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Prophecy Meetings

When will the Mark of the Beast be Revealed?

Revelation 13:11-18

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Sunday Afternoon Service

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Opening Comments

- Welcome to the **FUTURE TODAY** prophecy meeting
- In February of this year, the World Economic Forum met and hosted some of the world's top elites
- It is a forum where they discuss their plans for the future
- One of those elites shared his plans to develop a way to track when people take their medications
- Somehow, once a medication or drug is taken it communicates that over the web
- On the surface that doesn't sound so bad – elderly, dementia, or people with mental illness could be monitored for their health and safety
- What is scary is the possibility of abuse and for stripping of freedoms
- Every time something like this comes up someone asks if this is connected to the Mark of the Beast
- Turn to **Revelation 13**
- Revelation 13 opens with a description of a person referred to as the Antichrist
- The Bible teaches us that he will be revealed in the future
- His appearance is connected to a treaty between Israel and their neighbors
- One aspect of that treaty is that Israel is free to build a temple for worshipping God on what is known as the Temple Mount
- It will be built, and the Jews will resume the system of sacrifices instituted at the time of Moses
- And the Jews will experience something like peace for a little while
- But then suddenly that will change
- **Revelation 13:11**
- The Bible refers to this man as the False Prophet
- 'two horns like a lamb' – could mean that he is a Jew
- 'speaks like a dragon' – means he is a liar/deceiver
- **Revelation 13:12**

- ‘first beast’ = Antichrist – worshipped as God
 - **Revelation 13:13-15**
 - The False Prophet is given power by the devil to work miracles to deceive people into worshipping the Antichrist
 - And if someone doesn’t worship the image of the Antichrist – the False Prophet will have them killed
 - **Revelation 13:15-18**
 - Satan’s goal is to cause God’s highest creation to worship him rather than God
 - Because humans were created with a free will, the devil must institute systems that take free will from people – he needs absolute control
 - The Mark of the Beast is the tool he will use to control the world
 - Technology is advancing at lightning speed
 - I read that someone is proposing putting RFID chips in all children’s clothing so that they can be tracked
 - They are so small you would even be able to detect them
 - Again, we can certainly see how that could be a good thing, but the possibility of abuse by an evil entity is great
 - Turn to **1 Thessalonians 4**
 - When we see or hear about these things, we don’t freak out – it isn’t the Mark of the Beast
 - For it to be the Mark of the Beast it must be associated with a call to worship a man
 - Revelation 13 describes the time at the middle of the seven-year period known as the Tribulation
 - We are not in the Tribulation – in fact, we won’t see the Tribulation
 - Before that terrible time on the earth begins, something else is going to happen
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
 - We will be caught up to be with Jesus forever
 - Every time you hear or see something that might point to the Mark of the Beast do one simple thing **Luke 21:28**
- Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.**
- Don’t be freaked out, or afraid, rejoice – Jesus is near! Amen?!