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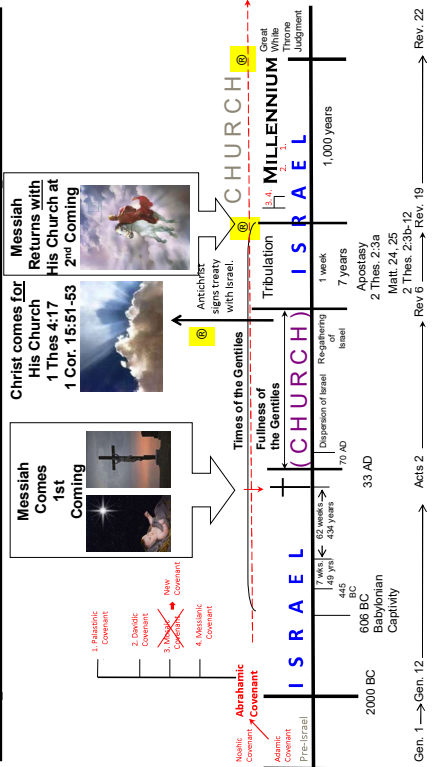


Every word proclaimed.

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

- Looking Ahead –**
- June 17 – No class – Father’s Day
 - June 24 – Class.
 - July 1 – No class.
 - July 8 – Class.
 - July 15 – No class.
 - July 22 – Class.
 - August – to be determined.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events

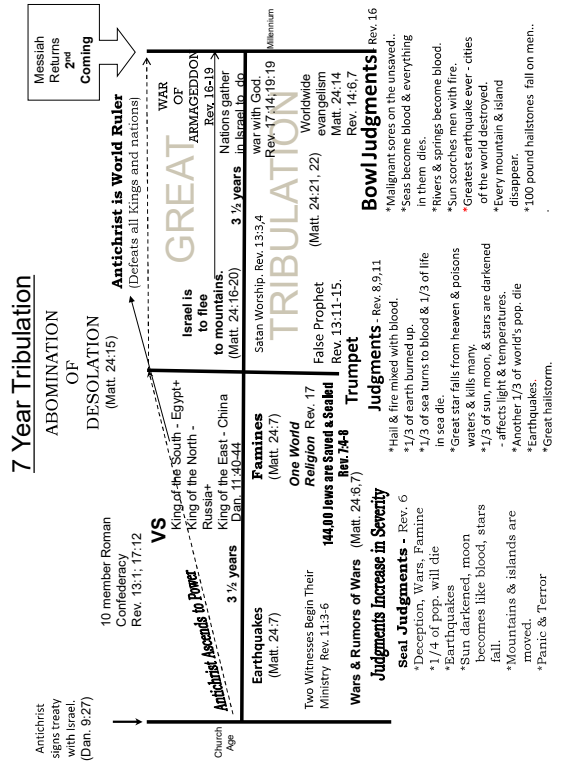


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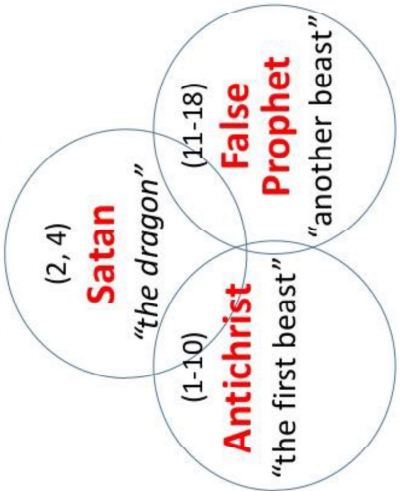
"A Beast Coming Out Of The Earth" Part 2

Rev. 13:15-18

June 10, 2018



Revelation 13



Rev 13:11-14

- 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.
- 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.
- 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.
- 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

The perfect storm:

- 1. Satan** who has been given power and authority.
- 2. The Antichrist** who with his military and political skill has conquered the world and set himself up to be worshiped as God.
- 3. The False Prophet**, who through his deceptive gentle, harmless personality, and his deceptive ability to produce signs, wonders and miracles, is there as the Antichrist's right hand man to persuade and convince the world to worship the Antichrist.
- 4. The condition of the world:**
 - A world that is desperate for a deliverer, a savior, someone with extraordinary powers. One who is able to stop the suffering, the pain, the torment that is being inflicted upon them.
 - A world that wants to be convinced that, apart from God, there is one who is sovereign, who has authority, who has the power over death.
 - A world that is ripe to crown such a one as the ruler of the world and who is due all of our adoration and worship.

