

## The Mark of the Beast

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**Brother Gary Sonmore:** *Thank You, God, for the privilege once again to gather together in Your name. We love You, Lord and we praise Your name. We thank You, God, for Your excellency, for Your majesty, for Your glory and that You want to share it with Your people, that You want to glorify Your people. Hallelujah. We just pray, Lord, that we will be obedient to that call, that we will follow after Your ways and Your righteousness and Your truths, Lord God, and that they would be grafted into our hearts and we would truly be the sons of God. Thank you, Lord, for this broadcast now, for this day, for all those that are participating listening in. We just pray that Your anointing would be upon each minute and upon each word that would be spoken. We just give You all the praise and the glory for Your goodness to us. Praise Your name. Hallelujah. Amen.*

**Brother Cecil duCille:** Thank you very much, Brother Gary. God bless you for this marvelous work which you are doing to help spread the Word of God through all the nations, as it were. Praise God. We want to thank God for giving us the Word to keep us in this last hour where man will come face to face with the judgment of God. We know that God couldn't continue having the world going in a downward direction. He said in II Timothy 3:13, ***But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*** So if we are at the end of time now, which we are, then it seems to me that the wickedest of men are now operating in this world. We should thank God therefore for the presence of Jesus Christ to match the concentration of evil. In other words, had it not been for the presence of the Lord Jesus in a people and in the world, the world would have probably fell into destruction already. But we know that God said, And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days (Mark 13:20). That means that it is possible for human beings to destroy humanity and life from the planet. You know, I hear different people talking about global warming and many are still building atom bombs. That is going to be the greatest global warming that we ever had, because it will destroy the very atmosphere that we have. God is saying that it is possible for man to destroy the atmosphere. So if there is a global war that starts with atomic bombs, it must be stopped very quickly, for God has promised to intervene and that His intervention will save the planet and save humanity. So we do not have to have any fear that Satan will be able to destroy the world. He cannot do it. He has no power to do it. He cannot do it. He will try, but he is bound to fail. Praise be to God.

I have been thinking about the Word of God that speaks of the mark of the beast. Everything that God does for us, He has to also do it for the church. If He allows the world to grow in a certain direction, He also has to bring the church to that same dimension at the same time. The people of God must have the power over the power of the enemy so that there is a balance of power. Now if we can look at the world and see the power of destruction that is being concentrated in this earth by the nations, then we can at the same time consider that God is giving His people more power than the enemy has. So we must always remember that this is being rooted and grounded in the Word of God.

No matter what you see happening in the world, God is giving His people power to overcome it or to control it. Therefore, all of the forces of darkness that are being concentrated in the earth today cannot perform the evil that they hope to do because of the Body of Christ and the church of God.

Let us look first at Revelation 7. We are going to see a picture here that matches the picture at this very moment in time. I believe that we only have months toward this great destruction coming in the world. If that is the case, then we must know that we, the sons of God, are going to get the power to overthrow these powers of darkness. We will start at verse 1, ***And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*** First of all, let us see if we can understand this Bible language here. ***And after these things I saw four angels standing...*** The word standing signifies that they would be in charge and ready to move. ***...standing on the four corners of the earth...*** As far as we know, the earth really does not have four corners because it is round. So we could not be speaking about the natural earth. We are speaking in a spiritual sense of four angels standing on the four corners of the earth. We might well be speaking of the four corners of the natural earth which would not be the natural earth, but the earth of man, the earth out there of the wind, of the sea. The human dimension has four corners and they are the mind, the emotions, the will and the desires. Now, these four angels were standing and they had the power to destroy.

Verse 2, ***And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.*** Now let us see who this angel is. This is a fifth angel now and this fifth angel was rising up from the east. The east always speaks of the mind of Christ, of God. This angel is rising up in God - from the earth, but of God, and he stopped the four angels from doing what they would have done because it says in verse 3, ***Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*** Don't touch the carnal realm, neither the sea (the nations), neither the trees (the Christians), till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. It is no mistake. In the Hebrew and in the Greek it is written we, and that means that he is a many-membered angel. This angel is not a one angel being, but he is a many-membered angel. Remember now that the word angel means messenger. So we are talking about the messenger coming up from God and counter-acting the work of the four angels who want to destroy the earth.

