

The Gospel According to the Mark of the Beast and the Seal of God

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- **Revelation 13:16**

- And it [the beast] makes everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

- **Revelation 14:1**

- Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

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- **Revelation 7:2-4**

- **²Then I saw another angel rising up from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were allowed to harm the earth and the sea: ³“Don’t harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we seal the servants of our God on their foreheads.”
⁴And I heard the number of the sealed: 144,000 sealed from every tribe of the Israelites:**

Mark Precedence?

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- **Genesis 4:15**

- Then the Lord replied to him, “In that case, whoever kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” And **He placed a mark on Cain** so that whoever found him would not kill him.

Mark Precedence?

- **Ezekiel 9:1-2**

- **¹Then he called loudly in my hearing, “Come near, executioners of the city, each of you with a destructive weapon in his hand.” ²And I saw six men coming from the direction of the Upper Gate, which faces north, each with a war club in his hand. There was another man among them, clothed in linen, carrying writing equipment. They came and stood beside the bronze altar.**

Mark Precedence?

- Ezekiel 9:3-4

- ³Then the glory of the God of Israel rose from above the cherub where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. He called to the man clothed in linen and carrying writing equipment. ⁴“Pass throughout the city of Jerusalem,” the Lord said to him, “and **put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the detestable practices committed in it.**”

Mark Precedence?

- Ezekiel 9:5-6

- ⁵He spoke to the others in my hearing: “Pass through the city after him and start killing; do not show pity or spare them! ⁶Slaughter the old men, the young men and women, as well as the children and older women, but **do not come near anyone who has the mark**. Begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

Mark Precedence?

- Exodus 13:8-9

- ⁸On that day explain to your son, ‘This is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ ⁹Let it serve as **a sign for you on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead**, so that the Lord’s instruction may be in your mouth; for the Lord brought you out of Egypt with a strong hand.

Mark Precedence?

- Exodus 13:14-16

- ¹⁴“In the future, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘By the strength of his hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. ¹⁵When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of humans and the firstborn of livestock. That is why I sacrifice to the Lord all the firstborn of the womb that are males, but I redeem all the firstborn of my sons.’ ¹⁶So let it be **a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead**, for the Lord brought us out of Egypt by the strength of his hand.”

What's A "Beast"?

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- Daniel 7:17

- ‘These huge **beasts**, four in number, are four **kings** who will rise from the earth.

Which Beast?

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- **Revelation 13:3-4**

- **³One of its heads appeared to be fatally wounded, but its fatal wound was healed. The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. ⁴They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against it?”**

Which Beast?

- **Revelation 12:7-9**

- ⁷Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, ⁸but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer. ⁹So **the great dragon** was thrown out—the ancient serpent, **who is called the devil and Satan**, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

Which Beast?

- **Revelation 13:5-8**

- ⁵The beast was given a mouth to **utter boasts and blasphemies**. It was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶It began to **speak blasphemies against God**: to blaspheme his name and his dwelling—those who dwell in heaven. ⁷And it was permitted to **wage war against the saints and to conquer them**. It was also given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. ⁸**All those who live on the earth will worship it**, everyone whose name was not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.

Which Beast?

- **Revelation 13:11-13**

- **¹¹Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. ¹²It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf and compels the earth and those who live on it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. ¹³It also performs great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in front of people.**

Which Beast?

- **Revelation 13:14-15**

- **¹⁴It deceives those who live on the earth because of the signs that it is permitted to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵It was permitted to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could both speak and cause whoever would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

Which Beast?

- **Matthew 12:34**
 - **Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

Which Beast?

- Daniel 2:44-45

- ⁴⁴“In the days of those kings, **the God of the heavens will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed**, and this kingdom will not be left to another people. It will crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵You saw a stone break off from the mountain **without a hand touching it**, and it crushed the iron, bronze, fired clay, silver, and gold. The great God has told the king what will happen in the future. The dream is certain, and its interpretation reliable.”

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Seal of God

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False Framework - Construction

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Wickedness

False Framework - Construction

Mark of the Beast

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False Framework - Construction

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- **Revelation 14:1**

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False Framework - Repair

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False Framework - Repair

- **Revelation 13:17**

- so that **no one can buy or sell** unless he has the mark: the beast's name or the number of its name.

False Framework - Repair

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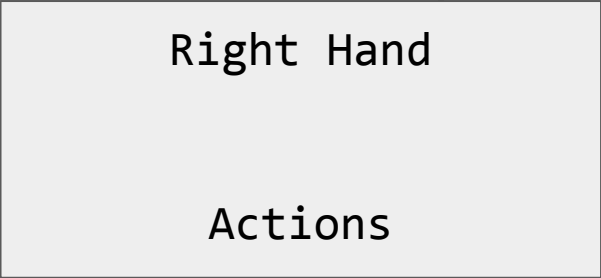
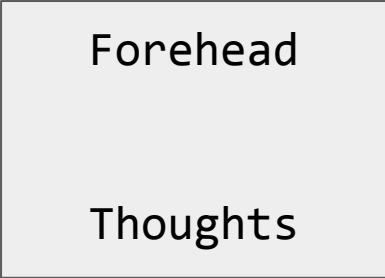
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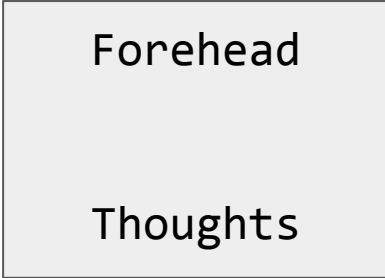
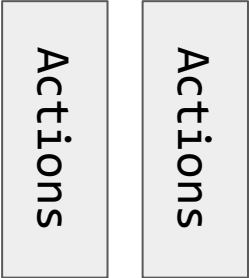
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- **Matthew 12:33-35**

- ³³“Either make the tree good and its fruit will be good, or make the tree bad and its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴Brood of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil? For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart. ³⁵A good person produces good things from his storeroom of good, and an evil person produces evil things from his storeroom of evil.