Signs, Wonders, Miracles

	<u>Signs (shmeion)</u>	<u>Wonders (teras)</u>	<u>Miracles (dunamis)</u>
Acts 1-8	9	7	2
Acts 9 – 19	2	2	1
Acts 20 – 28	0	0	0

1st Beast (Antichrist)

"out of the sea"

- mysterious
- dark
- black
- frightening
- foreboding

Political and military leader.

Ten horns, seven heads, ten crowns, blasphemous names.

Like a leopard and a bear and a lion - attacking with speed, tearing, ripping, and shredding.

2nd Beast (False Prophet)

"out of the earth"

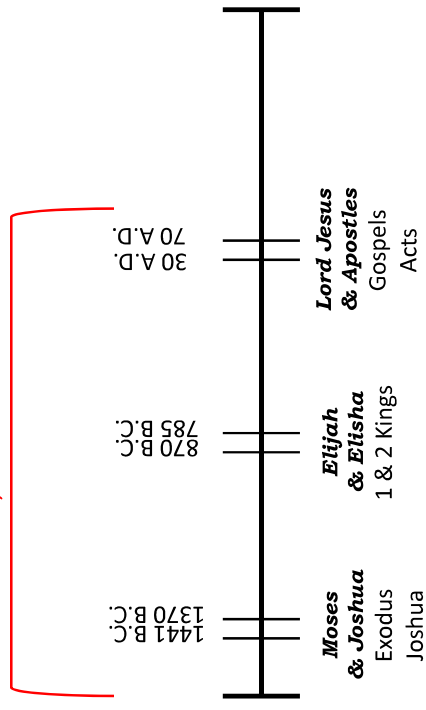
- known
- light
- bright
- safe
- unthreatening

Religious leader.

2 small horns

Like a gentle lamb – persuasive, convincing.

4,000 Years



Deut 13:1-5

- 1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,
- 2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'
- 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 4 "You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.
- 5 "But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

4 applications from last week:

1. A great number of signs, wonders, and miracles were sent by God to confirm new revelation as it was being given at 3 distinct times in the Bible.
2. Signs, wonders and miracles can come from 2 sources – God or Satan.
3. Therefore don't be fooled by that which may be coming from Satan as though it were coming from God. You need to discern carefully by what is said, exactly where it is coming from.

Matt 7:22-23

22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

4. Note that what will pull the whole world together in 1 religion in the Tribulation is not doctrine, not truth, but signs & experiences.

Satan (the Dragon) will produce 5 miraculous signs:

1. Supernaturally bringing back to life the Antichrist.
2. The supernatural ability of the False Prophet to call fire down from heaven.
3. The supernatural ability to make the statue to breathe.
4. The supernatural ability to make the statue to talk.
5. The supernatural ability to make the statue to think and give commands.

Rev 13:15-18

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Idols/statues don't typically breathe or speak –

Ps 135:15-17

5 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, The work of man's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they do not speak;

They have eyes, but they do not see;

17 They have ears, but they do not hear,

Nor is there any breath at all in their mouths.

Hab 2:18-19

18 "What profit is the idol when its maker has carved it,

Or an image, a teacher of falsehood?

For its maker trusts in his own handiwork

When he fashions speechless idols.

19 "Woe to him who says to a piece of wood, 'Awake!'

To a mute stone, 'Arise!'

And that is your teacher?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,

And there is no breath at all inside it.

1 Cor 10:19-20

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

Sequence of events:

1. The Jewish Temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt and Jews are doing their sacrificial worship (Dan. 11:31+; 2Th. 2:4).
2. The Antichrist sets up a statue in place of the regular sacrifice in the holy of holies at mid-point of Trib. (Dan. 11:31+; 12:11+; Rev. 13:14-15+).
3. This results in the bringing to an end of the regular Jewish sacrifices (Dan. 9:27+; 11:31+; 12:11+).
4. The Antichrist sets up a statue or image of himself so that he may be worshipped in place of God (Dan. 11:31+; 2Th. 2:4; Rev. 13:14-15+).
5. The image is made to come to life (Rev. 13:14+).
6. A worship system to this false god is thus inaugurated (2Th. 2:4; Rev. 13:14-15+).

Lam 3:38

8 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and evil come?

Prov 16:4

4 The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

1 Sam 16:14

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.

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Is God still in control? How far does God's sovereignty extend -

Ecc 7:13-14

13 Consider the work of God,
For who is able to straighten what He has bent?

14 In the day of prosperity be happy,

But in the day of adversity consider --

God has made the one as well as the other

So that man will not discover (forecast) anything that will be after him.

