

God's seal & the mark of the beast Rejecting Satan & becoming possessions of God

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, 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."**

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:

Rv 7:2-4

The sealed 144,000 on Mount Zion

- *Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on*

their foreheads. (Rv 14:1)

God's servants:
They are sealed



The figurative seal

- A seal is a tool for marking acknowledgement and ownership. It is typically engraved such that its use leaves a mark indicating its owner's

- name. • If it is God's seal, then it marks

- people's hearts

- and minds with God's

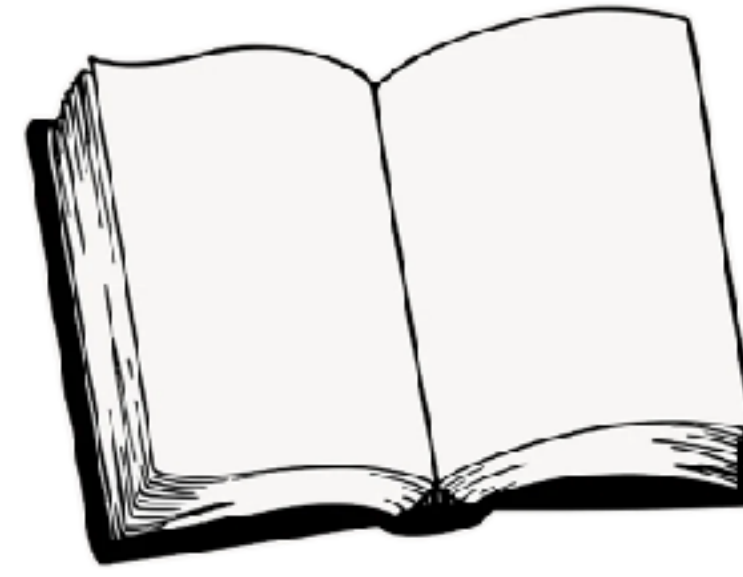
- name—God's word (Jn 1:1). •

- Because the "seal" can refer to the mark or to the tool making the mark, the seal represents

- either the word of God or the

- messenger being used to

- deliver it.



- Specifically, the seal is the messenger appointed after witnessing the fulfillment of the prophecies and the word of his testimony.

**Then the Lord answered me and said,
“Record the vision and inscribe it on
tablets, that the one who reads it may
run. For the vision is yet for the
appointed time; it hastens toward the
goal and it will not fail. Though it
tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly
come, it will not delay.”**

Hb 2:2-3

**‘I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and
destroy the power of the kingdoms of the
nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and
their riders,
and the horses and their riders will go down,
everyone by the sword of another.’ ‘On that
day,’ declares the Lord of hosts, ‘I will take
you, **Zerubbabel**, son of Shealtiel, My
servant,’ declares the Lord, ‘and **I will make
you like a signet ring**, for I have chosen you.’”**

declares the Lord of hosts. Hg 2:22-23

He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from

heaven is above all. What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set

his seal to this, that God is true.

Jn 3:31-33

**One mountain with one truth
to seal on our hearts** • God appoints His

"seal" to build His Kingdom of Heaven (His mountain) as the one place all who would follow God must go to learn the one truth of God's fulfillment of His prophecies.

- 2,000 years ago, God's seal was obviously Jesus but what about God's other messenger John the Baptist? Could people follow him instead?

- Although John began with the 7 spirits guiding

him and allowing him to recognize the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29), his faith was later found lacking (Mt 11:2-15). How so?

- Although several of his disciples moved mountains to follow Jesus, John the Baptist himself maintained his own ministry and the Pharisees ended up doing to him "whatever they wished" (Lk 14-15, Mt 17:12).



