

CHAPTER IX

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

The following warning is given in Chapter 2 of *In Awe of Thy Word*:

“The KJV warns of the mark of Antichrist, whereby many ‘receive a mark **in** the right hand.’ New versions miss the mark, pretending it will only be ‘**on** the right hand’ (Rev. 13:16). This may be the most damaging twist of scripture in these perilous days. The NKJV, TNIV, NIV, NASB, ESV, HCSB and generally all *new* versions allow their readers to take the mark of the beast – simply by changing the letter ‘i’ to ‘o.’ (According to the OED (and even the new versions in some places), the Greek *epi* can be translated as ‘in,’ as in epicorolline, ‘inserted in,’ epicranidal [sic], ‘in the cerebellum,’ epistolary, ‘in letters,’ ‘epitomize,’ ‘contain in...into a small compass.’) Applied Digital Solutions has a ‘Verichip’ ready to market. Their spokesman appeared on the 700 Club to assure Christian viewers that their embedded (**in**-bedded) chip did not fit the new versions description about the mark of the Beast, because their chip goes ‘in’ the hand, ‘**in**serted with a large needle device,’ not stamped ‘on’ the hand. The Associated Press (Washington, Feb. 26, 2002) reports,

‘GOOD OR EVIL?... Applied Digital has consulted theologians and appeared on the religious television program the ‘700 Club’ to assure viewers the chip didn’t fit the biblical description of the mark because it is under the skin hidden from view.’ (<http://www.msnbc.com/news/716493.asp>).

“Over ten years ago the bestseller, *New Age Bible Versions*, warned of the one letter change from ‘**in**’ to ‘**on**.’ It used thousands of examples proving that new versions are a part of the counterfeit sheep’s clothing by which the “beast” deceives and speaks ‘like a lamb,’ with ‘miracles,’ ‘worship,’ and ‘great wonders’ (Rev. 13:11-14). The merchants of the ‘mark’ can swear on a wobbly stack of NKJVs that ‘The Bible says its ok’ to take the I.D. marker. No wonder few escape it.

‘And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark **in** their right hand...And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark...’ Rev. 13:16, 17” (*In Awe of Thy Word*, pp. 100-101)

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, says Gail, “the Greek *epi* can be translated as ‘in.’” To begin with, the Oxford English Dictionary should *never* be used as an *authority* on Greek usage. For the translation of Greek words depends on their grammatical relationships — their arrangement in phrases, clauses and sentences — and one thing the student of the Bible won’t learn from the OED is the meaning of Greek words according to their syntax. To be properly translated, Greek words must be “parsed,” that is analyzed in terms of their grammatical constituents; parts of speech must be identified and their syntactic relations ascertained. An English dictionary does not deal with the fine points involved in Greek translation.

Although *epi* may, in some instances, be translated as “in,” this is not the normal definition of the word *epi*. We doubt the OED explains that *epi* “can be” translated as ‘in’ *only if* it occurs in specific relationships to other words and identifies those grammatical relationships. Wesley Perschbacher’s New Analytical Greek

Lexicon, an invaluable tool which parses every word in the Greek New Testament, identifies the occasions on which *epi* “can be” translated as “in”:

“*ἐπι*...*in*, of locality, Mark 8:4, et al;...in the presence of, especially in a judicial sense, 2 Cor. 7:14, Acts 25:9;...in the case of, in respect of, John 6:2, Gal. 3:16; in the time of, at the time of, Acts 11:28; Rom. 1:10, et al...in the neighborhood or society of, Acts 28:14...in order to...Matt. 3:7...”

In Revelation 13:16, 14:9 and 20:4, the Greek article “the” before the noun “hand” in the prepositional phrase “in the hand” renders the word “hand” in the accusative case, which requires its translation to be “upon.” Perschbacher’s New Analytical Greek Lexicon (#1909) states “‘*epi*’,...with the acc., *upon*”.

Confirming Perschbacher’s Lexicon, *Learn New Testament Greek* by John H. Dobson, states that “*epi*” means “on, on top of” (“Prepositions followed by an accusative case,” p. 186).

In other words, when the preposition ‘*epi*’ is present with a noun in the accusative case, its meaning is “upon, on.” Had God intended Revelation 13:16, 14:9 and 20:4 to be translated “in the hand” or “in the forehead,” He would have used a different Greek word — “*en*” (See: Strong’s Concordance #1909 and #1722).

