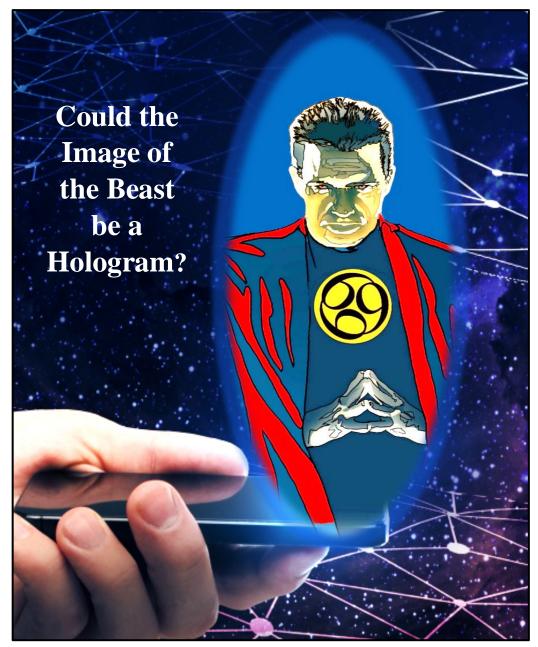
Antichrist, Crisis and the Mark Part 6B -- More on the False Prophet

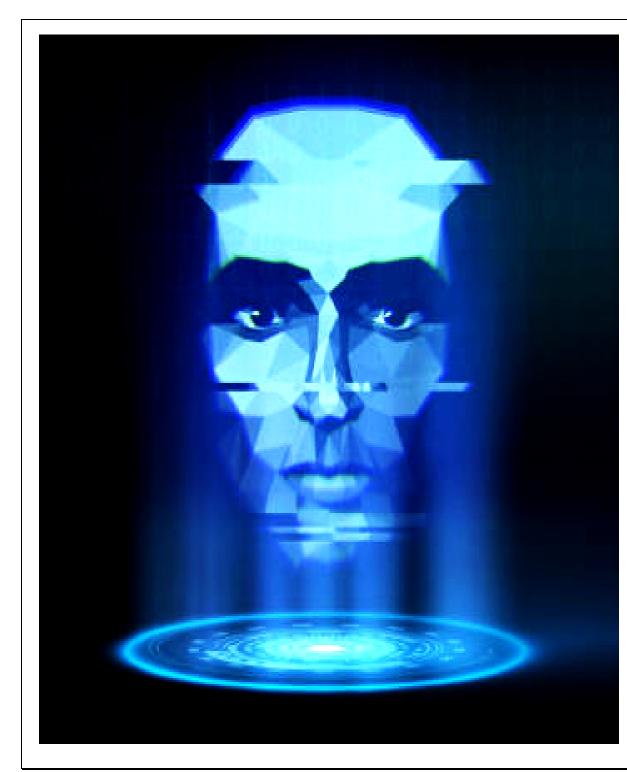
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Let's continue to explore the question of who is this other beast? - the False Prophet, to whom is dedicated the whole second half of that key chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation.

REV.13:15 He was **granted power to give breath** to the image of the beast, that the **image** of the beast should both **speak** and **cause** as many as would not worship the image of the beast **to be killed**.

The False Prophet causes the image to be made. Somehow it becomes possessed with the very spirit of the Beast, speaking and giving orders as if it were the Antichrist himself. It is likely that the False Prophet and his "priests" will be scientists, technocrats, or at least they will use and worship science. The old speculation was that the image of the beast would be a statue that would be given the appearance of life.





But the apostle John could just as easily have seen a television image, a hologram, a cyborg, or some other new technology.

