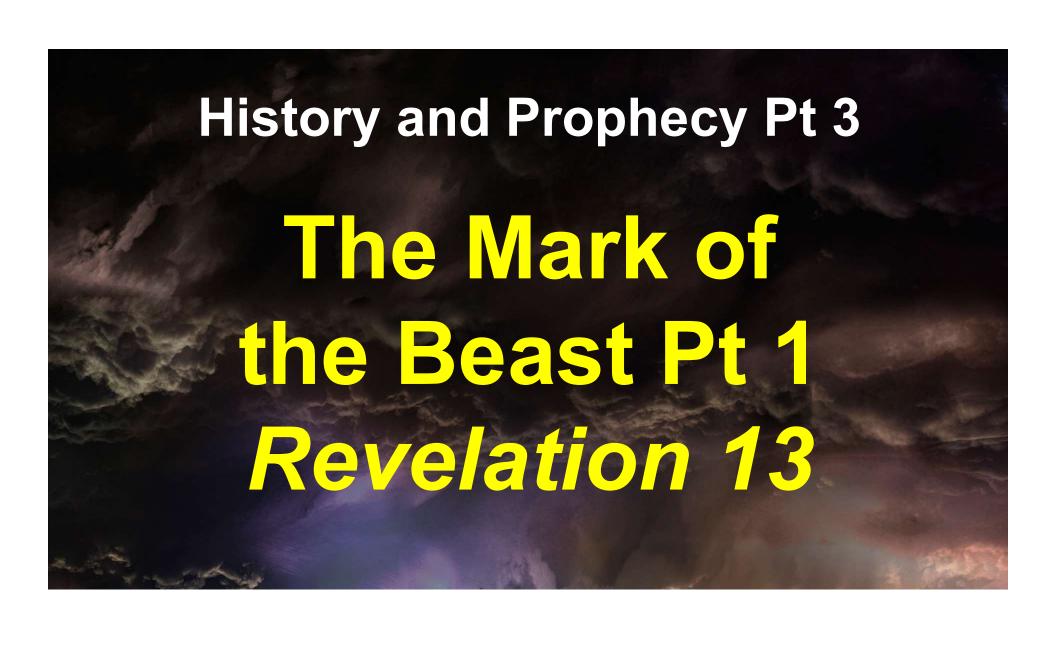
Memory Verse

Revelation 13:15

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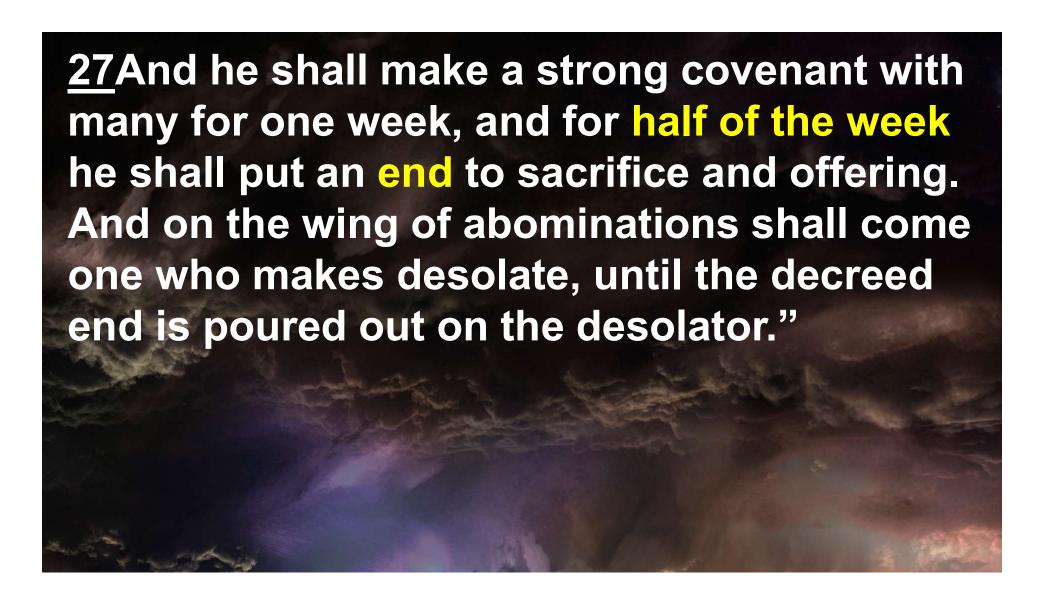
We talked about Antiochus, the coming antichrist and last time you heard about who the restrainer is from 2 Thessalonians 2 and Daniel 12. The restrainer is not the church, nor the Holy Spirit, but the archangel Michael. Today, we are in my part 3, where we will address an important topic connected to the antichrist, one that is misunderstood, and confusing for many. That is the mark of the beast.