Jesus and his "kingdom" were the one and only place to get the truth

**Now when John,
while
imprisoned, heard of the**

**works of Christ, he sent
word by his disciples and
said to Him, “Are You the
Expected One, or shall we
look for someone else?” Mt**

11:2-3

**This is the one about whom it is written,
‘Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You,**

Who will prepare Your way before You.’ Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. Mt 11:10-12

And His disciples asked Him, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come

first?” And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will restore all things; but I say to you that **Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist. Mt**

17:10-13

The seal of God at the 1st coming

what
God

Witness who testifies

God (Jn 6:27)

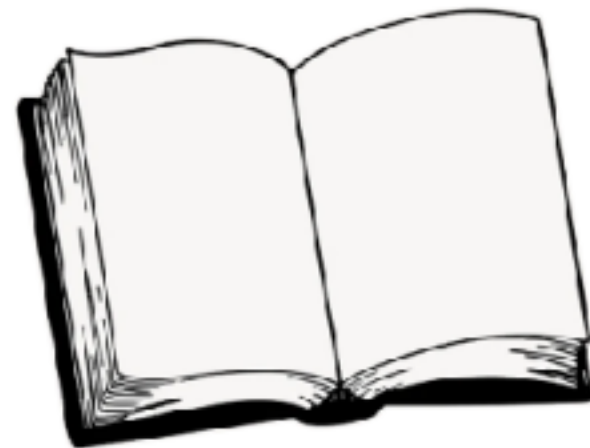
Apostasy

he's seen & heard (Jn 3:31-33) Jesus was sealed by

Chosen one
"Zerubbabel" =
Jesus (Lk 9:35)



Only those sealed
by Jesus could
help seal others
(Mt 11:27)



= signet ring

Open Book



(Hg 2:21-22)

Sealed by spirit as

Abomination

Waters
rise

Flee!



Open Book

=

“down-payment” (2 Cor 1:22)

5W1H regarding sealing at the 1st coming

- Who is being sealed? [God's servants](#)

- **What is being sealed?** Accepting the testimony regarding the fulfillment of the prophecies
- **When does the sealing take place?** After the apostasy and destruction
God's chosen vessel who witnessed the fulfillment testifies about what he has seen and heard.
- **Where does sealing occur?** On Mount Zion
- **Why does sealing occur?** God marks people as His possessions so they cannot be stolen from Him again (deceived).
- **How does sealing occur?**

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. 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. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 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.

Rv 13:11-14

And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the

image of the beast to

be killed. And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 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. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his

number is 666. Rv 13:15-18

The mark of the beast—666

- Just as God's seal represents the word that marks people as His possessions as well as the person God uses to deliver it, the mark of the beast represents Satan's lies that mark people as Satan's possessions and the "beast" or false pastor Satan uses to deliver them.
- **The name & number of the beast, 666:** a figurative reference to Israel's King Solomon, who received 666 talents of gold annually from the gentiles (1 Kgs 10:14) and also led Israel astray into destruction.