"Following is an excerpt from the web site "Futurism": Microsoft's Tech Can Make Your Hologram Speak Another Language: Imagine a world leader delivering a speech, and every person across the globe feeling like the leader was in the room with them and speaking the local language...giving a lecture that anyone could attend and understand — without leaving their homes and without learning their leader's language."

https://futurism.com/microsoft-hololens-hologram-speak-another-language

A 3D hologram is an object or person that isn't actually "there," but looks like it is, either floating in mid-air or standing on a nearby surface. This "augmented reality" (AR) has already been used by some political leaders.

https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2017/2/22/the-dawn-of-cyber-politicians

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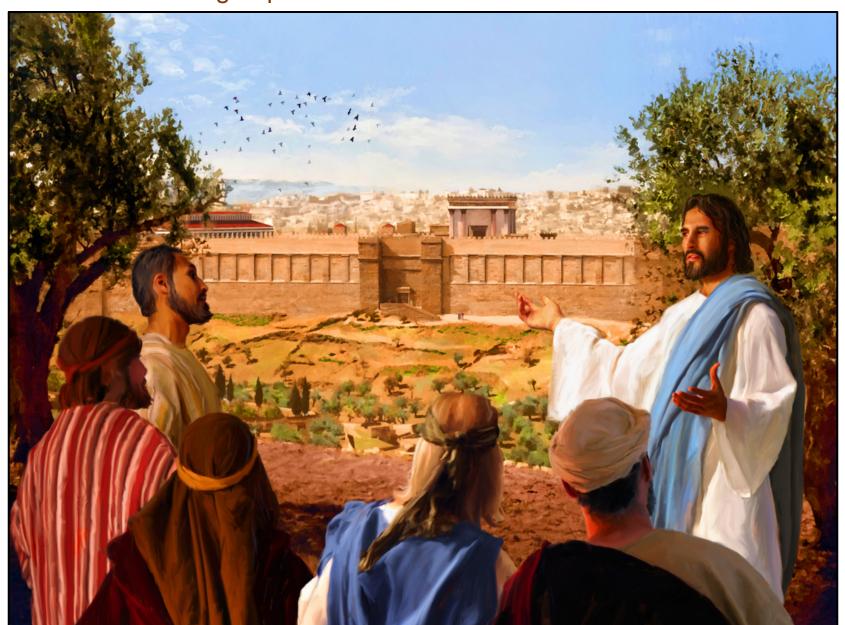
We can imagine people gathering every day to hear what the image has to say. The media will carry the content of the image's speeches in the news, becoming the focal point of every person's day. Watch an example with this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auJJrHgG9Mc&ab_channel=Microsoft

In general, holography is a form of broadcasting, which would include TV broadcasting, online podcasts, video streaming, etc. Modern broadcasting is a type of image creation totally unknown in John the apostle's day. He could not have grasped the streamlined process of image creation that we use now. To create, give life to, and distribute an image worldwide, and do it all in an instant, was beyond his comprehension. The vision he received came from God, of course, but the description in Revelation 13 seems to have been written in his own words. So what we have here, it looks like, is an intriguing example of a time-travel experience – how someone from an ancient time would react to



and describe a distant-future invention. And John seems to describe the image he saw from his own perspective, as if it were some sort of crafted image (like an idol), which was the only kind of image that he would have known way back in the 1st century A.D.

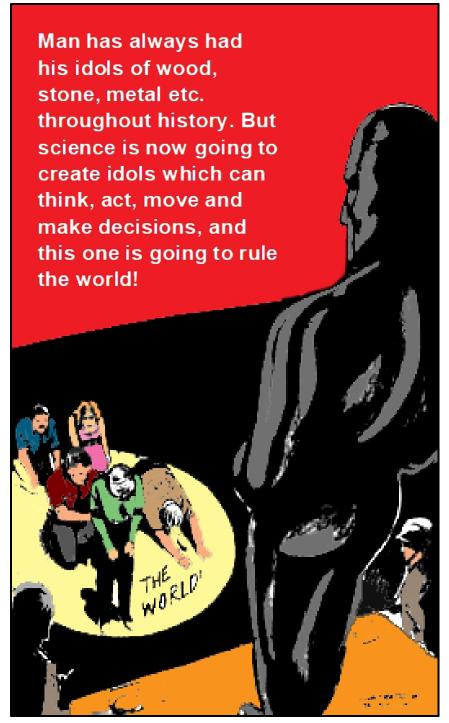
So, if we take a general view of the "image" as some kind of broadcasted image (rather than a crafted one), then we would see it as being accessible to anyone in any corner of the earth. Even the poorest or most tech-challenged person would have access to some kind of broadcasted image of the coming



Antichrist. And what better way to generate worship than to view the living persona of the dynamic leader. That's the kind of image that can foster worship better than any of the crafted images of old (which, to be effective, required a good deal of superstition).

