Eschatology Three Night Masterclass June 2026
Tuesday June 2nd Outline

Notes from Monday:

Never in History Have the Signs of Christ's Return Been More Evident Than They Are Today.

Matthew 24:1-8 NKJV
1Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."
3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4. And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

THE SIGN:

1. The Sign of Deception
One of the clearest signs of the end times is deception. Jesus repeatedly warned that the last days would be filled with false teachers, spiritual seduction, and deception designed to mislead many.

Matthew 24:11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Matthew 24:23-26
23Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

2. The Sign of Wars and Rumors of Wars
One of the unmistakable signs of the end times is the increase of wars, global conflict, and rumors of war. Jesus warned that nations would rise against nations as the world moves toward His return.

Matthew 24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

An idiom is a common expression naturally used by a particular language or group of people.

Jesus was describing a conflict that began between two nations but quickly escalated as surrounding kingdoms joined the battle, ultimately drawing every nation seen in the prophet's vision into the war.

- The **Thucydides Trap** is a term popularized by American political scientist Graham Allison to describe an apparent tendency towards war when an emerging power threatens to displace an existing great power as a regional or international power

3. The Sign of Famines and Pestilences
One of the major signs Jesus said would characterize the end times is the increase of famines and pestilences throughout the earth.

- **Famines** — widespread shortages of food and essential resources affecting nations around the world.

- **Pestilences** — deadly epidemic diseases that spread rapidly and impact large populations within a short period of time.

4. The Sign of Earthquakes in Various Places
Jesus declared that earthquakes occurring in various places would be one of the signs pointing to the nearness of His return.

When these four signs—the sign of deception, the sign of wars and rumors of wars, the sign of famines and pestilences, and the sign of earthquakes in various places—begin converging simultaneously, they form "THE SIGN" that the beginning of sorrows and the end-time sequence has begun. Once these signs appear together, attention must then shift to the next prophetic sign."

The Second Hebrew Idiom:
- The beginning of Sorrows/End

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The second Hebrew idiom Jesus used was the phrase "beginning of sorrows." This expression was used by several Hebrew prophets to describe a woman in labor and the intense suffering Israel would endure at the end of the age.

Jerusalem and Israel: The Focus of World Attention

Ezekiel 37:7-11
7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. 9 Also He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. 10So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’

Ezekiel 37:21-23
vs 21 Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. 23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

The sovereign state of Israel was officially established on May 14, 1948. David Ben-Gurion was appointed Prime Minister, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann was elected president of the provisional government. Both the United States and Russia quickly recognized the new nation, and after considerable debate, Israel was accepted as a member of the United Nations.

Matthew 24:32-34 AMPC
32 From the fig tree learn this lesson: as soon as its young shoots become soft and tender and it puts out its leaves, you know of a surety that summer is near. 33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation (the whole multitude of people living at the same time, in a definite, given period) will not pass away till all these things taken together take place.

The Rebuilt Third Temple

Matthew 24:15
15 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:)

Daniel 9:27 AMPC
And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven

years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.

Daniel 11:31 AMPC

And armed forces of his shall appear [in the holy land] and they shall pollute the sanctuary, the [spiritual] stronghold, and shall take away the continual [daily burnt offering]; and they shall set up [in the sanctuary] the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate [probably an altar to a pagan god].

Many of the ritual objects and priestly preparations associated with temple worship have already been completed and publicly displayed in Jerusalem.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 AMPC

1 BUT RELATIVE to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and our gathering together to [meet] Him, we beg you, brethren,2 Not to allow your minds to be quickly unsettled *or* disturbed or kept excited *or* alarmed, whether it be by some [pretended] revelation of [the] Spirit or by word or by letter [alleged to be] from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has [already] arrived *and* is here.3 Let no one deceive *or* beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition),

Twofold Requirement Before the Rapture

A) The Great Departing

A great falling away from the faith must occur before the return of Christ. Many will abandon sound doctrine, turning away from truth and embracing deception.

B) The Revealing of the Man of Lawlessness — The Antichrist

Before the Day of the Lord unfolds in its fullness, the man of lawlessness—the Antichrist—must be revealed as the final world ruler who opposes God and exalts himself above all that is worshiped.

A. **The Great Departing:**

1. Many Turning Away from the Faith

The apostle Paul warned that a time would come when many men and women would depart from the faith, turning away from sound doctrine and embracing deception and heresy instead.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 NASB
Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.

2. Increase in False Teachers

Paul warned that the great falling away would be driven by false teachers who distort truth and lead many into deception, causing them to abandon the faith and embrace doctrines of demons.

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4, NIV
3For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

3. The Stagnant Church — The Church at Laodicea

The church of Laodicea in Book of Revelation 3 prophetically portrays the condition of the Church just before the Rapture—lukewarm, spiritually stagnant, self-satisfied, and unaware of its true spiritual condition. Though materially rich, it had lost its passion and dependence upon God.

