

Avoiding the Mark

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Jesus warns us that if we receive the “mark of the beast,” we will suffer the same eternal torment with that beast.

"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, **and whoever receives the mark of his name.**" Rev. 14:11 NASB (emphasis mine).

Understanding these symbols may help to avoid that terrible end. In Daniel 7, the four beasts represented the occupying forces of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. A *beast*, in this context, represents an imposed rule, foreign control, or an evil form of control influencing our government.

We read in Revelation 13:7 that the “mark” is the name of the beast and the number of the name. In chapter 1 of his book, Daniel and his friends, while in Babylon, were assigned new names, and likewise, Revelation 13:16 tells us we will all be given a name and a number.

After the 1930s, parents were enticed or pressured to register their newborns. The children were given birth certificates (and later a Social Insurance Number) listing a similar name. That cute little John David Doe received the birth certificate listing the name JOHN DAVID DOE.

Every manual of grammatical style, including that sanctioned by our government,¹ tells us that a proper noun, i.e., an individual’s name, is to be written with only the first letters capitalized, as in John David Doe—no exceptions allowed.

JOHN DAVID DOE is not the child’s name; rather it represents the name of a corporate entity created on the birth date, for and by the government. The birth certificate is basically a stock certificate (printed by The Bank Note Company) for a corporation for which we were assigned the trustee.

Today, most everything we receive from government, banks, municipalities, etc., is addressed to that NAME. Most things in our possession—our homes, vehicles, bank accounts, church properties, businesses, wages, and so forth—are registered as being owned by that NAME. This detail helps us understand section 1(a) of the Canadian Bill of Rights (1960, c. 44), where it states that the rights of the individuals are limited to the “enjoyment” of property. It also clarifies the meaning of *owned* in Section 2(1) of the Canadian Ownership and Control Determination Act, defined as merely “beneficial” ownership, not legal title. The definition of *person* in every Act issued by our government is limited to *a corporation* and applies only to those human beings acting in the capacity of a corporation, which we have done, unknowingly, until reading this.

We may, in the future, be forced to knowingly choose to receive or reject that NAME as ours, in order to buy or sell. Should we reject it, we need not fear; God was able to feed and clothe the Israelites in near desert conditions for 40 years; can we trust him to care for us?

We best begin now to distance ourselves from that NAME, rather than become increasingly entrenched in its use. God has promised a new name to those who overcome.

¹ The Canadian Style, Durham Press Ltd, Toronto, 1997, Section 4.03 pg. 65 (in cooperation with Public Works and Government Services Canada Translation Bureau).