

A. Preparation for the final crisis:

❖ Directed by the Word.

- In the final moments Satan will be allowed to perform real wonders and pose deceptions so subtle that they will be irrefutable (Rev. 13:13-14; Mt. 24:24).
- Only a thorough knowledge of the Bible, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will allow us to remain firm in the truth (2 Pet. 1:19-21).

❖ Sealed on the foreheads.

- The seal of God is identified in three different ways:
 1. The Holy Spirit. Believers of all ages are sealed with Him (Eph. 4:30).
 2. The name, or character of God. All who achieve victory will possess it (Rev. 14:1; 22:4).
 3. A recognizable sign (Rev. 9:4; Ez. 9:4).
- God left his seal on one of the 10 commandments, as a distinctive sign of those who worship him (Ez. 20:20).

Components of a seal	Example: euro coin (Spain)	The Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11)
Name	Philip VI	Jehovah
Qualification	King	Creator
Territory	Spain	Skies, land and sea



10 euro coin commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Euro

- The seal, mark or sign can be received in two different ways: on the forehead or on the hand. While the faithful will receive it on their foreheads, the unbelievers will receive it on their foreheads or in their hands (Rev. 13:16). What is the difference?
 1. Front: INTELLECTUAL CONVICTION. Believe in the one we adore
 2. Hand: INTEREST (obtaining profits). We worship for fear of the consequences
- While Satan does not care about the reasons for worship, God only accepts sincere and complete worship (Rom. 12:1).

❖ Loyal in worship.

- Those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast cannot buy or sell, and are threatened with death (Rev. 13:15-17). On the other hand, if they receive it they will suffer the last plagues and the “second death”, losing eternal life (Rev. 16:2; 14:9-11; 20:4, 13-15).
- If the Sabbath is the visible sign (mark) of the faithful, will not the mark of the beast have the same nature?
- Since the Bible does not speak of any change in the day of worship, accepting Sunday as a day of worship is accepting the authority of the Church that made the change (identified as 666).
- What authority then shall we accept? The authority of a human institution or the authority of God, clearly manifested in His Word?

A. Power from above:

❖ The latter rain.

- The prophet Joel uses rain as a metaphor for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:23, 28). This is how Peter applied it in his speech on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-17).
- Just as the Church began with a rain of the Holy Spirit, the final proclamation of the gospel, the last harvest, will occur after the outpouring of the latter rain: the Holy Spirit poured out in power on the believers of the last generation (Rev. 18 :1).

❖ The preaching of the Gospel.

- The Holy Spirit will descend with power on the faithful “who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” (Rev. 14:12), and who are already proclaiming the gospel, along with the warning of the beginning of judgment, and the invitation to worship the Creator (Rev. 14:6-7).
- Faced with these messages, and thanks to the power of the latter rain, humanity will be faced with choosing between two possibilities: accepting the seal of God or the mark of the beast (Rev. 14:9-11).
- Many voices will proclaim the last message. Many will decide to be faithful to the end.