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Key Understanding #1: *The Mark of the Lord and seven; the Mark of the Beast and six.* Finally, before we examine all of this in more detail, let's note that the theme of the <u>Mark</u> <u>of the Lord</u> upon the <u>hand</u> and the <u>forehead</u> in Exodus 13 is connected with the number <u>seven (7)</u>, while the <u>Mark of the Beast</u> upon the <u>hand</u> and the <u>forehead</u> in Revelation 13 is of <u>Man</u> and is therefore connected with the number <u>six (6)</u>.

The Mark of the Lord in Exodus 13:9 upon the hand and the forehead:

Exodus 13:1-9 (NIV) The LORD said to Moses,

2 "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal."

3 Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

4 Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving.

5 When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites — the land he swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey — you are to observe this ceremony [the Feast of Unleavened Bread] in this month:

6 For SEVEN DAYS eat bread made without yeast and on the SEVENTH

DAY hold a festival to the LORD.

7 Eat unleavened bread during those <u>SEVEN DAYS</u>; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders.

8 On that day tell your son, 'I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

9 This observance [the Feast of Unleavened Bread] will be for you like a

[figurative] <u>SIGN</u> on your <u>HAND</u> and a reminder on your <u>FOREHEAD</u> that the law of the LORD is to be on your lips. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand.

The <u>Mark of the Beast</u> in <u>Revelation 13:16</u> upon the <u>hand</u> and the <u>forehead</u>:

Revelation 13:16-18 (KJV) And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a <u>MARK</u> in their <u>RIGHT HAND</u>, or in their <u>FOREHEADS</u>:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count <u>THE NUMBER</u> <u>OF THE BEAST</u> [referring to the Revelation 13:1 Beast out of the Sea and the Revelation 17:08 Beast out of the Pit]: for <u>IT IS THE NUMBER OF</u> <u>MAN</u>; AND <u>HIS NUMBER IS SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX</u> [666].



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Key Understanding #2: The Lord is illustrating that the <u>Mark</u> of the Beast upon the <u>hand</u> and the <u>forehead</u> in Revelation 13 that is of <u>Man</u> and that is connected with the number <u>six (6)</u> is representing the theme of a "deliverance from Egypt" for mankind that looks like the Lord's 'Mark of the Lord' deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt. However, it is a deliverance that is of <u>Man</u> (and thus numbered 6) and not God (numbered 7).



In other words, if someone were to ask, "What exactly is the Mark of the Beast about?" or "What is the underlying theme behind the Mark of the Beast?", the correct answer is that the Mark of the Beast represents a deliverance into "freedom" for mankind that resembles the Lord's 'Mark of the Lord' deliverance of the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt, but is a deliverance by or through the hand of Man (numbered 6) and the Beast (numbered 666 because it is associated with Man), not



a deliverance by the hand of God (numbered 7). The Beast is copycatting God, with mankind believing that the works and deliverances of the Beast are the works and deliverances of God.

With these clues now under our belts, let's examine this subject matter of the Mark of the Lord vs. the Mark of the Beast in more depth.

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