The setting up of the image of the beast might be what Jesus had in mind when He said in His Olivet discourse:

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
MAT.24:15



Assuming that the "image" and "abomination" are the same thing, we can look at what Neuralink and other companies are already working on - equipment sensitive enough to be operated and activated by tiny little mental impulses, by thought, which would enable you, for example, to use a computer just by thinking--and that has tremendous possibilities.

It could become a real wonder and object of worship - the ultimate in idolatry, humankind worshipping the ultimate work of their own hands, the Image of the Beast! --And things are moving more that way all the time! Is the World being prepared for a mechanical god, an electronic brain, a computer Deity? Think of that! Not only does it speak but it can even kill! -Or cause to be killed somehow. Maybe it speaks and condemns them to death?

On the other hand, if the "image" is a broadcasted image, the Antichrist's speeches against his enemies and non-worshipers will foster the kind of hostile climate that results in them getting rounded up and killed. --We'll find out soon enough.

Of course, the image is not a **living personality** with a soul (although it may have seemed that way to John the apostle). For it is the False Prophet and the Beast who are cast into the Lake of Fire--**not** the Image!

REV.19:20 "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

So that image is just a fake, an imitation, a counterfeit. The killing of all those who refuse to worship the Beast and his Image marks the beginning of the Great Tribulation - a 3½-years era of great distress and persecution.



Luke 21:25-26

"And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

REV.13:16 And he (the False Prophet) causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:



REV.13:17 So that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. (NIV)

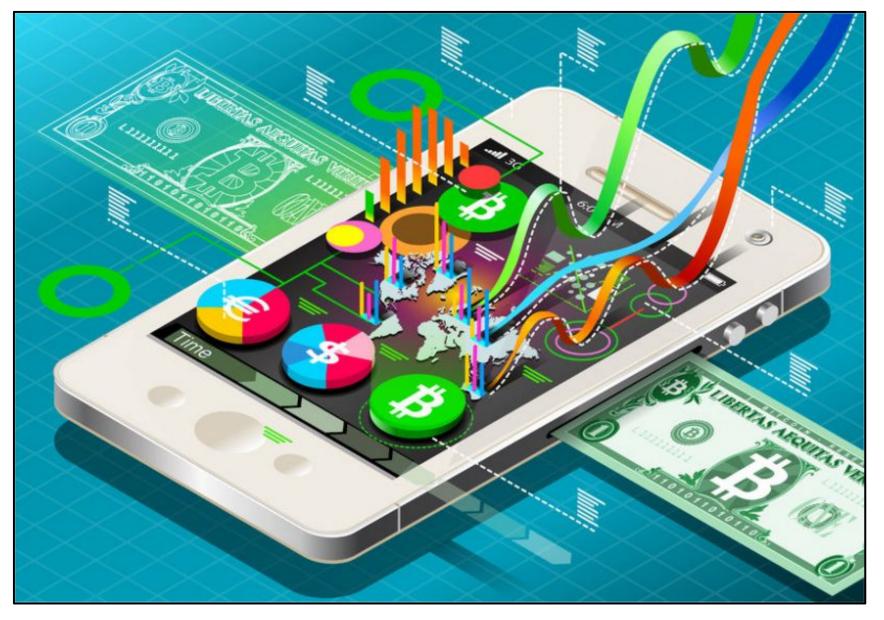
REV.13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

It is the **False Prophet** who "causes" all the world to receive the "mark" in their foreheads or their hands! No one will be able to buy or sell or do any business without this "mark" (and the "number 666"). And so begins the new world economic and trading system of the Beast.

The time is soon coming when paper money will no longer be used as a medium of exchange! Existing

currencies will be replaced by a remarkable new credit system with which every person in the World who belongs to the Antichrist's regime will bear - a digital "mark" of some kind that will function in a way similar to how we use credit cards today. And without it one will not be able to purchase anything. This digital "mark" would be used, not only for financial purposes, but also as an official ID, containing all your personal information.