Ex 4:11

11 And the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth?

Or who makes him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?

John 9:1-3

1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Amos 3:6

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

Isa 45:6-7

I am the LORD, and there is none else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Ps 105:25

25 He(God) turned their(Egyptians) heart to hate His people(Israel),

To deal craftily with His servants.

Acts 4:27-28

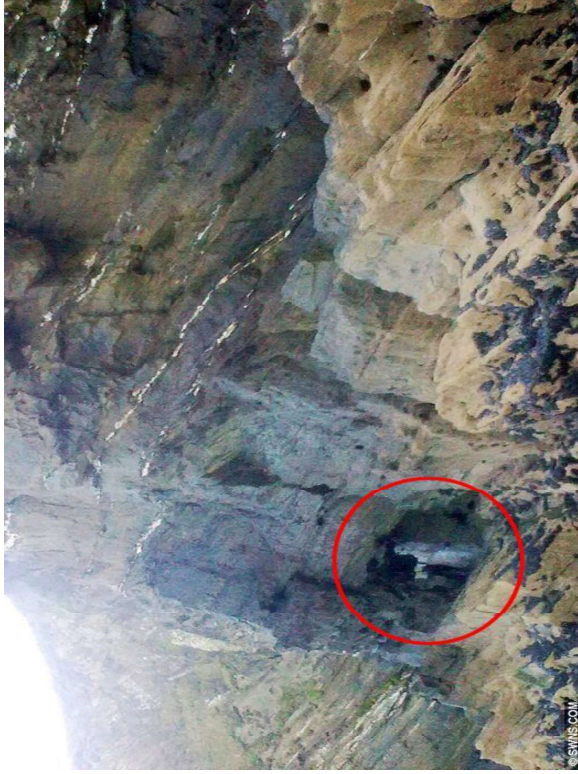
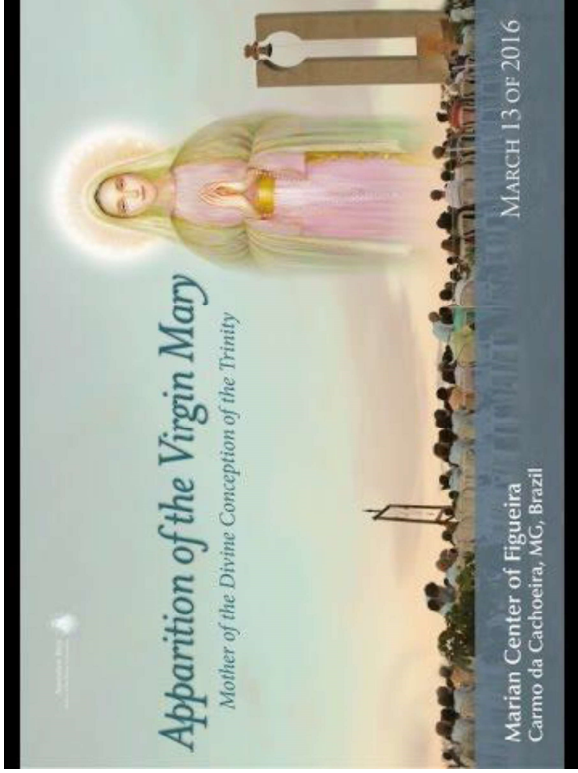
27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

Job 42:11

11 Then all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought on him.

Are there false signs, wonders and miracles today?



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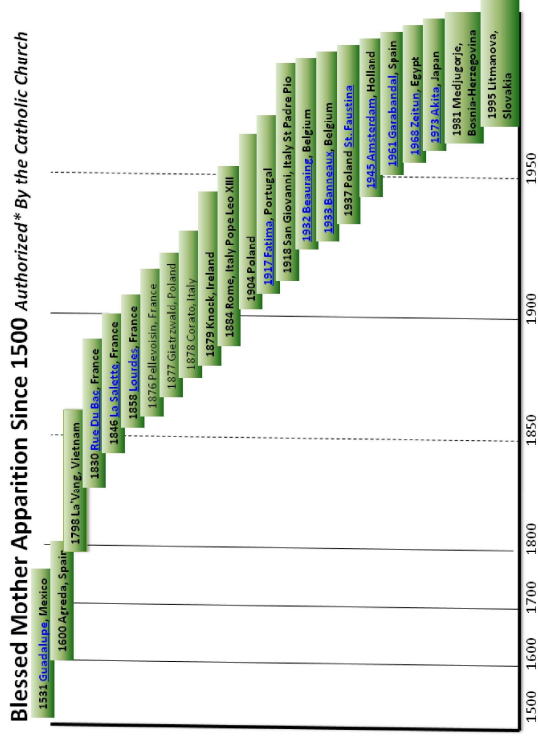
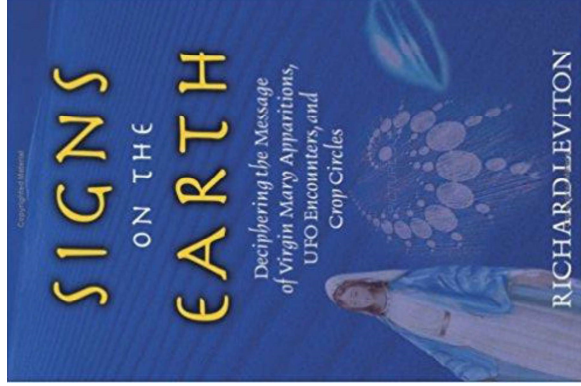
VISIONS OF VIRGIN REPORTED IN CAIRO