It is noteworthy that the KJV Translators *correctly* translated the word “*epi*” as “upon” in Revelation 20:4, in the phrase pertaining to the mark on the forehead, however, they mistranslated the same Greek word as “in” pertaining to the hands in the next prepositional phrase:

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark UPON their foreheads, or IN their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4)

In Revelation 13:16, 14:1 and 14:9, however, *epi* is mistranslated “in,” with reference to the mark on the foreheads of the 144,000 and the mark of the Beast:

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark IN their right hand, or IN their foreheads.” (Rev. 13:16)

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written IN their foreheads.” (Rev. 14:1)

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man do homage to the beast and his image, and receive his mark IN his forehead, or IN his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Rev. 14:9,10)

Why did the KJV translators vary the translation of “*epi*” in these identical prepositional phrases, when the syntax requires the translation to be “on” or “upon”? The answer is found in the Bishop’s Bible and previous English translations, including the Wycliffe Bible which was based on the Latin Vulgate. (The reader can compare these Bible versions at: <http://www.studylight.org/>)

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(Already Rev. Sun Myung Moon [who spiritualist Arthur Ford calls, “the New Age voice of religious thought”] calls himself “the Lamb” and claims that Christ’s “new name” mentioned in Revelation 3:12 is Sun Myung Moon.¹)

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The Name	3 John 1:7	name’s
the name which thou has given me	John 17:11	Those whom thou has given me
his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads	Rev 14:1	his Father’s name written in their foreheads
calling on His name	Acts 22:16	calling on the name of the Lord
I bear on my body the brand marks of Jesus	Gal. 6:17	I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus

New versions are mimicking ‘the Name’ seen in the esoteric Dead Sea Scrolls; these tell of an Arabic Mahdi whose ‘Name’ and initiation, if rejected, brings death and imprisonment during a 7 year period. (See Theodore Gaster, *The Dead Sea Scriptures*, (Garden City, N.Y.: Anchor Books, 1976 pp. 29, 38, 57, 85, 121, 181, et al.) In the tribulation (and new versions) “his name” is *in* and “the Lord Jesus” is *out*. Will “another Jesus” (II Corinthians 11:4) brand his followers with the mark of the beast, after “his ministers” (II Corinthians 11:5) have prodded them with skewed bible verses? The smoke of Satan’s branding iron ascends forever.

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image and whosoever receiveth the mark of **his name**. (Revelation 14:11)

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One bible commentator notes and Old Testament elusion [sic] to the distinction between the New Testament *charagma*, mark of the rebellious, and the *graphomai* of God.

They have corrupted themselves, their spot [Hebrew: mum] is not the spot of his children. Deut. 32:5

The comment reads:

receive his Father’s name? Dr. Carl Sanders, developer of the hypodermically *inserted* Positive Identification Microchip (pim I Samuel 13:21 NKJV), now warns Christian audiences that new versions will deceive many, as they did him, into believing that the forbidden mark is *on*, not *in*, the hand or forehead. Is the U.S. government’s top secret laboratory at Los Alamos creating this microchip *and* digitizing the Rockefeller Foundation supported Dead Sea Scrolls because the scrolls prescribe all of the elements necessary to coerce [sic] people to conform to the one world political and religious system of the antichrist?¹ With the microdensitometer “You can actually move letters around in the manuscript” allowing manipulation of “the evidence”, warns one researcher. The scrolls, created by the esoteric Essenes already call for: 1) confiscation of personal property, 2) two messiahs, one political and one religious (Rev. 19:20), 3) the Sons of Light, “ruled by the angel of light” (II Cor. 11:14), 4) an Arabic Mahdi whose ‘Name’ and initiation, if rejected bring death and imprisonment during a 7 year period.² The NIV mimics this ‘Name’ over 80 times and prescribes death for those who will *not bear it*. In the tribulation (and new versions) “his name” is *in* and “the Lord Jesus” is *out*. Will “another Jesus” (II Corinthians 11:4) brand his followers with the mark of the beast, after “his ministers” (II Corinthians 11:5) have prodded them with skewed bible verses? The smoke of Satan’s branding iron ascends forever.

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his name	Acts 22:16	the name of the Lord
the Name	Lev. 24:11	the name of the LORD
When he blasphemes the Name , he must be put to death (NIV)	Lev. 24:16	When he blasphemeth the name of the LORD , shall be put to death
I bear on my body the brand marks of Jesus	Gal. 6:17	I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus
tattoo upon the	Is. 44:5	subscribe with his

This may refer to the marks of idolaters who inscribe on their arms or foreheads...[a] sign of their particular deity. The practice is very ancient...²

Recent versions completely obscure this clue translating that verse, not from the Jewish Masoretic text but from either the Peshitta or the Greek Septuagint, both of which contain numerous corruptions. (Sounding rather cruel, they read, in effect, that certain people aren't 'his' because of their defect. Curiously though, most new versions translate 'mum' as 'spot', not as 'defect', in Job 31:7; their inconsistency rears its head frequently.)