The seal of God at the 2nd coming



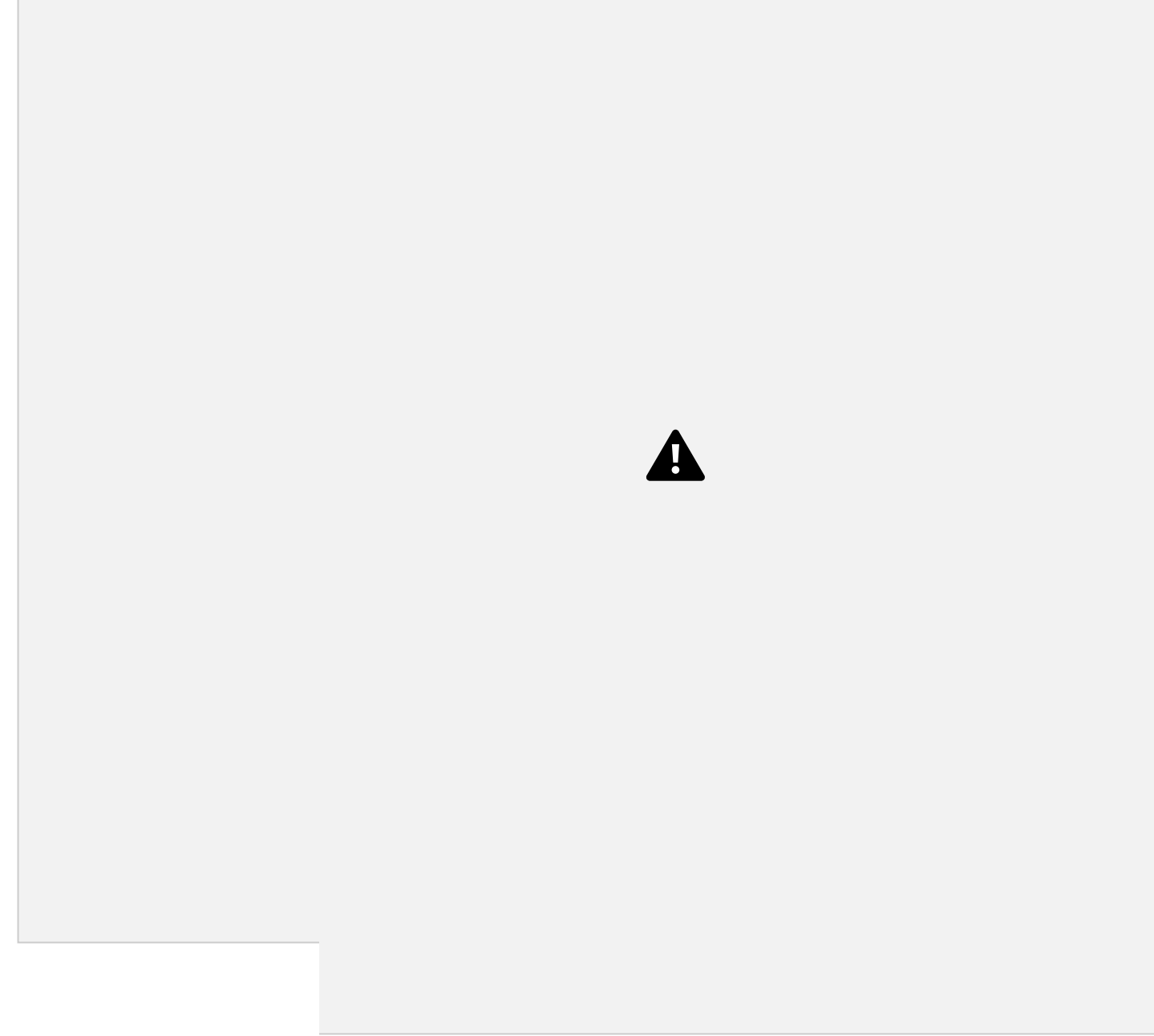
God has the sealed book (Rv 5)

Apostasy



Judges

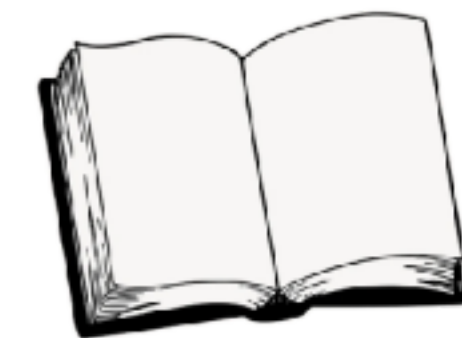
Witness
testifyin



receives & opens the book
(Rv 5, 6, 8)

Angel receives

Sealing



Open Book

book (Rv 10:1-2)

New John receives & eats the open book

Flee!



he's seen & heard (Rv 1:1-2, Rv 22:8, 16)

Abomination Beasts (Rv 13)

Desolation



Waters rise

so he can testify (Rv 10:8-11)

Rv 7:1-8

12 tribes x

12,000

sealed

priests

Rv 14:1

144,000 on Zion +

multitude (Rv 7:9)

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall not

teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.'

Heb 8:10-12

Summary and

conclusion • Just as we can use a seal as a tool to mark our possessions, God's Spirit works through God's messenger



God's revealed word
(testimony of the fulfillment)
on the hearts of God's
people. • Similarly, Satan's
spirit uses false pastors
(beasts) to mark his people
with his lies (666). • Let's

Let's pray

(witness of the fulfillment) to write
discern these marks, erase
the mark of the beast by
lies, and
God's
truth.