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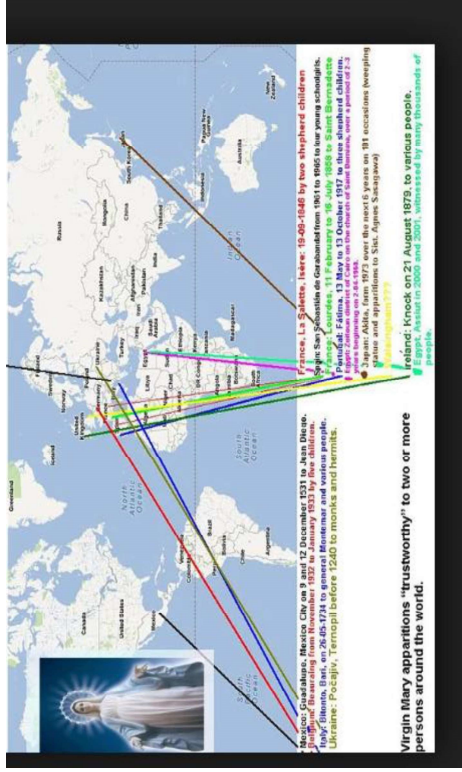
By TIMOTHY J. BRADY

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* Medjugorje has not been approved by the Catholic Church since it is still occurring



"Pray, pray a great deal and make many sacrifices, for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and to pray for them"

Our Lady of Fatima
to Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto and Sister Lucia Dos Santos

MESSAGES OF VIRGIN MARY - #MONTHOFMARY

"Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners. Kiss the ground as an act of penance for sinners!"

Our Lady of Lourdes
to St. Bernadette

MESSAGES OF VIRGIN MARY - #MONTHOFMARY

"I am the Virgin of the poor"

Our Lady of Banneux
to Mariette Beco

MESSAGES OF VIRGIN MARY - #MONTHOFMARY

"Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"


Our Lady of Guadalupe
to Saint Juan Diego

MESSAGES OF VIRGIN MARY - #MONTHOFMARY

"To save the souls of poor sinners, God wishes to establish the devotion to My Immaculate Heart throughout the world"


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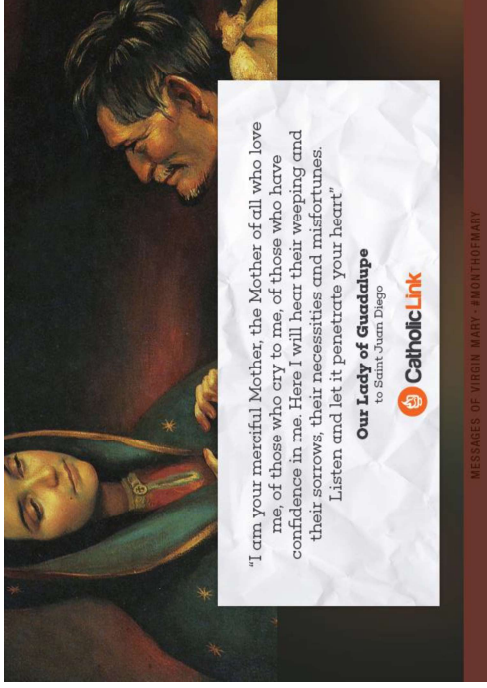


"People do not observe the Day of the Lord. They continue to work with out ceasing on Sundays. Only some older women go to Mass in the summer. And in the winter, when there is nothing else to do, they go to Church to ridicule religion. Lenten time is ignored. Men swear, taking the Name of God in vain. The disobedience and disregard of God's commandments are the things that make the hand of My Son heavier

Our Lady of La Salette
to Mélanie Calvat and Maximino Giraud


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"I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping and their sorrows, their necessities and misfortunes. Listen and let it penetrate your heart"

Our Lady of Guadalupe
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"I feel so happy to be able to help the children who beg me for protection. But so many do not ever come to me!"