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The Mark and Image of the Virgin

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I am the **Sign** of the living God. I place my sign on the forehead of my children.¹⁴

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How do we account for Gail Riplinger's sudden shift in the interpretation of Bible prophecy in *New Age Bible Versions*? Should Christians revise their interpretation of Bible prophecy according to the news, as Gail Riplinger has done, or "prove all things" according to the Greek Textus Receptus, which she has regrettably placed on the "KJV-Only Index of Forbidden Books"?

In the 1st printing of *New Age Bible Versions*, Gail revealed accurate information about the name, number and Mark of the Beast:

- **The Name of the Beast will be given "on" the forehead. "On their forehead" was removed by the 5th Printing;**

"Will the unwary reading Revelation 14:1 in a recent version, be persuaded that the bible sanctions and encourages the taking of 'his name' **on their forehead** before they receive his Father's name?" (NABV, 1st Printing, March 1993, p. 100; revised in 5th Printing)

- **The Name of the Beast will be associated with an initiation rite, i.e., the Luciferic Initiation.**

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- **The Mark of the Beast will be a "brand" and not an implant.**

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- **The Mark of the Beast will be a *charagma*, a "mark" which idolaters "inscribe on their arms or foreheads." Furthermore, these marks are symbols of the deities they worship.**

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The Greek word for "mark" in all of the relevant verses is "*charagma*," that is, a "stamp" or "mark" that is branded, imprinted or engraved ON the forehead or hand (rather than implanted *in* the skin) of a follower of the Antichrist.

5480 charagma {khar'-ag-mah} from the same as 5482: TDNT - 9:416,1308; n n

AV - mark 8, graven 1; 9

1) a stamp, an imprinted mark

1a) of the mark stamped ON the forehead or the right hand as the badge of the followers of the Antichrist

1b) the mark branded UPON horses

2) thing carved, sculpture, graven work

2a) of idolatrous images

In the first printing of *NABV*, the Mark of the Beast was the symbol of Lucifer branded on the skin during an initiation rite. By the 5th printing the Mark of the Beast had become a surgically implanted device that was not associated with religious worship but having only commercial value. Whereas the “mark of Lucifer” will be branded on idolaters in places of worship during the Tribulation period, the RFID Microchip will be implanted on the masses in outpatient clinics. We can readily understand why a brand received by an idolater during the Luciferic Initiation will seal his/her eternal destiny in the Lake of Fire. However, it makes no sense that God would eternally condemn a man, woman or child for receiving an RFID microchip in a hospital or clinic or government facility. In fact, God even commands obedience to governing authorities, with the exception of obeying laws that compel the Christian to disobey His Word, for example, to commit murder. In contrast, God sternly forbids the worship of false gods and the practice of witchcraft, including tattoos, as abominations with eternal consequences:

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;” (Exod. 20:4-5)

“Thou shalt not suffer a **witch** to live.” (Exod. 22:18)

“Ye shall not make any **cuttings in your flesh FOR THE DEAD, nor print any marks** upon you: I am the LORD.” (Lev. 19:28)

“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth **divination**, or an **observer of times**, or an **enchanter**, or a **witch**, Or a **charmer**, or a **consulter with familiar spirits**, or a **wizard**, or a **necromancer**. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.” (Deut. 18:10-12)

“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not **worship devils, and idols** of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their **sorceries**, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.” (Rev. 9:21)

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship** the beast and his image, and receive **his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who **worship** the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Rev. 9:21)

Another perhaps inadvertent disclosure in the first printing of *New Age Bible Versions* was Gail’s blunt acknowledgement of the corrupt nature of the Syriac Peshitta: “...the Peshitta or the Greek Septuagint, both of which contain numerous corruptions.” (*NABV*, 1st Printing, March 1993, p.100) This presumably unintentional admission was hastily withdrawn and does not appear in the 5th printing. Elsewhere in *New Age Bible Versions* (5th Printing), Gail states the opposite: “the Sinaitic Version (third century), the Gothic Version (fourth century) and the Peshitta Syriac (now dated much earlier than the fifth century) agree with the KJV.” (*NABV*, p. 488) (For the “numerous corruptions” in the Syriac Peshitta, which KJV-Only propaganda classifies with the Traditional Text, see: “The Semitic New Testament”)

Finally, Gail did not forget to misrepresent the New King James Version, even though the NKJV follows the Textus Receptus in all verses pertaining to the Mark of the Beast. Writes Gail:

