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"It also forced all people, ... to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark ..."
Rev. 13:16,17

I. The Arrival of the "Kingdom Now" Antichrist (Dan. 9:27)

- A. First physical sign of the Antichrist – The "Peace treaty" with Israel (Dan. 9:27)
- B. A seven-year tribulation period and countdown to the second coming of the True Christ
- C. Notice what he promises: Peace NOW – = "Kingdom now" - Temple? Freedom? Safety?
- D. Three tenants of the "Kingdom Now" philosophy:
 - 1. Peace/safety on earth
 - 2. Prosperity on earth
 - 3. Healing on earth

II. The Announcement of the "Kingdom of God" (Rev. 7:2-4; 11:1 – 6; 14:1 - 6)

- A. The True Christ and His disciples preach the "Kingdom of God" (Acts 28:31)
- B. The "Kingdom of God" is focused on the eternal kingdom! (Dan. 4:3)
- C. God sends two powerful groups to proclaim this kingdom
 - 1. 144,000 Jewish evangelists – "sealed" by God for protection (Rev.7:2-4; 14:1-6)
 - 2. The two Witnesses at the Temple (Rev. 11:1 – 6)
- D. Jesus promised that all the world would hear the gospel (Matt. 24:14)

III. The Absolute Choice – The Mark of the Beast or the True Christ (Rev. 13:15 – 18)

- A. The second physical sign - The "Antitrinity" forces people to worship the antichrist idol – or die!
- B. Forces everyone to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead – or starve!
- C. What is the mark and the number 666? – "This calls for wisdom ... insight"
- D. The real question – "Do you fear death more than you fear God?" (Dan. 3:16 – 18; 28 - 29)
- E. Three competing marks:
 - 1) Seal of the Holy Spirit on all believers (Eph. 1:13,14)
 - 2) Seal of the 144,000 Jews
 - 3) Seal of the Antichrist (Rev. 20:4)