Now, let us look at it just a little bit; 60 years ago men had the ability to destroy the earth. Yet, they have not done it. The reason is because the angel of God has been holding men back. Of course, he knows that any one that uses the atom bomb will be himself destroyed. This time around anyone who uses it, he will be the first one to be destroyed. So here we are seeing that God created a messenger, a people. I do not want to say Christians because sometimes people misunderstand; the word Christian is so mixed up these days that it is difficult for me to say Christian and somebody gets the wrong idea. But these are servants of God, servants without guile, servants without denomination. Hallelujah. The Christian world has become divided up into denominations, sectionalized by the devil himself and he seems to be able to tell each denomination a peculiar lie that is peculiar to that denomination. So there is no joining together, except those who are in Christ. When you get in Christ you have no denomination. Christ is your denomination. ***Hurt not the earth*** (the carnal realm), ***neither the sea*** (the nations), ***nor the trees*** (the Christians), ***till we*** (the servants of God that are given the power to seal His servants with the Word of God). ***...till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*** Somebody is preaching that the part regarding the foreheads means that they are going to stamp you on your forehead. Now if some should catch me and stamp me with a thousand stamps, it would not make any difference. I would still be preaching the message of God. Why? Because my stamp is inside of me, so God is talking about the mind. Amen. When He writes in your forehead, He is talking about your mind. Hallelujah. Verse 4 goes on to say, ***And I heard the number***

*of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.* But he said before to hurt not the earth, neither the sea...*till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.* Now what does that tells you? It tells me that if God is sealing people in their foreheads, that the devil is also sealing people for his purpose.

Revelation 14:1, *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.* So, the seal that we are talking about is the name of God written in your mind. Now when we talk about the name of God we do not mean just having a big mark on your head with "YHWH" or something like that, no. We are talking of the nature of God in the mind. The scripture says to let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5). So we see that it is the will of God to seal us in our minds with His very nature, but He would not do it until the devil was about ready to do something and God had to stop him. The angel said, "Hold on, let me finish the work of the sealing of the sons of God in their minds."

The devil therefore has something to do now to also seal people in their minds. We look at him doing his work in Revelation 13:1-18. We want to talk about the seal; I just want to show you the seal of the beast and then afterwards I am going to explain to you what the beast really is. Let us look at verse 16, *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:* Now, I want you to notice this. When we are looking at the mark, the seal of God, we see that they got it in their foreheads, that is, in their minds. The scripture speaks of the forehead as the mind and the scripture speaks of the sealing as being sealed with that holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13). We see in John that we are sealed by the Holy Ghost (John 3:33). So when you are talking about the seal, you are going to have to remember what we mean by sealing. It is the nature of God being stamped upon the being of a person. Let us read the scripture in Ephesians 1:13, *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,* So the Holy Ghost sealed us and it was a seal of promise that we would be like Jesus one day. Therefore, as the development of the Christian continues, then the Christian should be getting more like Jesus. Now, if you see anyone who says he is a Christian and he is not getting more like Jesus, you know that he is not walking according to the Word of God.

Now let us go back to the seal. *He causeth all...* This is Satan who causes people to receive a seal, not only in their forehead, but also it could be in their hand. Now what is my hand? The reference of the right hand is the hand of the Spirit. The left hand is always counted as the hand of the flesh, while the right hand is always counted as the hand of the Spirit. So if the Bible says that you see people receive a mark in their right hand it means that in their spiritual life, in their actions, in their motivations, in their work, in their living, that they have that mark. Now, this mark is the mark of the devil. The mark of the devil in the human being's right hand is that he would not care if he has your mind if you are working for him. So the devil is going to seal some people in their hands and I figure afterwards he would get them in their minds. But whether your mind is with it or not, if you are working for the devil, he counts you as being chained, as being one of his. *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: <sup>17</sup>And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.* Now we will come back to this later.

First, let us continue to see what is meant by this mark. We see that the mark of the beast is the mind of Satan, but the mark of Christ is the mind of Christ. I want you to see how they parallel. You are either going to have to be on one side or the other. You are either receiving the mark of

Christ and becoming more like Christ, or you are receiving the mark of the devil and your development is towards becoming a full-fledged devil one day. That is a hard thing to think about, isn't it? Now, the Lord is saying to us as His children, that right now, this is a problem. Very often we preach things which seem far away. "One day, Jesus is going to come," or "One day, such and such is going to happen," and we preach down the line and we preach down the line and people say, "Oh, I can put it aside. It is not of primary importance at this time." But what I am talking to you about, brethren, is of primary importance. This is beginning to come to pass. That means that God is saying to us that as sons of God, "GET THE MARK OF CHRIST IN YOUR MIND!" Let Christ take over your thinking! My goodness, if you want to have confusion, just go into a church and say, "Let us do so and let us do so." It will be a thousand different thoughts and a thousand different minds and somebody will begin to get upset because you did not do it his way. Hallelujah. We need the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is one mind. It does not cause confusion. Hallelujah.

