

## ***The Mark: the Name and the Number***

Worksheet 20: **March 24, 2016**—*spiritual warfare*

**Identification:** “It” is what survival—during the days of the Antichrist—will require! Without “it” nothing can be bought or sold. It is a passport to live another hour. For the ones who reject “it”...immediate death will be required. What is “it”? While we do not know the mark, we do know the name of the Beast—*Antichrist*—and the number: it is 666!

“It seems as if man really wants to be deceived:  
he grasps at deceptions rather than take hold of God’s holy *Truth*.  
When men turn away from God,  
they become easy prey for the devil.”

—Dr. E. F. Webber

### **Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

**Jeremiah 6:14** “*They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.*”

**Revelation 13:16** and (18 written out already)

Verse 16—

<sup>18</sup> “**This calls for wisdom.** *If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man’s number. His number is 666.*”

**Revelation 14:11**

**Revelation 19:20**

**Revelation 20:4**

### **Scripture to Memorize:**

**Revelation 13:17** “...so that no one could buy or sell unless he had ***the mark***, which is ***the name of the beast or the number of his name.***”

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

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**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. For the *Mark: the Name and the Number* to be required to buy or sell anything, who will be ruling on the earth? Check only one.

- the spirit of antichrist      The Antichrist      the European Union      Obama

●**Daniel 7:8 (Daniel’s dream)** *“While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.”*

2. What is your understanding about the ultimate penalty for refusing the *Mark: the Name and the Number*—other than NOT being able to buy or sell?

Reference: **Revelation 14:11**

3. Scripture tells us in **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10** *“The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that **deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.**”* This last sentence is antithetic (opposed) to **John 3:16**’s promise in its last line—write it out below.

*“...that whoever believes in him shall not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”*

**Recommended Reading:**

- A Study in the Revelation*, E. F. Webber  
*Here and Now...There and Then*, Beth Moore  
*What in the World Is Going On?* Dr. David Jeremiah

## The FLOOD—Noah, His Family, and the World

The account of the flood is in Genesis 6, but the reason for the flood is recorded in chapter 5. “*The days of Noah*” describe the days just before the Lord Jesus Christ will return in the air to gather all believers to Himself in Luke 17:26-27.

### A little background:

1. Genesis 1 recorded God creating the world and everything in it.
2. Just five chapters later, God warned that He would destroy the earth—except for the “righteous”. And God designated who was to be on board the safety of the ark.
3. From Adam to Noah is just ten generations: Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch (who walked with God, and God took him), Methuselah, Lamech and Noah.
4. In those days, men lived to be as old as 900 and some years. After Noah had lived for 500 years, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5. In chapter 6 God shortened the life span of mankind down to 120 years.

### I. • WHY did God send a flood to destroy the earth?

Genesis 6:5-8 “*The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. 6The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. 7So the LORD said, ‘I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them.’ 8***But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.**”

God shortened man’s life-span, and planned to destroy mankind because of:  
—how great his (her) wickedness had become on the earth, and because  
—every inclination of the thoughts of his (her) heart was only evil all the time.

Sin had entered the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3, and Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden. In chapter 4 Cain killed his brother Abel, and for the next nine generations sin multiplied and became grievous and painful to God. God had been patient, and there had been warnings, but people went their own sinful ways and grieved the heart of God. Notice that animals and all of creation suffered when sin entered the world, and when the flood came all of the animals perished except those in the seas, and those that Noah brought into the ark according to God’s command.

♥Why did Noah find favor with God? Genesis 6:9b says: “*Noah was a righteous man, **blameless** among the people of his time, and he walked with God.*”

In Genesis 6:11-17, God gave instructions to Noah on how to build the ark, on who to include in the ark—how many of each animal to take—and information on exactly what the flood would do to the earth. Genesis 6:17 ends by saying:

*“Everything on earth will perish.”* Noah had never seen it rain, much less flood. What God didn’t tell him was exactly when the flood would happen.

Every time God enacts His judgment, He provides mercy for those who are righteous—made righteous by trusting in and obeying Him—Notice that God does His merciful “redeeming” work in verse 18, because Noah had found favor with Him. *“But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.”*

In Genesis 6:22 and 7:5 Scripture says, *“Noah did everything just as God commanded him: and...Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.”* And that’s the reason Noah continued to find favor with God—He trusted God’s Word and he was obedient to His commands. Genesis 7:7 *“And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood.”* And the end of verse 16 says, *“Then the LORD shut him in.”*

► Who perished? Genesis 7:21-23 *“Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. 22Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. 23Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.”*

► How long did the flood last? Genesis 7:24 *“The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.”* That is five months of raining! Rain had not happened before. People had never seen water fall from the heavens, and seas overflow and spill onto the land and cover the mountains.

**II. ●WHO** wrote about the flood? Jesus and the New Testament writers believed Moses to be the author of the first five books of the Bible—the Pentateuch—John 5:46. Remember that when God calls us to do something, He never intends for us to do it without Him. God wrote through Moses!