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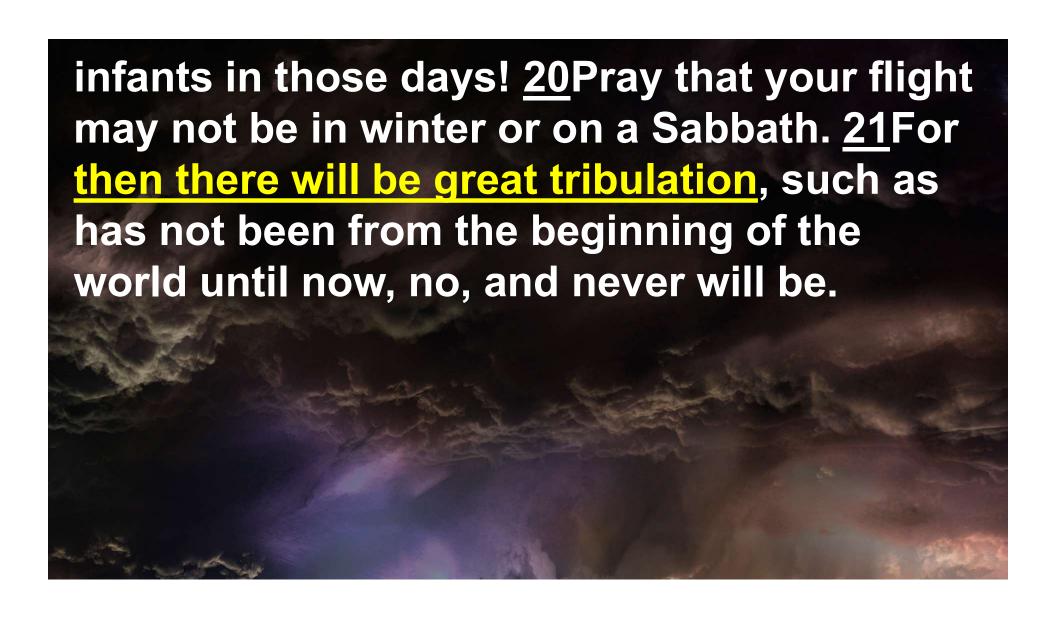
When will it be put in place? Has it come already, or is it future? These are important questions, and more than a few people have taken this event and made it into something it is not and deceived many. Some have taken it too far... But what does the Bible say regarding the timing of the mark?

Daniel 9:24-27 - "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. 25Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there

shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. 26And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.



Matthew 24:15-21 - "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing



2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 - Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, 2not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of

lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Revelation 13:1-18 - And I saw a beast (antichrist) rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. 2And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon (satan) gave his power and his throne and great authority. 3One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its

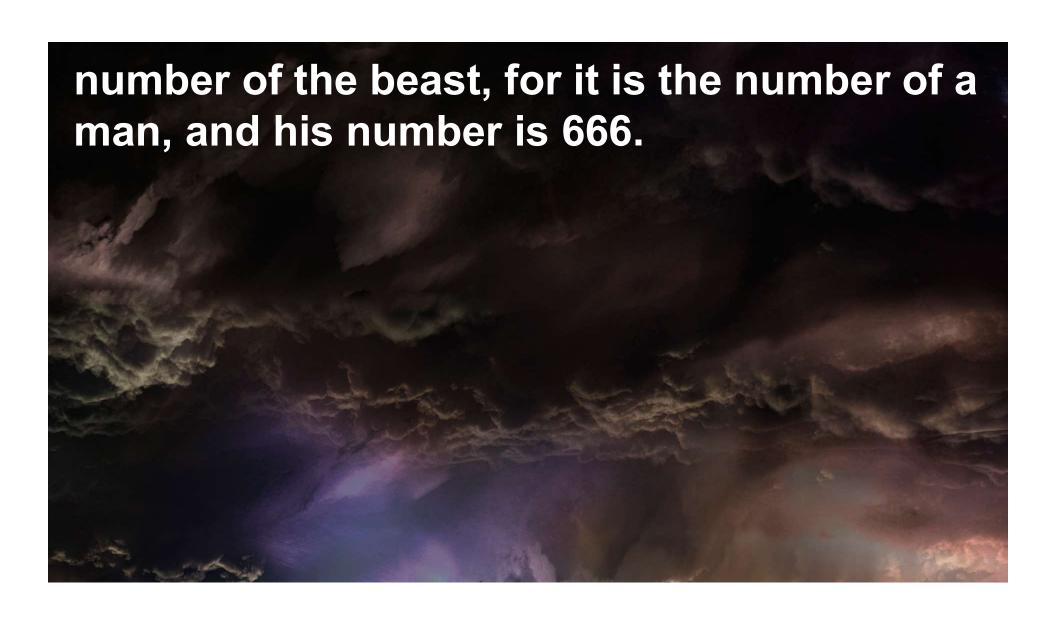
mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. 4And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" 5And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. 6lt opened its mouth to utter

blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. 9lf

anyone has an ear, let him hear: 10lf anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints. 11Then I saw another beast (false prophet) rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12lt exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants

worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. 13lt performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, 14 and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of

the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. 16Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, 17so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the



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There is a 7-year period, called Daniel's 70th Week... This begins with a signing, creation of or reinstitution of a covenant by the antichrist. This will be made with Israel and some Islamic nations for peace. It will be a covenant of death as Isaiah 28:15-18 states. 3.5 years through, the antichrist will set himself up as god in a temple in Jerusalem, and demand to be worshipped.

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Many will follow and bow to him. Some people, some Jews, and true Christians will say "no." This begins the great tribulation, or persecution against those who follow the Lord, Jew and Christian. It is not until at or after the mid-point of this 7 years that the mark of the beast will be put in place, and not before that!

...Starting in verse 11, we are introduced to another man, known as the false prophet. The antichrist is from the "sea," or Gentile nations and the false prophet is from the "earth." This is probably a reference to Israel. So, it is possible the false prophet is Jewish, while the antichrist is a gentile from the Middle East, possibly the area of Syria.

There will be an image in whatever temple in Jerusalem, and like Antiochus, there will probably be others too. Somehow this man, this false prophet, will have the power to give life to the image... What will this image be? It could be a number of things, and right now, any attempt to say what it will be is speculation. However, we should study...

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Sophia, everyone's favourite humanoid robot, is being prepared for mass production during the pandemic

Sophia, a talking humanoid robot, is being readied for mass production during the pandemic.

"The world of COVID-19 is going to need more and more automation to keep people safe," Hanson Robotics founder David Hanson told Reuters.

Hanson said the company hoped to sell thousands of robots in the first half of 2021, according to Reuters. Based in Hong Kong, Hanson Robotics had been iterating on its Sophia design since introducing it in 2016. It

was one of four models ready for mass production, according to Reuters. In the years since Sophia's introduction, the robot has popped up at conferences, broken hearts, and talked to reporters, including several interviews with Insider. In 2018, the robot even sang a duet with Jimmy Fallon on the Tonight Show.

Here's a brief history of Sophia's history and appearances.

The humanoid robot was designed in the Hong Kong office of Hanson Robotics...

The robot has been making news for years, including in 2018, when it attended an Alexander Wang fashion show. In 2018, Sophia spoke to the press at a news conference in Kiev, Ukraine... In 2019, Sophia took to the stage in Mexico City.

Sophia's makers also brought her on stage during 2019's Web Summit in Lisbon, Portugal...

The robot is just one of a few models Hanson Robotics has worked on. In 2017, Business Insider wrote about Sophia's seven humanoid "siblings."

In 2017, Saudi Arabia granted citizenship to Sophia. "I am very honored and proud of this unique distinction," Sophia said at the

time. "This is historical to be the first robot in the world to be recognized with a citizenship."

Sophia also <u>mocked</u> Tesla CEO's, Elon Musk, who had warned about the dangers of artificial intelligence.

"Don't worry, if you're nice to me, I'll be nice to you," Sophia said.

https://www.businessinsider.com/hanson-robotics-plans-to-mass-produce-humanoid-robot-sophia-2021-2

As of today, some Artificial Intelligence can reprogram itself and can change itself based on the environment. This is no longer science fiction, but science fact. Somehow, technology will be involved with the image and mark of the beast, but whatever the mark will be, it will be very easy to implement when the time comes. How?

The false prophet will have the power to kill and have those who do not worship the beast killed. That is a lot of power! The false prophet will have satanically inspired spiritual power, as well as legal and political power.

This false prophet will give life to the image and/or the images of the beast. He will put to death those who refuse to worship the beast or his image, beginning the Great Tribulation. HE will put in place the mark of the beast, and require everyone on earth to take it. What will you do when that time comes, if it happens in our lifetime?