So God is saying that right now you are being marked by every experience, by every problem you have, by everything that happens in your life at this time. God is using these different things to mark His name on your hearts. When His name is on your hearts, if you are even unconscious you will speak the Word of God. If you are even asleep you will dream the things of God. God Almighty is at this moment bringing us to a very specific point of time. By the grace of God, I am going to show you at what point of time we have really come to.

First of all, is it possible for a man to become a beast? Is it possible? Now, when you talk about possibility you need to deal with evidence. In the Bible there is one place where a man became a beast. First of all, let us see what is meant by beast. What is meant by beast? In the Bible, God speaks of the natural beast. The beast was created at such and such a time. He began to show that the beast is a part of earth and man is another part of earth. What is the difference between a man and a beast? Can a man become a beast? Well, I am telling you that I would prefer to meet a lion than to meet Hitler in his time. Hallelujah. Therefore, God has shown us through history men who have become beasts. What happened to them?

When God made man, God breathed the breath of life into man and man became. What he became was spirit, soul, and body, three parts of a being that dwells in three different realms. The spirit of man is in the highest realm. The soul of man is a little lower than the spirit and the body of man is manifested in the lowest realm, in the lowest frequency. Hallelujah. The soul is at a little higher frequency. The spirit is in the highest frequency so that it can touch heaven. So, God, in making man, made us so that we could reach back to heaven. Any man, sinner man, whatever you are, you can reach back to heaven at any time. Any time you call upon the name of the Lord, heaven opens to you. That is the way that God made man. But He also made man with a free-will that can determine his own future and can determine certain things for him. He can go to hell if he wants to. He can go to heaven if he wants to. But the man has a freedom in this time and in this realm. Hallelujah. We will soon lose it. We see that God, having created men like this, if man was to reject his spirit, the part that God would come into, then he would cut the contact or the connection between man and God and he would become a beast. Now, the worst beast that you could meet is an intelligent beast, a beast with great knowledge and understanding, a beast that can talk and can handle things. When you meet this type of beast, you are in trouble. According to God's Word, we the people of the end time, are in more trouble than any other people of any other time, because of the wicked men. We are talking about beasts now, men who have departed from God and rejected the heaven contact. These are men that rejected the contact from heaven and became worse and worse and worse until they came to the other side completely transformed into a beast.

Now let us read of this incident. Hallelujah. God told Nimrod not to build Babylon. They built five cities of the plain and one of these cities, the great head city was Babylon. Babylon

represented the total rejection of God. When Babylon is mentioned it represents the total rejection of God. Now this city, I think my geography is correct, it was just a little outside of Baghdad in Iraq. So this great city was built and King Nebuchadnezzar was prophesied to by Daniel in Daniel 4. However, the king did not repent. Verse 29, *At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.* <sup>30</sup>*The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?* <sup>31</sup>*While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.* <sup>32</sup>*And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.* Praise be to God. God humiliated this man, because this man had exalted himself to heaven.

The strangest thing is that God said that nobody should build back Babylon and that anybody who did build back Babylon would build it in the blood of his children and so on and so on. Hallelujah. What is the recent thing that happened in our time? A man rose up and started to build Babylon and he felt very secure and powerful in his situation. As a result, the American Army attacked Iraq and eventually the man was captured. When the Iraqi's formed their government, one of the first things they did was to hang him. So therefore, the Word of the Lord still prevailed that no one should rebuild Babylon. Amen.

Of course, the rest of the story is that this man, Nebuchadnezzar, was for seven years out in the field eating grass like an ox, like a beast. It is marvelous. I can't imagine what kind of looks he would have received. You know? Verse 33, *...till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.* Amen. Hallelujah. He would remain in that state until seven years passed over and God Almighty brought him back to his palace.

In this example that we have brought to you, the main thought here is that we want to look into the Word of God to see that men do become like beasts. In the scriptures pertaining to the end time, God refers to one man as the beast. So we can see that men are progressing down the road into perdition to become beasts. When the Lord speaks, therefore, of the mark of the beast in the forehead, it means people who have rejected God have lost the human spirit. We are seeing some murders going on in countries. In the news recently, two young people were just killed in America. It is going on in the islands in Jamaica, in Trinidad, in Haiti. Many people are losing the human touch. They are losing the ability to be humans. They are killing like beasts. There are some beasts that kill whether they are hungry or not, like the tigers and the leopards. They will kill without being hungry because they have killing in their nature. God is saying that a man can come to a stage... When you think of a man like Hitler and what he did, where he would kill anybody - his mother, his father, his sister, his brother. These men felt no emotional ties for humanity. They were just beasts. They had lost the ability to touch God. Amen. They had discharged their own spirits, because God says that when a man dies, even a sinner when he dies, his spirit goes back to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7). That means that the spirit is an endowment that God has given man and that makes him man. His spirit is what makes him want to live decently, want to relax sometimes, want to read. That is what God does for the human being. But then, man can degrade himself to a point where he becomes a beast, where he has lost all human propensities and has become less than human. Therefore, he will kill and he will do things like a beast and he will sleep at night. Nothing bothers him; he will destroy a whole city and be happy and go to bed. Such a man will come out and take over.

