Prelude:

Revelation 3:14-22 The message to the church in Laodicea.

The Lukewarm Church.

Revelation 6:12-17 The Seventh Seal - Prelude to the Seven trumpets

The Issue That Divides The World The Mark of the Beast and the Seal of God

Revelation 14:9,10 The Warning about the Mark of the Beast.
Revelation 13:16,17 The Mark will be enforced by economic boycott.

Revelation 19:20. Again, the warning.

Revelation 18:2-4 God calls His people out of Babylon (spiritual confusion, traditions of men and paganism.)

Note: In contrast to those who worship the Beast and receive it Mark are the saints who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. (Rev. 14:12; Rev. 12:17; Rev. 22:14; Rev. 7:2,3). They have the Seal of God in their foreheads in contrast to the Mark of the Beast.

2 Cor. 1:21,22 God SEALS us through the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 When we hear the "TRUTH" and believe and

Acts 5:32 obey it, we are then sealed.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

 John 14:6
 Jesus is truth.

 John 17:17
 The Word is truth.

 Psalm 119:142
 The Law is truth.

Note: Thus, when we believe all three and follow, we receive the Seal of

God in contrast to receiving the Mark of the Beast.

Isaiah 8:16 "Seal the law among my people."

THREE COMPONENTS IN A SEAL (Exodus 20:11)

1. Person's name - LORD GOD

2. Person's authority - MAKER OR CREATOR OF ALL

3. Territory ruled - HEAVEN AND EARTH

(Genesis 2:1-4).

Exodus 31:13 Sabbath is a SIGN between God and His people.

Romans 4:11 A sign when followed as God says becomes a Seal of Righteousness.

Hebrews 10:15,16 God's Seal is not a literal, visible seal on your forehead,

but rather God's Law is written in your mind.

Matthew 24:14 The gospel is to go to the whole world. What gospel? Revelation 14:6,7 The everlasting gospel to worship Him (Lord God) who

made (Creator) heaven and earth (the territory He rules).

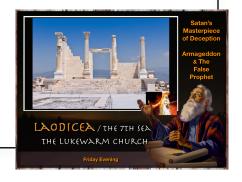
Daniel 7:25 The rise of the Antichrist power was prophesied as he

who would "think" (try to substitute) to change God's

Law.

2 Thess. 2:3,4,7 This power was already at work in Paul's day.

Note: It is good at this point to review the many Catholic quotes given in "Histories Greatest Religious Cover-Up" to see that the Beast power readily admits its substitution of tradition above the Bible and that its MARK of authority to show that it can do this is based on the fact that there is no scriptural authority to change the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day.



GOD'S SIDE:

Revelation 22:14 Will keep the commandments. Revelation 14:12 Will have the faith of Jesus

Revelation 7:2,3 Will be sealed by the Holy Spirit writing God's

law in their hearts.

Hebrews 10: 15,10

Isaiah 8:20

THE BEAST'S SIDE:

Matthew 15:8,9 and

Mark 7: 7-13 Will follow the commandments of men.

Revelation 14:9,10 Will worship the Beast.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 Will be deceived and damned because they did

not love the truth.

Revelation 13:16,17 Will receive the Mark of the Beast.

Romans 6:16 We are servants of whomever we obey.

Matthew 15:9 If we follow the traditions of men, our worship

is in vain.

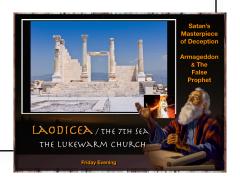
Acts 17:30 When we were in ignorance, God 'winked' at

our lack of knowledge. But now when Truth is come, He commands us to repent and follow it.

Revelation 15:2 Those saved must be victorious over the Beast,

his image and his Mark.

The Mark of the Beast is not just a matter of days...
It is a matter of loyalties!



Armageddon and the Seven Last Plagues

Revelation 1:3 God pronounces a blessing on all who heed the Revelation.

