

## REVELATION: Lesson 85

### Chapter 7: The Ministry of the Tribulation Witnesses

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#### 2 Timothy 2:19

The Lord's seal upon the New Testament believer includes this:

- 1) The Lord knows us. There won't be any believer forgotten or left behind.
- 2) Our desire is to depart from iniquity.
  - a. To honor our Savior.
  - b. So others will desire to have the same life in Christ they see us enjoying.

#### Revelation 7:3-4, 14:1-5

The Tribulation witnesses are virgin male Jews whom God is going to seal. Tonight, we'll discuss the reasons for and results of sealing these witnesses.

#### Revelation 13:15-18

"666" is not the mark of the Beast. It is the number of a man.



#### Revelation 13:1-2

The Beast is like a leopard. A leopard has spots. The mark of the Beast will be a black spot.



Many religious practices include placing something on the **forehead**. This is pre-conditioning for the Tribulation when people will be required to place the Beast's mark on their forehead. The mystery of iniquity doth already work (2 Thess 2:7)



The right hand is significant in many religions and in mythology. The Antichrist will use that which is familiar in religion because people have already been pre-conditioned to accept it as normal.

God will give the Tribulation witnesses a special mark in their forehead that will enable them to function without taking the mark of the Beast.



#### Ezekiel 9:1-11

This passage lines up with Revelation 6-7. Six men from the north with his destroying weapon in his hand points to the six seals opened in Revelation 6, which bring destruction at the time of God's wrath.



One man among them with an inkhorn at his side goes through Jerusalem marking select men in the forehead with God's mark. These are "**men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done**" in Jerusalem. These are men who are truly repentant for the sins of their people.

**Deuteronomy 32:1-5** Two “spots” are mentioned in this passage. The corrupt, perverse, crooked men have a spot, but it is “not the spot of his (God’s) children” (vs 5). Those who are standing upon the true Rock (vs 4), the Lord Jesus Christ, have the right doctrine (vs 2), publish the name of the Lord (vs 3), and have the Lord’s “spot.”

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**Proverbs 30:11-14** What are the characteristics of the crooked generation that will take the mark of the Beast?

1. They disrespect their parents (vs 11).
  2. They are pure in their own eyes (vs 12).
  3. They are not washed in the blood of Jesus Christ (vs 12).
  4. Too proud to repent (vs 13).
  5. Oppressors (vs 14).
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**Acts 2:14-21** Peter preaches a message that is clearly descriptive of the events of the Tribulation.

**Acts 2:37-40** Peter, mindful of the Lord’s promise to set up a kingdom on earth, tells the people to receive Jesus Christ in a repentant spirit if they want to be saved from “this untoward generation.”

Peter essentially preached the same message that the Tribulation witnesses will preach.

**Acts 2:22-36** Peter preached the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a Tribulation context. The Tribulation witnesses will preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as well.

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**Daniel 11:32-35**

**12:9-10** The results of the work of the Tribulation witnesses: many will respond.

1. People will come to know their God and become strong and achieve much (vs 32)
  2. Converts with understanding will instruct others. It will cost them their lives (33)
  3. God will help the faithful. People will take advantage of them (vs 34).
  4. God will allow some of their leaders to be killed. This will help to perfect the people (vs 35).
  5. Many shall be purified (12:10).
  6. God will give wisdom and understanding to the faithful (12:10).
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