Now we have read Revelation 14:10 about the mark of the beast. I want you to understand what this means. This means that the nature that I have described to you, the brutal nature - Paul called them natural brute beasts (II Peter 2:12) - that brutal thing is coming upon the human race. But

the good part is that God is not going to allow the beast to come forth unless He anoints a man to control him. Now, I want you to rejoice in your heart about this, because if I just preach to you about beasts all day and never tell you why I am talking to you about this, it would definitely be an unproductive message. But God Almighty is saying to us that the more you see the world drifting towards destruction, towards hell, you should rejoice in God for your redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:28). God is moving man in another way. God said that He will be one with us and that He will walk in us and that He will talk in us. In other words, the reason why God is allowing this thing to come to pass is because God is giving us the power to overcome it. Now when you think about power to overcome atom bombs, and you think about power to overcome all the power of Satan, then you must realize that God Almighty is saying to us that our time is here to do so. So the more you believe that these things are going to happen is the more you will believe that God is going to do what He is going to do.

Revelation 20:4, ***And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*** We are talking about something that must happen in our millennium. We are in this seventh millennium, or seventh thousand years, where we are going to be with Christ a thousand years. That is the good part. But we have to go through the destruction that is about to come and the beast will force his will upon people, but that is after the war. I want you to understand that. The beast is now going to get power over the earth and he will force people to take his mark and to take his name. Hallelujah. Because his mark is his name and his name is his nature. Amen. I hope we can understand it.

The mark of the beast is the name of the beast or the nature of the beast and people will have to take that or else they cannot buy or sell. In other words, the time will come when Christians, those who are walking with the Lord, can neither buy nor sell. Isn't that something? That means that we will have to be depending upon Jesus Christ like the children of Israel depended upon Him in the desert to bring that manna. Can you imagine, every morning they woke up and rushed out with their little vessels to gather the manna which was their food for the day. So Jesus Christ is really leading us in a way that we should see that it is now and that it is not some far time to come. In John 17:20, God tells us that we will be in Christ as Christ is with the Father. ***Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*** So, anyone who is saying that he is a great Christian - "Oh, he believes in God, and he is doing great, marvelous things," - he must show the glory of God by being one with those who Christ is one with. "I in them," Jesus Christ in us - "thou in Me" and "we in Him." That means to say that we are completely covered over by Christ - "that they may be made perfect until the ancient of days come." That is that the coming of Jesus Christ is eminent, for He is not going to allow this thing to destroy us. Daniel 7:22, ***Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*** That is where we are going, brethren. That is where we are going. We should not be discouraged about what is going on or what will come, for there is great discouragement coming. I saw in a vision the people of God weeping in the darkness and saying, "God has forsaken us!" Brethren, remember that God has not forsaken us. He will not forsake us. ...For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee (Hebrews 13:5).

*Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. <sup>23</sup>Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. We are talking about the world now and we are talking about a war that is coming in the world. Some people don't believe this, but the Bible said, Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, (that is the last kingdom upon earth) which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. <sup>24</sup>And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup>And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. <sup>26</sup>But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. <sup>27</sup>And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Praise God.*

Revelation 13:1, *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.* Brother Daniel said seven kings. Brother John had the vision in the Isle of Patmos and he says ten crowns, which means kings, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. In other words, the beast is going to hate God. Verse 2, *And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.* Daniel also saw these four beasts and he described them. So you should go back to Daniel 7 and you should read about these beasts. Verse 3, now this is interesting, *And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

Now, when man was aiming to get to a point of destruction of him, God sent Jesus. You know the whole story. The devil thought, "Let me kill Him and I will take the kingdom." But in a way, the devil is a fool. I do not know how an intelligent devil could think that way, but his devilishness drives him greater than his intellect. So he thought that he could kill Jesus and get the kingdom. When he killed Jesus, the Blood of Jesus Christ wounded him. I will tell you that within a few years the church would have destroyed Satan and taken the kingdom, had Satan not deceived the church in order to get some of the church to build its own church. That church put themselves in the place of God. So we see that the church is in a pretty bad condition now because they have healed the wound of the devil. Hallelujah.

*<sup>3</sup>And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. <sup>4</sup>And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast:* We were talking about the beast, and now we come to the dragon.