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
to Saint Catherine Labouré


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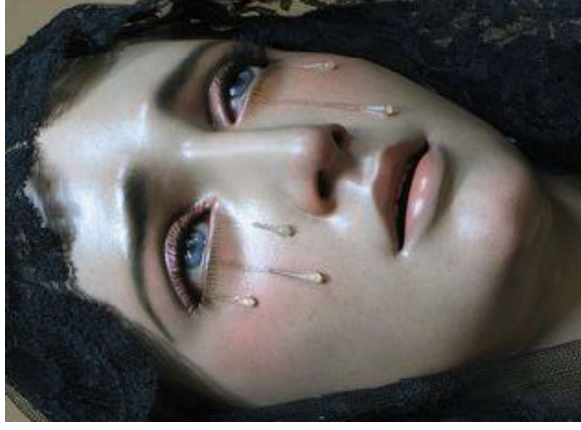
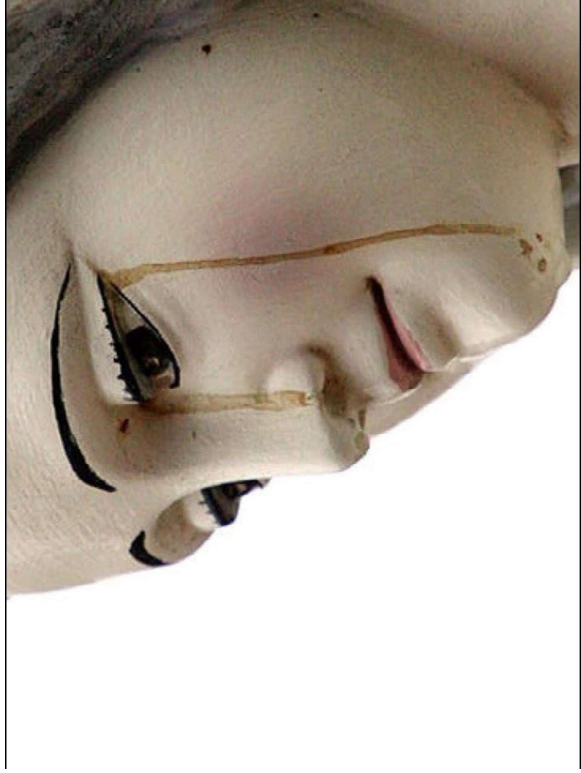


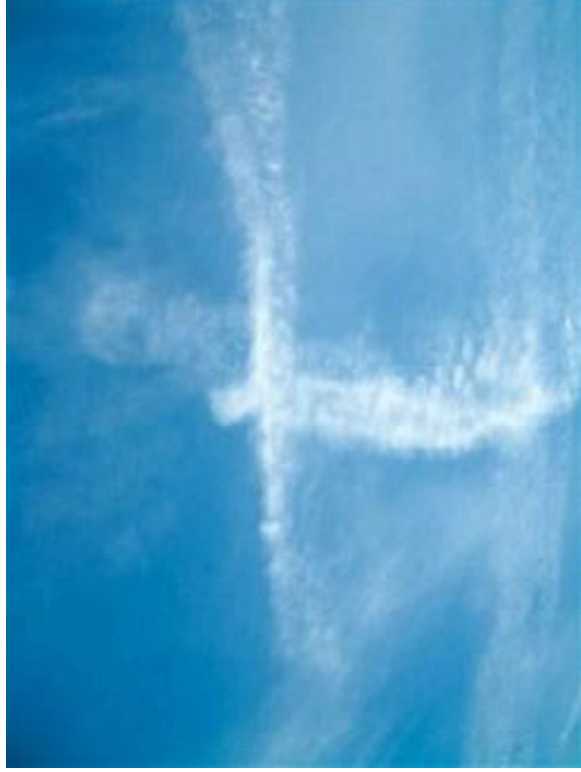
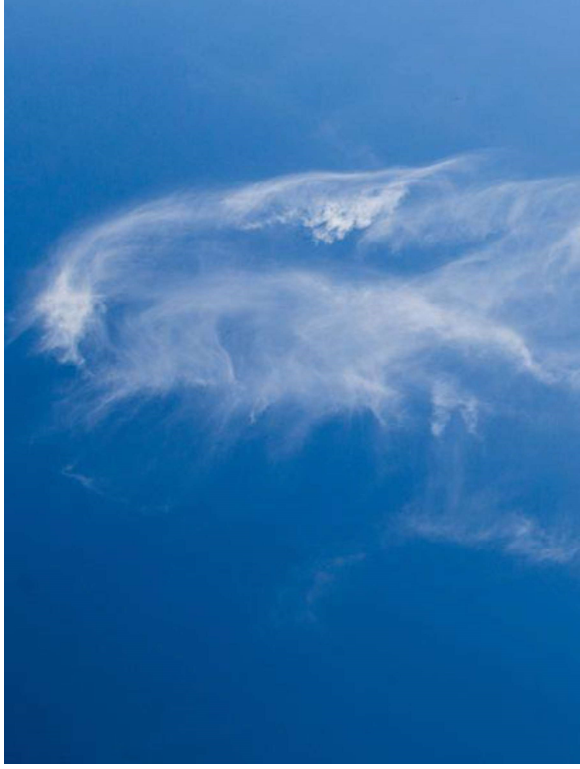
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MESSAGES OF VIRGIN MARY · #MONTHOFMARY