The technology is here and is being "foisted" on us; the recent health crisis as well as the war in Europe is setting the stage for rapid changes, changes

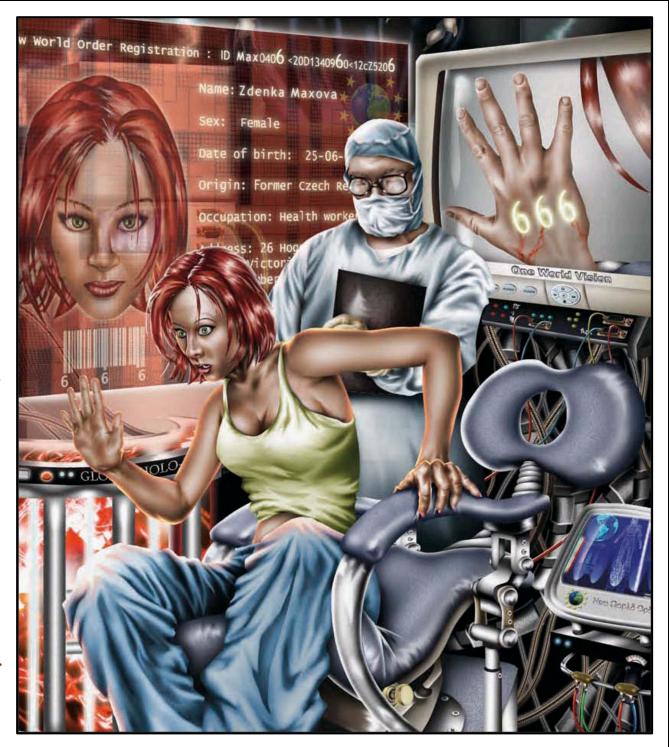


that the Antichrist needs in order to rule the world. In recent times many stores **no longer accept cash**... and the trend is growing.

According to Revelation 13:16, every man and woman would be assigned their own digital mark or insignia. And it will be **permanent**, without any possibility of counterfeit, change, manipulation or forgery, because it will be branded on each person, a sort of **digital tattoo**, like "cattle for the slaughter". "A mark in their right hand or in their foreheads."

The **False Prophet** will use this mark as a means to **force** people to worship the Antichrist and his **Image**. At this point in the Tribulation, they will be faced with two hard choices. Those who refuse to worship the beast or his image will be persecuted and/or killed, while those who do worship him will be rejecting God and will have to suffer the consequences of that decision in the Afterlife.

The **Bible WARNS AGAINST RECEIVING** that mark. There will be a lot of pressure to take the mark, for without it, it will be difficult to find food for oneself or for one's family.



REV.14:9-11 And the third angel...saying with a loud voice, **if any man worships 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**...and **he shall be tormented** with fire and brimstone...and **they have no rest** day nor night, who **worship the beast** and his image, **and whosoever receives the mark of his name**.



Notice in the above passage that the worst punishment is reserved for those who "worship the Beast/Image AND receive the Mark." Perhaps there's a big in-between category of those who don't worship the Beast in their hearts but take the Mark anyway. It's a compromise, of course, but perhaps this category of folks will be spared from the Lake of Fire and will receive less chastisement and/or won't receive as much reward as they could have.

We still don't know what form this mark will take and we can only speculate. The following link shows a copy of an **official** patent from Microsoft about a cryptocurrency (digital money) being verified by a sensor **inside** your **body**. https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/detail.jsf?docld=WO20200606068tab=PCTBIBLIO

Oddly enough, the number of the patent is "060606". At this point, we don't know for sure if it will be used but this is getting very close to what the Scriptures say. For millennia, what John described seemed fanciful - this new way of buying and selling, such an odd system of commercial exchange. But the amazing technological advances of recent years have made the implementation possible of what John



cryptically called the "Mark of the Beast" so long ago. Furthermore, the phrase "no man may buy or sell" signifies a totally controlled situation.

The technical infrastructure that could impose this type of financial totalitarianism is already in place and if universally adopted, this could evolve into the very economic system foretold in this ominous but intriguing passage by John the apostle in the book of Revelation.