REVELATION 3:15-18 NIV
15I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17You say, “I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.” But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

4. Mockers of the Truth

Scripture warns that in the last days mockers and scoffers will arise, ridiculing biblical truth, rejecting the promises of God, and dismissing the reality of Christ’s return. What previous generations treated with reverence, many in the end times will openly mock and reject.

Jude 1:17-18
17But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

B) The Revealing of the Man of Lawlessness — The Antichrist

Before the end times reach their climax, the Antichrist—the man of lawlessness—will be revealed as a satanically empowered global leader who opposes God, deceives nations, and establishes a counterfeit world system in rebellion against the Kingdom of God.

Who is the AntiChrist:

Revelation 13:1-2 AMPC
1[AS] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads. 2 And the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might *and* power and his [own] throne and great dominion.

The Manifestation of This
According to Book of Daniel, the Antichrist will rise to power rapidly by overthrowing three major rulers, causing the remaining seven—referenced in Book of Revelation 13—to surrender their authority to him, establishing his dominance over a revived European system.

Daniel 7:8 TPT
As I was wondering about the horns, suddenly, another little horn sprouted up among them and tore out by the roots three of the previous horns to make room for it. On this little horn there were eyes like that of a man and a mouth boasting arrogantly.

Daniel 7:19-20, 24 TPT
19But I was curious to know more about the fourth beast. It was much different from all the others—the terrifying, dreadful beast. It crushed its victims with claws of bronze and with teeth of iron and then trampled on them. 20Also, I wanted to know more about the ten horns on its head and the more prominent horn that sprouted up and uprooted three of the previous horns. I wanted to gain insight about this conspicuous little horn, more imposing than the others, with eyes in it and a mouth speaking arrogantly. (**Vs 24)** And the ten horns are ten kings that will arise from that fourth kingdom, and they will succeed each other. But after them, an eleventh king will rise to power. He will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three of those kings.

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The Rapture
The Rapture is the supernatural event in which Jesus Christ will suddenly gather His Church from the earth before the full outpouring of end-time judgment begins.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
13But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.15For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52
51Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Tuesday June 2

The First 3½ Years of the Tribulation — False Peace and Global Order
The first half of the Tribulation will be marked by a deceptive season of false peace as the Antichrist rises to power promising stability, security, and global order. Through diplomacy, political influence, and deception, he will unite nations and create the illusion of peace while preparing the world for greater control and unprecedented tribulation.

Daniel 7:25 AMP
25He will speak words against the Most High [God] and wear down the saints of the Most High, and he will intend to change the times and the law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, [two] times, and half a time [three and one-half years].(Rev 13:1-6)

Daniel 8:25 AMPC
25 And through his policy he shall cause trickery to prosper in his hand; he shall magnify himself in his heart *and* mind, and in their security he will corrupt *and* destroy many. He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken and that by no [human] hand.

1. The Great Lie
Scripture teaches that after the Rapture, a great lie will be released upon the earth and embraced by the masses left behind. Because people rejected the truth, they will become vulnerable to powerful deception and will willingly believe falsehood.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 NIV
9The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

2. The Seven-Year Treaty and the Desecration of the Temple
The Antichrist will begin the Tribulation by confirming a seven-year treaty with Israel, creating the appearance of peace and security. However, after three and a half years, he will break the covenant, desecrate the rebuilt temple, and declare himself to be God. Thus triggering the most intense period of tribulation the world has ever seen.

Daniel 9:27And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

3. Reestablishing His Kingdom in Babylon — Modern-Day Iraq
Babylon will once again emerge as a major prophetic center in the last days, representing political power, economic influence, and spiritual corruption. From this region in modern-day Iraq, the Antichrist will strengthen his global end-time system.

Babylon is built over vast deposits of bitumen, asphalt, and pitch located just beneath the surface throughout the region. This suggests the presence of significant underground oil reserves, creating conditions that many believe align with the fiery destruction described in Book of Revelation 18, where Babylon is consumed by fire and catastrophic judgment.

Revelation 18:2-8
2And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.3For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.4And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.5For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.6Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.7How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.8Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

On June 28, 1990, journalists Diane Sawyer and Sam Donaldson brought national attention to the ancient city of Babylon through the television program *Prime Time Live*. During the broadcast, they reported that Saddam Hussein had invested more than a billion dollars of Iraq's oil wealth into rebuilding Babylon as a monument to himself and his legacy.

4. One World Order and Global Unity
Scripture points toward the emergence of a unified global system in the last days, centered around both economic control and religious unity. Under the leadership of the Antichrist, the world will move toward unprecedented international cooperation and centralized authority.

The Stage is being set for Both:

Economically — The Cashless Society
For the first time in history, technology now exists to enforce the global cashless system described in Book of Revelation 13. Digital banking, biometric identification, and electronic commerce have made worldwide economic control possible.