False Framework - Repair

- **James 2:14-19**

- **¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him?**

¹⁵If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed,” but you don’t give them what the body needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works

¹⁹You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe — and they shudder

False Framework - Repair

- **James 2:20-26**

- ²⁰Senseless person! Are you willing to learn that faith without works is useless? ²¹Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works in offering Isaac his son on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active together with his works, and by works, faith was made complete, ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works in receiving the messengers and sending them out by a different route? ²⁶For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

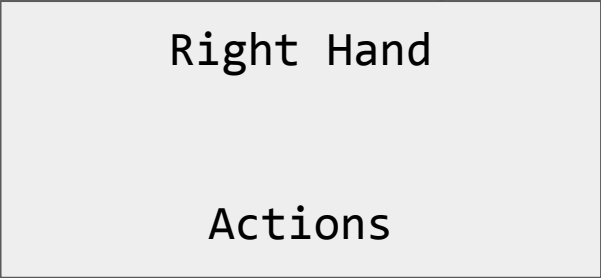
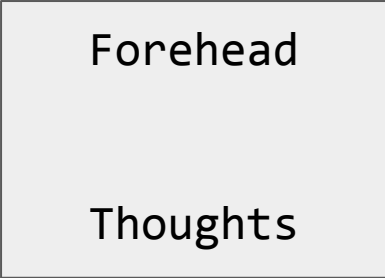
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- Ephesians 2:8-10

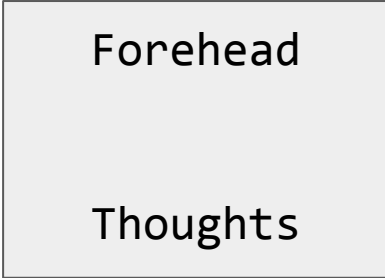
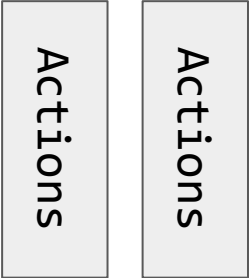
- ⁸For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

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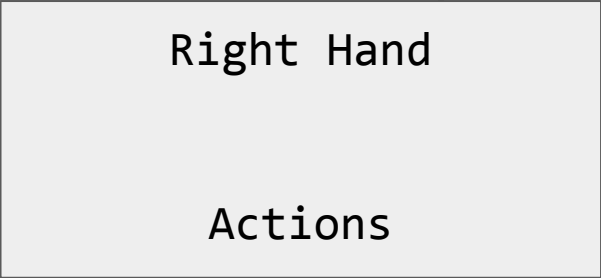
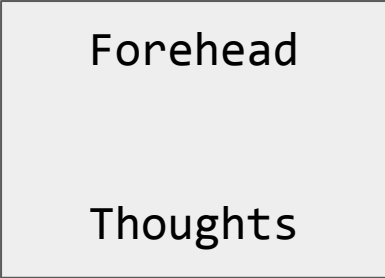
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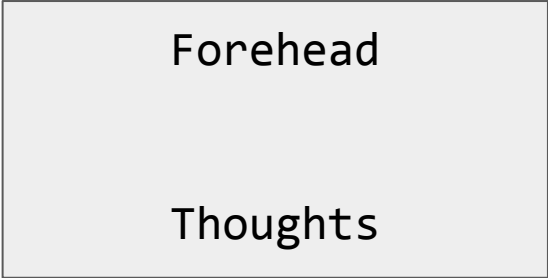
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- Ephesians 4:30

- And **don't grieve God's Holy Spirit**. You were **sealed** by him for the day of redemption.

False Framework - Repair

- **Mark 4:16-17**

- ¹⁶And others are like seed sown on rocky ground. When they hear the word, immediately they receive it with joy.
¹⁷But they have no root; they are short-lived. **When distress or persecution comes because of the word, they immediately fall away.**

False Framework - Repair

● Matthew 25:1-13

- ¹“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they didn’t take oil with them; ⁴but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. ⁵When the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶“In the middle of the night there was a shout: ‘Here’s the groom! Come out to meet him.’

⁷“Then all the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’

⁹“The wise ones answered, ‘No, there won’t be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰“When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open up for us!’

¹²“He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you!’

¹³“Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.

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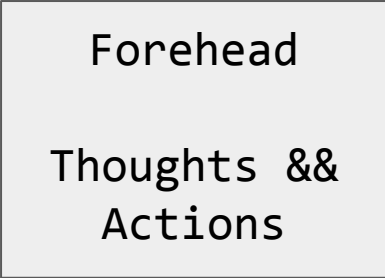
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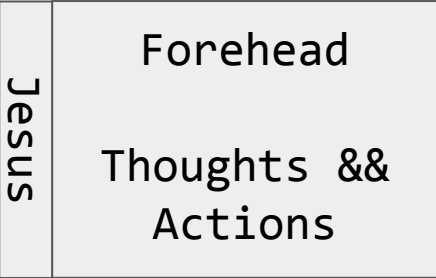
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**God knows where you
are.**

**He knows where He
wants you to be.**

**He knows how to get
you there.**