NY YORK, SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1921.

Girl With Vivid Cross on Body Puzzles Both Clergy and Laity

At Indefinite Periods Blood Gathers About Mark and She Suffers Intensely—Many Hold That Case Is Surely Supernatural.

In the quiet recesses of St. Ger-
trude's church, in the heart of
the city, a girl just past her
fourteenth birthday has been
the subject of intense interest
right investigations and much discussion
among the clergy and laity.
The cause is a mysterious—sup-
ernatural—phenomenon which
occurs on the girl's side. The World is in-
terested in the case, and the
Blood is said to gather about this
mysterious mark.
The girl's name is Mary Kelly.
Her father is said to be a
the wife. She lived with her parents
in the city of New York.

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Signs and wonders movement today -

- Gold flakes and gold dust appearing miraculously out of thin air.
- Gold teeth or gold fillings appearing in people's mouths.
- Angel feathers falling out of the ceiling.
- Female angels being seen.
- Precious jewels appearing out of nowhere.
- Being "Slain in the Spirit".
- Holy laughter.
- Drunk in the Spirit.
- Hearing the "Lord's" voice- "the Lord told me".
- Roaring, barking and other animal sounds after receiving the "anointing".

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Rev 20:4

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God,

¹⁶ καὶ ποιεῖ πάντας, τοὺς μικροὺς καὶ τοὺς μεγάλους,
And he causeth all, both small and | great,

καὶ τοὺς πλουσίου καὶ τοὺς
rich and

πτωχούς, καὶ τοὺς ἐλευθέρους καὶ τοὺς δούλους,
poor, free and bond,

**If anyone of these is spotted without the mark, they will be arrested and commanded to take the mark of the beast. If they refuse the result will be death (probably by beheading).

Note: The Beast, his image, and the Harlot (one world religious system) all seek their death.

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- The mark will not be a bar code or a credit card. Bar codes and credit cards are purchasing devices that distinguish each person. But the mark of the beast is not a purchasing device but is required to purchase with a purchasing device. The purpose is not so it can be scanned at the supermarket check-out. Rather than a card, which can be stolen or lost, you have a mark, a mark which identifies you as a part of the system.
- Therefore the mark is not meant to distinguish one person from another.

“given a mark”

- “mark” - χαραγμα“ - to engrave. Must be some kind of “brand” or “tattoo”.
- “on” – ἐπι – to place on. Not in – εν.
- Slaves were branded. The people who were slaves had a brand just like a cattle brand. The brand of a slave identifying him with a particular master, a particular estate.
- Soldiers were branded.
- Many of the mystical forms of religion had brands. They would take a brand on themselves, an emblem being displayed on their bodies that would identify them with a certain form of worship.
- The mark of the beast therefore, will be the name of the beast or the number of his name.

“This mark has nothing to do with credit, as is often taught today. In a credit system, everyone must have a different number. In this case, everyone has the *same* number. The purpose of the mark will be to serve as a sign of identification of those who will own the Antichrist as their god. Only those who have this number will be permitted to work, to buy, to sell, or simply to make a living. The verse does not speak of credit cards, banking systems, a cashless society, a one-world money system, or computers, etc.”

