as Herod's temple. **Matthew 24:1-2**
6. Jesus also revealed that the conditions of the end times under the Antichrist would be the same as it was before the Noah's flood. **Matthew 24:37-39**
 - a. There was great wickedness before the flood.
 - b. Fallen angels produced a hybrid race with human women for which there was no redemption.
 - c. The fallen angels corrupted the human race through gene splicing and cloning and did the same to the animals and vegetation. **Genesis 6:1-13**
7. The apostle Paul was given more revelations about the end times in the second epistle to the Thessalonians. Herod's temple in Jerusalem was still intact and would not be destroyed until 70 A.D.
 - a. Paul told us that before Jesus returns a second time, an evil man will come upon the world stage, which he called the Man of Sin. Paul was given the same revelation as Daniel. The Man of Sin will oppose the God of the Old Testament; he will enter into the temple in Jerusalem and declare his godhood. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-7**
 - b. The Man of Sin will receive power from Satan and have the ability to perform signs and wonders. **verses 8-9**
 - c. God will send strong delusion upon the people of the world so that they believe the lies spoken by the Man of Sin. This is part of God's judgment since they won't hear truth. The Lord will turn them over to lies so that they can be judged and perish. **verses 10-12**
8. The apostle John wrote that anyone who rejects Jesus as the Messiah is possessed by the spirit of Antichrist. It does not bode well for any Jew who

denies that Jesus was the Son of God and His incarnation into a human body.
1 John 4:1-6

WHAT JESUS REVEALED

About 90 A.D., some 60 years after Jesus had been crucified and resurrected, the apostle John was taken up to heaven and given the final revelation. All the original apostles, including Paul, were dead by this time. Jesus told John that the Beast (Antichrist) will come from the Ocean, indicating this man is not a human, but a hybrid.

Revelation 13:1

Remember that Jesus said the end times would be the same as it was in the days of Noah. **Matthew 24:37-39**

Even though the world's governments deny the existence of UFO's, abduction of humans, and cattle mutilation, I believe the Beast will be the offspring of a woman and a fallen angel. The hybrids before the Noah's flood were powerful political leaders.

Genesis 6:4

Jesus never calls the Antichrist a human being; instead, he is referred to as a Beast, which in all probability will look like a man, but receive his power and authority directly from Satan. **Revelation 13:2**

As the Beast takes control of the earth and its people, he will be assassinated, but the Devil will resurrect him and the world will be amazed. **verse 3**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?