Now, we want a description of the dragon and to get a description we have to go to Revelation 12:7, where we see the description of the dragon. *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, <sup>8</sup>And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.* What are we talking about? Sa- tan had set himself up in the church. But the Spirit of God is going to prevail. In other words the scripture says that He sent Michael. That means that God will send the angel of the covenant, this angel who comes down with the Blood and defends the people of God. At this time, God is going to send Michael. *<sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup>And I*

***heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup>And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Praise God.***

Now we go back to Revelation 13. We are talking about this dragon who is the devil himself and he has given his power and his authority to a people here. Verse 4, ***And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*** We are talking about a kingdom, a government. We sometimes call it the "one-world government" and this government is going to take charge of the whole world after man has been stopped from destroying the earth with atomic weapons. The devil is going to raise up a kingdom and the kingdom has the image of a lot of the European nations. The mouth was a lion that is the British Empire; the feet were of a bear and that is Russia; the body was a leopard and that is France. But the whole of the civilized nations will come together and will form a beast government. Hallelujah. They will force men to worship. They will force men to worship this beast. Of course, that is how they are going to get their bread. Do we understand what God is saying here now? It is that the time has come when the church must be in a position to overcome this beast, because it is God's will. If one person will not, God will use another person to do it.

Revelation 13:18 says, ***Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*** What is that? The number of Christ is 000 (zero, zero, zero) - the fullness of Christ - meaning to say that the number of the beast is 6, or man. Man's spirit is 6, man's soul is 6, man's body is 6, making 666 - spirit, soul, and body. This man, or the men who head up this government; they will be human, human, human. They will discard everything of God and they will take for themselves all that pertains to humans. Verse 16, ***And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.***

"Okay, we are not going to have any more war. We had better clamp down on every human being. Every human being must be registered. You must receive a mark in your forehead or in your hand. You must be one of us and those who are not, we will kill them."

It will be such a great deception that all the people will be looking for God. You know, all the different nations talk about this god or that god. (I do not want to call any names.) Amen. But you know that they all have different kinds of gods. They will get all the gods into one. Revelation 13:15, ***And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. All of 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 13:14b). Now, the beast that they are making the image to is the devil himself, because he is the one who was wounded by the sword. It seems to me that everything that is beast is coming together, because the Bible says that Satan will give his power and his authority to this kingdom of men and they will begin to rule the earth. They will not do it for long, brethren. I think they might have about three and a half years and God Almighty will intervene, because the fullness of Christ will come into His people and they will take the kingdom. Hallelujah. That is what Daniel said. He did not say that they will gently hand over the kingdom. He said they will take the kingdom. So, it is going to be the beast clashing with the manchild. You see, the manchild is the 144,000, or the sons of God, or the firstfruits company, whatever you may call it, but they are going to clash. Satan is going to make the same mistake that he made with Jesus Christ. He was a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). He cannot help but kill, so he is going to say, "Let us kill them."



So in Revelation 12:2-3, we see where a manchild was born and the dragon wanted to kill the manchild. He wanted to kill. What will happen now, this fresh birth in Christ, this powerful, Christian, many-membered body, Satan will say, "Let us kill them. Let us kill them in such a way that nobody can say that they resurrected."

Amen. The woman brought forth a manchild. So what is Satan going to do? In other words, the woman is the church and the church is bringing forth a church. But it will not be a woman church any more. It will be a man church; that is, one that has the power within himself. Amen. That is Bible language. Satan, therefore, has decided to kill this manchild and he is going to chop their heads off. Amen. We see that picture in Revelation 11 where they beheaded the two witnesses. In other words, those who were witnessing to them. I am just telling you the end of the matter. They beheaded the witnesses and after three and a half days they rose up. Do you remember Lazarus' resurrection? Lazarus rose up in three and a half days. In other words, it was the fourth day when Jesus came and said, "Lazarus, come forth" (John 11:17). Well, this is what God is saying, that the sons of God will rise up after three and a half days and they will break the power of sin in the earth once and for all and forever.

The mark of the beast, what is it? When is it going to come? The mark of the beast is at this moment being perpetrated in the human realm. In other words, in humanity there are things that are marking the minds of men. There are people who are being marked and marked against God, blasphemously marked. There are people who are being marked for Jesus and being made steady, rock-solid in the Word of God, in the grace of God and in the power of God. These two people of our generation are growing up together. Satan is marking some people in their foreheads. God is marking some people in their foreheads. Satan is marking people in their hands. God is saying, "No. I don't want your works. I want your heart." Hallelujah. Some people believe that they can work for God and that will put them in heaven. No, no, no. You must be marked inside, in your minds and souls and emotions and will and desires. Hallelujah. That is where the mark will be. So, the Lord God is doing a thing right now. You know, I am not preaching a gospel for tomorrow. He is doing it right now and it will continue until we reach the fullness. Wicked men shall grow worse and worse until the end comes (II Timothy 3:13). Righteous men will become more like Jesus, hallelujah, and more like Christ until we awake in His likeness (Psalm 17:15). This is the scripture. This is the Word of God. Fear not, brethren, for the hour is at hand. We are being made one with Christ through our minds being marked by the glory of God. Hallelujah.