“The merchants of the ‘mark’ can swear on a wobbly stack of NKJVs that ‘The Bible says its ok’ to take the I.D. marker.” (*Awe*, p. 101)

“The NKJV denies the deity of Christ a half dozen times.” (*NABV*, p. 102) / not true

“All new versions, based on a tiny percentage of corrupt Greek manuscripts, make the fatefully frightening addition of three words in Revelation 14:1. / NKJV does not add these words

“...the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had **his name and his** Father’s name written on their foreheads.” NIV

“The number 666 in the form of a mobius symbol appears on the cover the *New King James Version* (NKJV)” (*NABV*, p. 101)

Concerning the symbol on the cover of the Thomas Nelson NKJV, let us remember the old axiom about judging a book by its cover. Just as we cannot judge the text of 1611 King James Version by pagan woodcuts, headpieces and tailpieces that were added by the printer, Robert Barker, so we cannot judge the text of the New King James Version by a book cover designed by the publisher Thomas Nelson, Inc. Many New King James Bibles do not have the Thomas Nelson cover, just as pagan woodcuts and headpieces vanished from King James Bibles.

Gail Riplinger makes much ado about the “mobius” being an occult symbol and a visual representation of 666. How much more significant in terms of historic and Biblical import is the number 666 in the form of the 6-pointed star (misnamed the Star of David) which occultists have for three millennia venerated as the Seal of Solomon, the apostate king who led Israel into idolatry. This pagan symbol was used by King Solomon as a powerful talisman for his idolatrous worship of the goddess, Ashtaroath, and the gods, Chemosh and Molech, and so is it used in the occult world today.

“II Kings 23:13 is explicit: ‘And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.’...King Solomon built an altar for Ashtoreth, worshipped her, and also practiced Moloch rituals. It was at this time that the hexagram or six-pointed star came to be called the **Seal of Solomon**... **Solomon’s Seal** was accepted as occult by the occult world. King Solomon was deeply involved in witchcraft and occultism. According to *The Sorcerer’s Handbook*, ‘King Solomon, traditionally known as an arch magician, used a spell to banish infernal beings sent by the king of demons to extract human hearts...’” (O.J. Graham, *The Six-Pointed Star*, pp. 24-5, 29, 32)

“Interestingly enough you will notice that the emblem is made up of three pairs of triangles with their apexes touching. Each pair collectively represents the number 6, which qualifies the whole symbol as a **graphical representation of 666**.” (“Sects, Symbolism & the Mark of the Beast”)



God has provided important clues in His Word which point to the Seal of Solomon as the Mark of the Beast:

“Now the weight of gold that came to SOLOMON in one year was SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX talents of gold...” (1 Kings 10:14)

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the NUMBER OF A MAN; and his number *is* SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX.” (Rev. 13:18)

For further evidence that the Seal of Solomon is the Mark of the Beast, please see these reports on our website, Watch Unto Prayer (<http://watch-unto-prayer.org>):

THE REVELATION OF THE ANTICHRIST ~ *As the Second Coming of King Solomon*
THE SIX-POINTED STAR: THE MARK OF THE BEAST ~ *Star of David or Star of Remphan?*
DESIGNER MARKS OF THE BEAST ~ *Why the Mark of the Beast is NOT the Microchip Implant*
HEEDING BIBLE PROPHECY: *The Mark of the Beast* 17.B

The New King James Version correctly and consistently translates the Greek word *epi* as “on” in all of the prophecies concerning the Mark of the Beast.

“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or ON their foreheads,” (Rev. 13:16, NKJV)

“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark ON his forehead or ON his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.’” (Rev. 14:9-10, NKJV)

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark ON their foreheads or ON their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4, NKJV)

Can it be that the accurate translation of these crucial verses (which have end-time and eternal ramifications) accounts for the relentless campaign to discredit the New King James Version? We have little doubt. The fact that the NKJV reflects the Greek Textus Receptus in these verses alone would be sufficient reason for the Antichrist system to conspire against it and to promote in its place a translation that carries a false reading. For the endgame of the KJV-Only conspiracy is not only to eliminate the Textus Receptus—and along with it Greek resources which translate *epi* as “on”—but also Fundamental Christians who believe the Greek Textus Receptus must be the only basis for New Testament translation.

When the microchip implant becomes mandatory, many Christians will rebel against the U.S. Government, while other Christians will endure starvation rather than take the chip implant, having been deceived that it is the Mark of the Beast. Those who take up arms against the U.S. Government will provide legal justification for the persecution and elimination of all Fundamental Christians. Either way, whether through organized rebellion or starvation, Fundamental Christianity will be eliminated, with it, the Greek Textus Receptus.

NOTES

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