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- Therefore the mark is not meant to distinguish one person from another.
- The mark is meant to serve as a visible sign of ownership and a witness to their devotion to the Antichrist.
- Those who take the mark are completely opposed to God and unwilling to repent in the face of overwhelming evidence of His judgment.
- Like those who commit the unpardonable sin, taking the mark is the equivalent of permanently rejecting Christ.

“on their right hand or on their forehead”

- The hand and the forehead were often used to display what one believed inwardly:

Deut 6:6-8

- 6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.
- 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.
- 8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

Ex 13:8-9

- 8 "You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'
- 9 "And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead,

- In response to these instructions, the Jews developed phylacteries, small scrolls which contained God's law and which were bound to the hand or head.

- The 144,000 sealed of Israel have the name of the Father and of the Lamb written on their foreheads.

Rev 7:2-4

- 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,
- 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."
- 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

- For those who receive the mark, this is the point of no return.
- The only exceptions who will not receive the mark are the believing Jewish remnant which is hidden by God in the wilderness (Rev. 12:6). and those who manage to stay alive somehow, underground, within the Beast's system.

- The high priest wore a plate of pure gold upon his forehead with the engraving, "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" (Ex. 28:36-38). It declared him to be one who was set aside for the purpose and ministry of God.

- Ezekiel was shown a vision where those to be spared God's judgment receive a mark on their foreheads.

Ezek 9:4-5

- 4 The Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."
- Harlots wore a mark on their forehead identifying their harlotry (Jer. 3:3).

Rev 17:5

- 5 and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

SEAL OF GOD	MARK OF THE BEAST
<i>sphragis</i>	<i>charagma</i>
Not enough data	An etching or branding
Upon forehead	Upon forehead or right hand
Yes	Yes
Lamb's name and Father's name	Name of Antichrist or number of His name
Owned by Lamb and Father	Owned by Antichrist
	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
	IS IT VISIBLE?
	WHAT WILL IT SAY?
	WHERE IS IT?
	WHAT IS IT?
	GREEK WORD



“The disruptive conditions on the earth during the time of the end argue for a low-technology solution as to where the mark will go.”



1st trumpet - fire and hail mixed with blood thrown to the earth and burning up 1/3 of the land and trees and all the green grass, which caused widespread fires, destruction of crops, the death of many animals, the destruction of massive amounts of wood and a drastic reduction of air quality.

2nd trumpet - huge asteroid the size of a mountain falls into the ocean turning 1/3 of the sea water to blood, killing 1/3 of the sea life, and destroying 1/3 of the ships.

3rd trumpet - another asteroid which breaks up over the earth's fresh water supply poisoning 1/3 of the drinking water with a deadly poison by which many men died.

4th trumpet - 1/3 of the sun, moon and stars to be darkened. As a result the temperatures would plummet severely disrupting the earth's weather patterns and sea tides, leading to violent unpredictable storms, tides, the destruction of crops, and further deaths.

5th trumpet - the unlocking of the abyss and the release of a demonic locust plague. This plague will wreak widespread pain and suffering upon the inhabitants of the earth to the point that men will vehemently seek to kill themselves, but they will be unable to.

EARTH

1/3 of Earth will be burned up

1/3 of the trees will be burned up

1/3 of the sea will turn into blood

SEA

1/3 of the sea creatures will die

1/3 of the ships on the sea will sink

RIVERS, SPRINGS, FOUNTAINS, WELLS

1/3 of the rivers and springs will become contaminated

SUN, MOON, STARS

1/3 of the light from the Sun will be taken away

1/3 of the light from the moon will be taken away

1/3 of the light from the stars will be taken away

1/3 of the day will be without light

1/3 of the night will be without light

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17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

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“and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell,”

- You can't buy anything and you can't sell anything.
- You can't get any food. The most necessary goods will be food and water. The 3rd Trumpet affects the fresh water and so water will be greatly coveted during this period of time.
- You can't go to the source of food and buy it because you don't have the mark.
- You can't get anybody to buy from you because you don't have the mark.
- You can't get any money, you can't involve yourself in any transaction – buying or selling.
- Therefore the needs of life are cut off to you. No food, gas, electricity, home, car, clothes.

Because –

1. One world power is ruling the earth.
2. There is one system of economic operation.

Gematria – assigning numerical values to letters of the alphabet - a=1, b=2, c=3, etc.

About one in every ten thousand names would add to 666.

Rev 13:15-18

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- Nero Caesar
- Domitian
- Caligula
- Hitler
- Henry Kissinger
- Lyndon Johnson
- JFK
- Gorbachev
- Ronald Reagan
- Bill Gates III
- None of these people are or were the antichrist.
- The problem is that the Antichrist will not be revealed until the restrainer is taken out of the way (2 Thess 2:2-8).
- So, this riddle is for those living in the Tribulation not for believers living today. It is a waste of time to try to figure it out. It can't be done.