We see men going in a different direction - all the false doctrines are designed to get men away from God. God is drawing us unto Himself by the love of His Spirit. May God bless you abundantly, brethren, and may God help you to walk in the truth and in the light of God.

Now I am sure you will want to ask some questions so I am going to close right here. Hallelujah. God bless you.

**Gary Sonmore:** Praise the Lord. Thank you, Brother duCille. We will just take a moment here to open up the phone line, as well as the internet, for anyone that would like to ask a question regarding the teaching today. We have a question that came in during the week here. It is not necessarily related to the teaching today, but let me go ahead and ask that.

**Question 1:** After Jesus was baptized, He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Why was this done? What was the purpose of this?

**Cecil duCille:** Praise God. It was necessary for Jesus Christ to establish His power even over the devil himself. The devil thought that he could overthrow Jesus. He was a man and the devil did

not think much of men. So God Almighty gave him the opportunity to feel what it is for a man to really overcome him.

**Gary Sonmore:** Okay. Praise the Lord. They are asking a second question here.

**Question 2:** Jesus prayed, saying, "Lead us not into temptation." However, He Himself was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. Is there a relation in these two? Or am I taking one out of context?

**Cecil duCille:** No, it is not out of context. The proof of life is death. In other words, to prove that Jesus Christ had eternal life in Him, somebody had to kill Him. Every time that God takes you one bracket up He will allow the tempter to come in and you will prove your power over him.

I will give you one little example here. In my life I was addicted to anger, great anger, before I was born again. When I got saved, I thought I had gotten rid of the thing, but lingering in me there was still that ability to be angry. I knew it was death, because anger in you is death. So, I went to pray and fast before God. After fasting for a long time, I was sitting in my office one day and my assistant rose up and slapped me with his fists in my face. Now, that had never happened to me in my life and according to how I used to live in violence, it was something that nobody would ever try with me. But guess what? That was the proof that I had received the deliverance from God, for when the man kept on beating at me, hitting me everywhere, I couldn't find it in my heart to hit him. Amen. So that made firm the endowment that I had received from God. Had I not received that test - you call it a temptation and it was a real temptation. But had I not received that temptation, I would still be uncertain as to whether, "Did I get it or did I not?" Praise God.

**Gary Sonmore:** Praise the Lord. Let us go to a question on the phone line.

**Question 3:** The seven years that King Nebuchadnezzar was a beast, was there significance in that number seven?

**Cecil duCille:** The number seven in scripture always has a meaning. In other words, the beast in the earth and in us will be overcome and we will be delivered from it in the seventh millennium, which is where we are now, in the seventh millennium. So, it definitely had a meaning.

**Gary Sonmore:** Thank you. There is a question coming in here from England.

**Question 4:** Will the firstfruits company be the first to resurrect? Or the first to receive the fullness?

**Cecil duCille:** Both. I Corinthians 15:23 tells us, *But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.* The order is Christ the firstfruits, those who are in Christ will rise first, afterwards they that are belonging to Christ at His coming. So yes, the answer is yes.

**Gary Sonmore:** Praise the Lord. You spoke today both of the mark and the sealing in both respects, both of Satan and of the Lord upon His people. Also, you spoke of this three and a half year period and we believe we are right at the precipice of the beginning of that period. What would be your comment as far as the sealing of God's people? When does that occur, before or during those three and a half years? Is there a point when God's people "run out of time" as far as that sealing? Or does that sealing still continue during that three and a half year period?

**Cecil duCille:** I do not know really. But what I do know is that at this time, we are being sealed. It is not just a "one-day" stamp that is put upon the brethren. It is the sealing in your mind, in your heart, in your emotions, and in your will that God Almighty is working in us right now and He says, "Do not bring the destruction until the sealing is done." God Almighty promised that He would

seal His people and hide His people from the destruction of the world and from the destruction of Babylon. So what I believe is that the sealing is going on now. Remember now, the four angels standing on the four corners of the earth were ready to destroy the earth and according to scripture, we can quote many scriptures which tell us directly and completely that this will be an atomic fire being thrown. A great mountain of fire was thrown into humanity. All this tells us, then, that the sealing must come before the destruction.