God sends out three messages to warn the world before he pours out the Seven Last Plagues. In the person of Moses, He also did this when Revelation 14:6-11

He poured out the first ten plagues of Egypt.

The people were to rest and worship God. Exodus 5:1,5

Exodus 8:1 A call out of Egypt to serve God.

Exodus 11:4,5 A warning of death.

Only those who are sealed and have the victory over the Beast escape the plagues. Revelation 15:2

Revelation 16:

Vs. 8,9

Vs. 1,2 First Plague: Noisome and grievous sores.

This exposes the false miracle workers who can't cure them (Revelation 13:14).

Second and Third Plagues: Water turning to blood. Vs. 3-7

God's saints will have fresh water to drink. This will further distinguish them from the impenitent. (Isaiah 33:16)

Fourth Plague: The sun scorches men.

Sun worship from Babylon to the christian veneered Sunday will be punished again, God's saints are protected. (Psalm 121:6)

Vs. 10,11 Fifth Plague: Darkness.

Men loved darkness rather than light. (John 12: 35,36) "Walk while ye have the light."

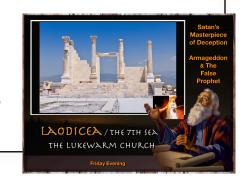
Vs. 12-16 Sixth Plague: Armageddon

God refers to an Old Testament literal story and symbolizes what will happen at the time of the end. God's saints are encouraged to watch and wait...

NOTE THESE PARALLELS:

ANCIENT ISRAEL		SPIRITUAL ISRAEL
Jeremiah 50:33,	Persecuted by Babylon	Revelation 17:6
Daniel 3:15	Forced to worship an image	Revelation 13:15
Daniel 4:30	Called Babylon the Great	Revelation 17:5
Jeremiah 51:13,14	Babylon sits on many waters	Revelation 17:1
Isaiah 44:27,28	Rescued by drying up Euphrates	Revelation 16:12
Jeremiah 51:6-8	Called out of Babylon	Revelation 18:4
Isaiah 45:1	Rescuer called 'the anointed''	Daniel 9:25
Isaiah 41:2,25	Both rescuers come from the "east"	Revelation 7:2

Revelation 16:17 The Seventh Last Plague: God is on the Throne, and says it is done. Probation closes and Jesus comes to redeem the faithful.



To realize How Close We Are To Armageddon, We Need To Consider: THE SIGNS OF THE APPROACHING END AND THE RETURN OF JESUS

In the Physical World:

Luke 21:11 Great earthquakes, famines and pestilence

Matthew 24:7 Famine (population explosion)

Revelation 6:12,13 Signs in the heavens, the sun, moon and stars

In the Business World:

In the Political World:

7ames 5:1-3	A rapid accumulation of wealth	Luke 21:25.26	Fear, distress, and	perblexity everywhere
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Daniel 12:4 An increase of knowledge Isaiah 13:6-11

Luke 21:25,26 Trouble and uprisings throughout the earth.

In the Social World:

Genesis 6:5, 11, 13	Noah's day characterized by violence, crime, and lawlessness. An increase in crime.
Luke 17:28-30	The time of the end would be like Lot's day (including much sexual perversion

2 Timothy 3:1-5 In the last days, all the prevailing sins have been predicted. People would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

In the Religious World:

Matthew 24:5,11,12	Signs in the religious world of false Christs and false prophets
Matthew 7:21-23	A general disregard of the will of God, yet religious fervour.
2 Thess. 2:9-12	A rebellion against the straight truth of God's Word.

2 Timothy 4:3,4 A demand for the preaching of smooth things.

1 Thess. 5:1-3 "Peace and safety..."

1 Timothy 4:1 A wide spread interest in spiritualism Revelation 12:17 The devil attacks God's remnant church

Matthew 24:14 A world wide movement for proclaiming the message of Christ's Soon Coming.

Revelation 16:13 The trinity of error fights against the Trinity of Truth.

Revelation 16:14 The whole world is caught up in the last great battle of Armageddon.