As we can see from the previous pages, the major preparations for the conquest of the world by the Antichrist and his **False Prophet** are falling into place. And they are being carried out by those who are ignorant and unaware. The masterminds stay **behind the scenes**, and these will not show their faces. They use pawns and puppets-figureheads, politicians and multi-billionaires—to do their dirty work, which is disguised in nice looking, seemingly helpful packages.

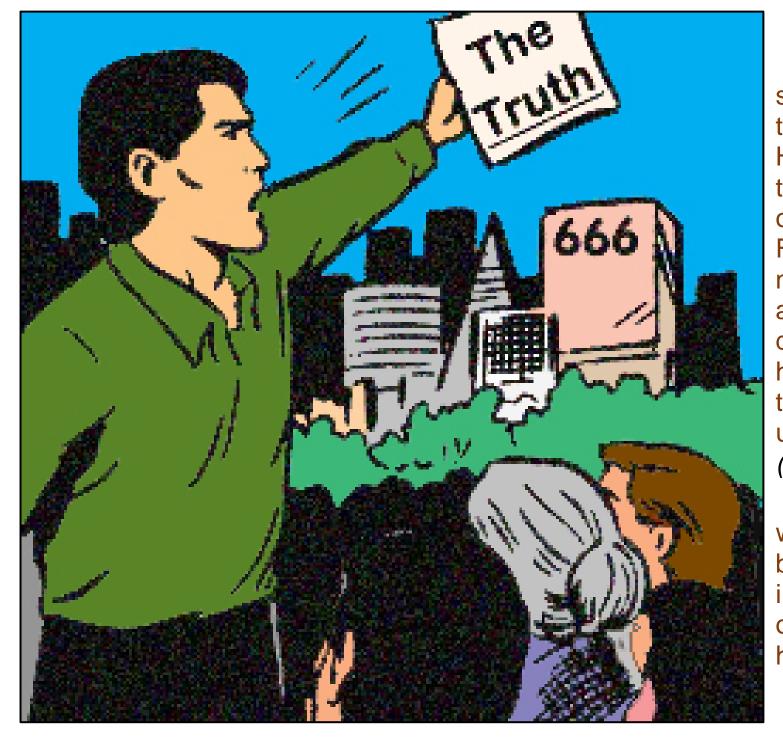
But there is a design to all these 'improvements' that are promoted, and it is not for the good of humankind. The unification of countries and currencies, and the spread of communications and technology resources, are a major part of the Antichrist and False Prophet's design and plans. Remember that while these things appear good now, Satan, who influences and even dwells within those two world leaders, will twist the good and turn it into evil. So, watch and pray.





We must be prepared for the days ahead while it is still day. For in the coming night, the Lord will call us to be His whisperers and **bearers of truth** to those who will listen. He would have each of us be one of **His candles**, rebelling against the darkness and standing up for the truth.

Even though it is dark and the Evil One has tried to cover the truth with his lies and deceits, we will shine brightly and expose his plans and evil devices. As the End draws near, as the Enemy puts his devices in place and the spirit of antichrist becomes more open, we need to take steps to warn the world and **counteract the lies with His Words of truth**. The lost world will not know unless we tell them; they won't recognize the spirit of antichrist unless they're warned and given the truth. We must be the Lord's mouthpiece to warn the world so that they can make their decision to enter the Eternal Kingdom where love, justice, and peace reign supreme.

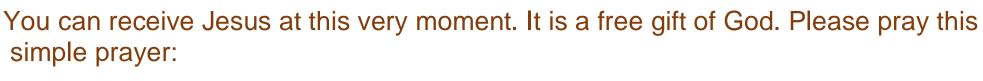


The Lord will help us to stand apart, to stand strong, and to raise a voice for the truth and against the spirit of antichrist. He will use us to lead many to salvation, to save many from the Enemy's overwhelming tide of spiritual Darkness. For as those days grow closer, we will not have the same freedom and peace as now, for those will be days of battle, days of persecution, and only those who have been preparing themselves through His Spirit and His Word will understand and be able to do exploits. (Daniel 11:32-33)

Always keep in mind that the Lord and we will win in the end. We who refuse to bow the knee to the Antichrist and the image of the beast may be persecuted on earth, but we will be rewarded in heaven:

"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb... Rev.15:2–3.





"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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