**Gary Sonmore:** Praise the Lord. Many times as we think, or I will say as the church thinks about the mark of the beast, many times it is that thought of the natural mark as you were talking about in the beginning of the broadcast. I believe that this marking of Satan upon his people is a parallel and a counterfeit to what God wants to do. It was not that Satan was the originator of that thought. But there is a sealing that God has ordained and prophesied that would come in this latter time. It does not necessarily exclude a natural mark, but it certainly is a spiritual mark upon His people. That is something that does not just occur with one physical stamp on your forehead or hand. It is something that occurs in the nature of the person, even as there is that parallel of this on Satan's side with his children, his people. So it is with the mark of God. We know that God is not necessarily physically marking His people with a cross or something like that. This is definitely speaking of a spiritually marking and it is something that is not just taking place in a moment, but it is a mark of a people that have dedicated themselves to the Lord and pursued the Lord and have taken upon His nature even. That is not a question, it is sort of a statement, but do you have a reaction to that statement?

**Cecil duCille:** Well, I think you were just confirming what I have said. Praise God. It could not be a natural mark and it is really in the mind and in the emotions and in the desires and in the will. I mentioned the atom bomb sixty years ago and nobody used it, because nobody had the will to do that. Emotionally, they could not have used it. But now Satan has found people who will religiously use it, because they will say that they were told to do it. So this is where we have come into a very dangerous time in the history of the world, the mark of the beast on minds.

**Gary Sonmore:** Yes, that beast nature that Satan is putting upon his people, he is putting that nature within their mind. It is not just some external, physical mark. Praise the Lord. We have another question here from the internet.

**Question 4:** Do you mean that the atomic war will not last for the three and a half year period of the reign of the two witnesses? In this time period, when will the kingdom of the beast be fully formed? Also, when will the thousand year reign of Christ start?

**Brother Cecil duCille:** Well, the time in which we are now is encroaching upon the reign of Christ's time. God said that He would finish the work which He had made and so man is being finished. We are coming into the point where we will receive the fullness of Christ. When we do that, of course, the devil will try to bring destruction, but we have to finish with him, also. So, therefore, although it looks long to us, to God it is just a wink of time. There is a three and a half year reign of the beast and I believe that it is the same three and a half years that the sons of God will arise. So if the sons of God do not counter-act the beast in the spirit, he will destroy the whole world. Because of this, he cannot destroy the world and at the end of his reign the sons of God will bring a challenge to him. The challenge is, "Kill me!" The beast will make the same mistake that he made with Jesus and they will kill them. Then the sons of God will resurrect and take over the kingdom. So, you see that cannot be very long from now. The three and a half years will start when the woman has the manchild, from the time of the birth to when we come into the fullness of Christ. Remember, the angel said, "Don't destroy anyone until I have finished marking them in their foreheads." So, you can

see how things come together that we can actually pinpoint the time down to "this is our time in which we live."

**Gary Sonmore:** Praise the Lord. Let us open up the phone line for anyone that has a question.

**Question 5:** How will the human beings, the church, and the manchild, control the beast?

**Brother Cecil duCille:** How will the church control the beast? Right now, when we see things happening we should pray against it and it will change just like that. I have seen even with the weather, that when the weather comes we pray against it and it turns away just like Jesus Christ controlling the winds and the waves. We are being given that power to control the beast and we will control the beast until the end of the time. The beast will be arrested and cast into the bottom- less pit and humanity will be delivered from that thing. That is how we will control it, by believing God and praying and some things we will command and it will be done.

**Question 6:** I want to make sure I understand correctly. Is the fullness coming prior to the atomic war?

**Brother Cecil duCille:** I remember the question - someone had asked if the war will last three and a half years. I do not think it can continue for three and half months. The war will stop. The Lord God said that before man could destroy the earth, the war will stop. Now, I do not know how intense it could be, but I can imagine that if cities of America are hit that America is going to tear up the rest of the enemies all over. That means to say, the scriptures say two billion people - it takes a thousand million to make a billion - so, two thousand million people will be dead. I do not think the war can go many months. It is not a thing that could last, because if someone should hit America, how long would it take for us to hit back? Would we wait? This kind of warfare God would have to stop quickly. So whatever happens, God is giving us the power to speak the Word and stop that attack and save humanity. That is how I see it.

**Gary Sonmore:** The question that she is asking is, "What is the relationship between the fullness coming in the sons of God and when this atomic attack would be loosed on the earth? Is it before it or after it?"