“I think that neither the identity of the Antichrist nor the number of his name will be evident until he appears and fulfills prophecy. Then wise believers will be able to calculate his number as well as identify his person. Until then both aspects of Antichrist's identity will remain a mystery.”

-Tom Constable

“The better part of wisdom is to be content that the identification is not yet available...”

Robert Thomas

"I would suggest that we not waste our time trying to identify a person by this number. Instead, we need to present Jesus Christ that we might reduce the population of those who have to go through the Great Tribulation Period and who will therefore know what the number of the Beast is."

- J. Vernon McGee

- Fortunately Revelation does not end with the number of man, **666**, but with perfect seven –
 1. John writes to **seven** churches (1:4).
 2. Jesus stands among **seven** candlesticks (1:12).
 3. **Seven** spirits hang around God's throne (1:4).
 4. The Lamb has **seven** horns and seven eyes (5:6).
 5. He opens **seven** seals (5:1).
 6. **Seven** angels sound **seven** trumpets (8:2).
 7. **Seven** angels pour out **seven** bowls of wrath (15:7).
 8. The singing of the **seven**-fold doxology of dominion and glory and power and honor unto Him forever and ever.
- Our perfection, and our victory, and our new world, and our ultimate and final government, and our great and reigning Christ, these are in the Lamb of God – the perfect seven.

"for the number is that of a man;"

- **6** is the number of a man.
- **6** is falling short of the perfect 7 which is the number of God's perfection.
- The most mankind will ever be able to attain to is underneath the perfect 7.
- Man's efforts are always a **6**. His government – is a **6**. His laws – are a **6**. His efforts to make a utopia here on earth – are a **6**. It always goes no farther than a **6**. Man promises *peace* but brings war; *life*, but brings death; *liberty*, but brings slavery; *happiness*, but brings misery; *significance*, but brings the loss of true meaning and purpose in life.
- A **6** will never be a 7 no matter how many **6**'s you line up. When we come to the end of the Tribulation, man is still a **6**. In fact the attempt to rule the world by a man is still a **6**.
- The height of a man's arrogance and the height of a man's folly and the ultimate of a man's self will is still falling short – it is a **6**, and another **6** – a triple failure to be a 7. This is the number of man – **666**. Age, discouragement, death, failure, sin, war, destruction, hatred – the Bible says we never get beyond it.



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Many people in Jennie Hussey's circumstances would have looked for a way out. A way of escape. A way of relief. But not this woman. Not Jennie Hussey. When friends and neighbors came to visit and cheer up Jennie, they were received with her radiant smile and spirit of joy. No griping. No grumbling. No complaining. But an attitude of encouragement that both amazed and lifted her friends.

How did she do it? Why did she do it? What was Jennie Hussey's secret?

She told friends that she found joy in service. And that when she was serving her sister, it felt like she was serving Christ. However, when she was weary Jennie would open her Bible and read the story of the cross. There she found strength. Courage. And the will to continue on.



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For most of her life, this 5th generation Quaker lived in the same New Hampshire farmhouse as her ancestors. But Jennie chose to identify with the Baptists. When she requested believer's baptism at First Baptist Church, in Concord, New Hampshire, she said to the pastor, "I've spent much of my life hidden away in the country, and I'd like to have the opportunity before God takes me home, to tell everybody, 'I love Jesus.'" One way Jennie did that is through the many hymns she wrote – 150 in all. And this particular hymn seemed to grow itself, in an unusual way. One day, when the painful trial of her arthritis was almost beyond endurance, she prayed, "Please, Lord, make me willing to bear my cross daily, without complaining, because You bore Yours for me."



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As the years wore on Jennie became disabled herself. The crippling form of arthritis eventually left her incapacitated. Out of this experience she wrote the lyrics to the this hymn that William J. Kirkpatrick later set to music.

This song was Jennie Hussey's testimony. Her statement of faith. Her reason for living. The hymn that she wrote was . . .

LEAD ME TO CALVARY

1. King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned
brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain

Lest I forget Gethsemane,

Lest I forget Thine agony;

Lest I forget Thy love for me,

Lead me to Calvary.

2. Show me the tomb where Thou
wast laid,
Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.
Refrain

3. Let me like Mary, through the
gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
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4. May I be willing, Lord, to bear

Daily my cross for Thee;

Even Thy cup of grief to share,

Thou hast borne all for me.

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