

Lesson 3: The System of the Beast

Revelation 13:15-18 NKJV - He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

A. Cashless Society - How Close is it?

1. 30% of America's transactions are digital. Cash registers are on the way to being phased out, and even now, iPads are being used for more and more transactions.
2. The economic system is changing rapidly as we're transitioning from cash to contactless cards. Digital wallets are now able to store everything you need, thus eliminating a wallet.
3. Currently, Apple Pay and Google Pay allow transactions to be made without touching a card to a terminal or entering a PIN.
4. Smartphones utilize fingerprint and facial recognition technology to unlock their phones. It is forecast that by 2024, biometric facial recognition will be available in 90% of all smartphones.
5. Amazon now has biometric scanning, a process that allows you to do a transaction using only your hand. Pay-by-hand scan takes about 300 milliseconds.
6. In December of 2019, Amazon filed a patent for a scanner device used to obtain raw images of a user's palm. The scan depicts external characteristics, such as lines and creases. It can also depict internal structures such as veins, bones, tissue and other structures beneath the skin.

Daniel 12:4 NKJV - "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

B. The System of the Beast is Global Control

Revelation 13:8 NKJV - All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 4:9 NKJV - And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Revelation 13:12 NKJV - And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

1. Mandatory worship of the Antichrist will be declared by law. People will be mesmerized to believe that the Antichrist will be a deity. He is a God or even more than a God.
2. The worship of the Antichrist will gain momentum because he will be the most charismatic political problem solver that the world has ever seen.
3. The mark of the beast will be a badge of loyalty that will be required by all people. It will be an honor to be a part of a global community of peace and harmony. Then all the world will be as one.
4. It is widely believed that the mark will be visible to readily identify those who are registered in the system and those who are not.
5. This Global System will make the purchase and sale of goods much more effective and efficient.

C. How Will the Masses Be So Receptive?

1. It will be a protection against identity theft and fraud. Cards and phones can be stolen and hacked. Your vein patterns and palm prints cannot.
2. It will be so convenient. You can pay for everything simply by passing your hand over a scanner. And just like that, you're on your way.

3. It will be a healthy transaction.

Checks, bills, and coins are touched by many hands that can easily transmit germs and potentially viruses. Cash could soon be viewed as contaminated and even antiquated.

4. It will produce global economic unity.

Making the world come together in order to level the playing field economically is an easy sell. End world hunger, promote world unity, no more sovereign nations - the world is now one.

Revelation 17:13 NKJV - These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

5. He will be a miracle worker.

Revelation 13:13 NKJV - He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

The ultimate deception described here is unlike anything the world has ever seen. The Antichrist will cast a hypnotizing spell upon the masses by the miracles he will perform.

D. Action Steps for Victory

1. Get out of spiritual slumber.

Romans 13:11-12 NKJV - And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

2. Keep your mind sound and your spirit engaged in prayer.

1 Peter 4:7 AMP - But the end and culmination of all things has now come near; keep sound minded and self-restrained and alert therefore for [the practice of] prayer.