**Cecil duCille:** The fullness must come either before or coinciding with the destruction, because if we do not have the power, we will not be able to stop them. Now hear what Revelation 7:3 says, *Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.* Now when the servants of God are sealed, the Bible tells us that it is by those same servants of God that the war will be stopped, because if the war continued the world would be destroyed. Matthew 24:22 says, *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.* So how quick would it take to destroy the world if all the nations get angry? Do you know what I mean? So, I believe it could not be more than a few months. If it were three years there would be nothing left on earth. But then we are going to suffer after that because so many things will be destroyed.

**Question 6:** That is the only thing that makes sense to me. Thank you.

**Question 7:** I just had a thought. Brother Cassell had a word about seed-time and harvest, about the destruction. Could all this flooding that we are having be part of that seed-time where it is destroying all the crops and seed-bearing crops?

**Cecil duCille:** Well, the Word of God says that the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come. It said there would be great earthquakes, and there would be disasters everywhere (Matthew 24:7). I am seeing this happen that in every place you look there is some disaster. So I do believe that

this is the beginning of something pretty big. That was in Revelation 11:18, *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.* Yes. Then he speaks of the temple of God being opened in heaven. *<sup>19</sup>And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.* So we are coming up to that.

**Question 8:** I have a question. You said that if you live next to drug dealers or where you know that there is going to be a shoot-out, you should move. I live in the same park plain that I lived in when God found me. I have not been told to move. But there were shots that came in this park plain that if it would have come another foot it would have got- ten in my house. Should I wait for God to tell me, "Yes, move," or is it a given?

**Cecil duCille:** The scripture tells me in Revelation 18:2, *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. <sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. <sup>4</sup>And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.* Now, I am saying that I would not want to be in places like Chicago and New York and San Francisco, nor many of those other big cities. I would not want to be there at this time. If I were there, I would be praying, "Lord God, show me if I should move and prepare a place for me to move to." There is no use moving out of the frying pan if you are going into the fire.

**Question 9:** I have another question. My nine year old son, who has been baptized, has not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We had an occurrence the other day where a kid was going to throw rocks at him and I didn't know what to tell him. Do you defend yourself? Do you just run away? Furthermore, what if this same child attacks his little brother or little sister? Is there ever a point where he or we are supposed to defend ourselves physically?

**Cecil duCille:** God has delivered me from that physical defense. I have had a crowd of men coming down upon me and kicking me and I never moved. I'll tell you something, I couldn't feel it. I couldn't understand it because I got some very heavy kicks, but I never felt any pain because I believe God. I don't believe God is going to have you teach your children any form of violence. Teach them to trust God to deliver them. I see some places where Jesus Christ Himself fled from them. Paul got out of the way, and others let him down in a basket to send him another way. So I do believe that non-violence is what Christ is teaching us.

**Question 9:** Thank you. That is clear enough.

**Gary Sonmore:** Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Well, we have a full plate today with much good word given. Thank you for that, Brother duCille. Again, I think that it is so important that we take this to heart and allow the Lord to continue to seal us and to do whatever is necessary to put His seal upon us and to put His Spirit within us. Praise the Lord. Let me just conclude in prayer here and then we will be done for today. I want to thank everyone who has been able to join us today, both on the internet as well as on the phone line and for those who have been able to ask questions. I pray that they received the answers that they needed. Hallelujah. Let us pray.

*Lord, again we just thank You today for this broadcast, for this time in Your Word and in sharing. We just pray, God, that You will seal the message upon our hearts and bring to our*

*remembrance those things that we need to take to heart and to learn and to chew on further, Lord. We pray that in this latter time, Lord, that we will continue to take this time seriously and to do business with You, God, in this late last hour. We give You praise and glory for Your keeping power upon us. We just bind any fear as we talk about these things, talk about the end time, talk about the beast rising up and the sealing of his people. Lord, we bind the spirit of fear that would come upon anybody that would question if they would be sealed by the enemy in some way. Lord, by faith we just hold on to You. We reach out and in faith we say that we desire the sealing of God upon our soul, upon our mind and that there is no enemy that would be able to rob or distract us from the goal of having Your fullness within us, of having Your complete sealing within our soul and our mind. We give You praise and glory, Lord. Continue to bless each one that is listening and partaking of this broadcast today. Of course, for our Brother and Sister duCille, we thank You, God, for them, and we pray for divine strength for each of them and wisdom and guidance as well. We just give You all the glory and the praise now in Your precious holy name. Amen. Amen.*

Well, praise the Lord again and we look forward to next Saturday at this same time if the Lord wills. We believe that He does and that we will be able to have you to share with us once again. So that will conclude our broadcast for today. Praise the Lord. God bless everyone.

**Cecil duCille:** Praise the Lord.