

We're back with a devotional and our latest news.



The Covid-19 vaccine has certainly stirred up its share of controversy in recent months as some people are worried about potential unknown long-term side-affects. Others, hearing about those who have gotten pretty sick from it, especially after the second shot, are electing not to get it at all.

But what has caught my attention the most are the many articles I've seen where people, particularly Christians, are worried that the vaccine is the "*mark of the beast*" mentioned in the Bible. And much of the concern seems to be stemming from some of the social media influencers, but also from various pastors teaching this to their congregations. Just yesterday, a local Pastor friend of mine mentioned his lengthy discussion with a congregant who was convinced that the vaccine is the "mark of the beast."

So it is my hope in the paragraphs that follow to take the worry out of this for you as I believe that a careful reading of our Bibles will show that there is no chance at all that the vaccine has anything to do with the "*mark of the beast*." And to show that the hysteria around this just highlights what we're warned about in **Ephesians 4:13-14** where the Bible teaches that each of us should strive to become mature in our faith and knowledge "...so that we would no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine..."

So let me share with you three reasons that I think will clear this up for us. **First**, the mark of the beast is first mentioned in Revelation chapter 13 where the apostle John, one of Jesus' disciples, is continuing to describe the vision that

God has given to him regarding the future, specifically the time right before the triumphal second coming of Jesus Christ. The “beast” is the future anti-christ—a powerful world leader who will rise up in rebellion to God and attempt to lead the world astray and away from God. And it says that people will be required to receive a mark on their right hand or forehead, which signifies their allegiance to the beast and no one will be allowed to buy or sell unless they receive the mark.

Now the Greek word John used for “mark” is *charagma*, which literally means a visible mark; an etching or engraving; an image impressed into a coin. But the vaccine is clearly not a visible mark other than you might have a little redness at the injection site for a couple of days.

**Second**, John says that this mark is to be on the right hand or forehead where it will be visible allowing the person to go to the store or in business selling things. So the vaccine clearly doesn't fit this either. It is not a visible mark and it has nothing to do with a person's right hand or forehead.

**Third**, and most important, is that every one of the seven times that the mark of the beast is mentioned in the book of Revelation (13:16,17; 14:9,11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4) it associates the mark with those who worship the beast! And keep in mind that this future individual who will be the antichrist, aka the beast, has not even come on the world scene as of yet. The Bible also says that during those times a statue representing the antichrist will be built that people will be required to worship (**Rev. 13:15**), but that doesn't exist yet either.

So in summary, the vaccine is not a mark. It has nothing to do with the right hand or forehead. And the administering of the mark comes **after** the beast is revealed and that future person has yet to show up.

But more than anything let me encourage you to not get lost in the details of all of this. The simple thing to remember is that as long as you never give up your allegiance to Jesus, you will never have to worry about what this mark looks like or when it is coming because only those who are willing to give their allegiance to the antichrist will take the mark.

So if you've been vaccinated, relax! You don't have the mark. And while some of you reading this may have issues with vaccines, please don't let the future “*mark of the beast*” be one of them! Instead let the Bible be “the lamp unto your feet and the light unto your path.” This is why we open the Bible every day with our students at Reignite Hope--that they will “*no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and every wind of doctrine*” coming from the world around us.

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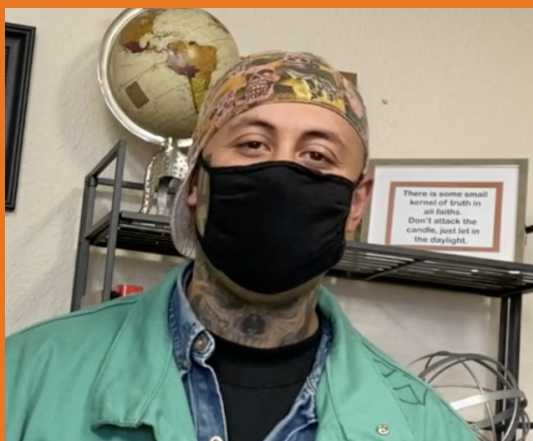
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