Noah and his family entering the safety of the ark is a ‘picture’ of our salvation. When we receive Jesus as our Savior—confessing our sin—and believing Him to be Lord of our lives; and we live in obedience to His ‘call’ (to salvation) and His ‘commands’ (for living), then we have relationship with God and find favor with Him. And those who do not come to God through Jesus Christ will perish for eternity without Him. Come to Jesus Christ today—why will you perish?

**WHO will demand that people receive the ‘mark’? THE ANTICHRIST!** When men and women turn from God and His Word, there is only one direction to turn—toward God’s arch enemy. And Satan will take full advantage!

●**The natural world is ripe for Antichrist:** Tornados, hurricanes, wild fires, floods, landslides, oil spills, piracies, kidnappings, murders, rapes, abuse, famine, disease of every awful kind, economic disasters, and catastrophic events—what is the world coming to? The world is coming to the place where it will look for someone who can solve all the problems—take charge and command—a man to govern the whole world. His biblical name is Antichrist!

●**World governments are ripe for Antichrist:** He is the culmination of the image in Daniel 2. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that Daniel interpreted, and the whole history of human society in relation to government processes was tied up in that vision of a huge statue:

- the gold head = Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar;
- the silver breast and arms = Medo-Persian Empire (upper middle class rule);
- belly and thighs of brass = Grecian Empire (central and lower middle class rule);
- legs of iron = **Roman Empire** (brawn rather than brain rule); and
- feet and toes of clay = Out of which rises the Antichrist.

In Daniel 2:42-43 we see governments degenerate and fall into the hands of the mob—controlled by agitators. Daniel speaking: “*As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. 43And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.*” Today we see this breaking up surfacing in a major way in the Middle East: Egypt, Libya, Oman and Bahrain in particular. At some point, the call will go out for a ruler who can control the turmoil—mob rule—and Antichrist will answer.

Antichrist will offer to and pretend to: ●lead the world into total peace, and solve the Middle East conflict; ●bring harmony to the world—for a designated time—while he’ll appear to do for 3 ½ years, and ●be a religious man in the ecumenical church and then the most demoniac dictator. He is one part of the Satanic counterfeit trinity: Satan will be the “god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4), and imitate the work of God. While Antichrist imitates the work of the Son as the False Prophet counterfeits the work of the Holy Spirit (Revelation 13).

●**The world’s economy is ripe for Antichrist:** The American dollar has lost twenty percent of its value in the last ten years. Our debt and dependency on oil, just here in the United States, is astronomical. Antichrist will install a “planned economy” in place of capitalism, revitalizing the Marxist theory which was

“from each according to his ability, to each according to his need” with a diabolical twist. Revelation 13:16-17 *“He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.”*

● **World religions are ripe for Antichrist:** The world system which prepares for Antichrist is characterized by deception and dissimulation. It appeals to the masses because it is godless and Christ-less; it is “me and mine”—humanism. One of Webster’s definitions of humanism is “a way of life centered on human interests or values”. It is the teaching that man’s nature is perfectible through his own efforts without the benefit of divine grace—socially directed rather than biblically motivated. Antichrist will substitute himself for Christ and promote fraternity, liberty, equality. Though he’ll not call himself antichrist, he will present himself to the world as the true center of its hopes, needs and hurts.

- † Christ comes from above (John 6:38)  
Antichrist ascends from the pit (Revelation 11:7)
- † Christ comes in the Father’s name (John 5:43)  
Antichrist comes in his own name (John 5:43)
- † Christ—man’s creator—humbled Himself (Philippians 2:8)  
Antichrist exalts himself (2 Thessalonians 2:4)
- † Christ is despised and rejected of men (Isaiah 53:3; Luke 23:18)  
Antichrist is admired (Revelation 13:3-4)
- † Christ was exalted by the Father (Philippians 2:9)  
Antichrist will be cast down to hell (Isaiah 14:14-15; 19:20)
- † Christ came to do His Father’s will (John 6:38)  
Antichrist will come to do his own will (Daniel 11:36)
- † Christ came to save (Luke 19:10)  
Antichrist will come to destroy (Daniel 8:24)
- † Christ is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)  
Antichrist is the idol (evil) shepherd (Zechariah 11:16-17)
- † Christ is the *Truth* (John 14:6)  
Antichrist is the lie (2 Thessalonians 2:11)
- † Christ is the Holy One (Mark 1:24)  
Antichrist is the lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:11)
- † Christ is the man of sorrows (Isaiah 53:3)  
Antichrist is the man of sin (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
- † Christ is the Son of God (Luke 1:35)  
Antichrist is the man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
- † Christ, “the mystery of godliness”, is God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16)  
Antichrist, “the mystery of iniquity”, will be Satan manifest in the flesh (2 Thessalonians 2:7)