The global economy is already moving toward centralized financial structures. At present, the world is largely dominated by three major currency systems: the yen in the East, the euro throughout Europe, and the U.S. dollar across much of the Americas. This growing economic consolidation demonstrates how the infrastructure for a unified global financial system is rapidly developing.

"The major economies of the world, based upon the concept of capitalism, needed to come to an end. He called for "a new multilateral system based on sounder principles centered around one global government and a global cash less economy which are absolutely necessary for our survival. The sooner the governments of the world wake up to this fact and submit to the sovereignty of a central organization the better" - George Soros

BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) (Photo)

- Expanded influence with new nations seeking membership
- Discussed alternatives to Western financial systems
- Explored shared currency or trade systems outside the U.S. dollar

Today, more than 90% of Americans receive their income through direct deposit, while millions regularly use smart cards, digital wallets, and cashless payment systems such as Apple Pay for everyday transactions. What previous generations viewed as futuristic has now become a normal part of daily life, creating the technological framework for the global economic system described in biblical prophecy.

The implantation process is an outpatient procedure that typically takes about fifteen minutes. People have been implanted in doctors' offices, at convention booths, and even in European nightclubs.

It becomes unmistakably clear from studying Book of Revelation 13, 17, and 18 that the Antichrist will exercise total control over the world's economy during the final three and a half years of the Tribulation. His primary instrument of power will be absolute domination of the global financial system, enabling him to control commerce, resources, and ultimately the lives of people.

Religion — The Stage Is Being Set for a One-World Religion
The last days will see the rise of a unified global religious system that promotes tolerance, unity, and coexistence while rejecting biblical truth. As interfaith cooperation expands and religious boundaries blur, the stage is being set for a one-world religion aligned with the agenda of the Antichrist.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II convened a historic gathering of approximately 130 religious leaders in Assisi, Italy, for a global prayer meeting focused on world peace. Representatives from numerous religions attended, including Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, pantheists, and the Dalai Lama. This event symbolized the growing movement toward interfaith unity and the idea that all religions ultimately lead to the same God—an ideology that aligns with the prophetic expectation of a future one-world religious system.

In June 1995, an Interfaith Summit Conference was held in San Francisco with the stated goal of bringing the world's religions together into a unified global movement. The conference emphasized themes such as compassion, global unity, and cooperation across national, ethnic, and religious boundaries in pursuit of what participants described as the "greater global good."

On February 4, 2019, Pope Francis and Ahmed el-Tayeb signed the "Document on Human Fraternity" during an inter-religious meeting held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The event brought together prominent religious leaders to promote peace, coexistence, and greater unity among the world's religions.

The Antichrist Unveils the False Prophet During the First 3½ Years
During the first half of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will reveal the False Prophet, a deceptive religious leader who will use signs and wonders to unite the world spiritually and lead nations to worship the Antichrist. Together, they will establish a counterfeit alliance of political power and false religion in opposition to the Kingdom of God.

Revelation 13:11-14
And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spake as a dragon.12And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.13And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,14And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast;…

God Unveils the Two Witnesses During the First 3½ Years

During the first half of the Tribulation, God will raise up two supernatural prophets known as the Two Witnesses. They will prophesy with miraculous power, call people to repentance, and boldly testify of God's sovereignty and mercy in the midst of spiritual darkness.

Who Are They?
Revelation 11 describes these two witnesses:

Revelation 11:3-6
3And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days,**(first 3 1/2 yrs)** clothed in sackcloth.4These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.5And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Revelation 7:9
9After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

The Seal Judgments Begin
The Seal Judgments mark the beginning of God's divine judgments released upon the earth and its inhabitants during the first half of the Tribulation.

The First Four Seals - The Four Horsemen
The opening of the first four seals releases the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, symbolizing conquest, war, famine, and death inflicted by the Anti-Christ upon the earth during the Tribulation.

The First Seal — A White Horse

Revelation 6:1-2
1And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.2And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The Second Seal — A Red Horse

Revelation 6:3-4
3And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The Third Seal — A Black Horse

Revelation 6:5-6
5And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.6And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The Fourth Seal — A Pale Horse

Revelation 6:7-8
7And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.8And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The Fifth Seal — The Martyrs
The opening of the fifth seal reveals the souls of martyrs who were killed for their faith and testimony during the Tribulation. They cry out to God for justice as persecution against believers intensifies across the earth.

Revelation 6:9-11
9And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?11And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

How the Great Killing takes place:

Revelation 13:3-5
3And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.4And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?5And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Revelation 13:12-18
12And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.13And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,14And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.15And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:17And 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.18Here 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.

The Mark of the Beast.

One of the best known prophecies of the Tribulation is that the "Beast," or Antichrist, will have the ability to put his mark "666" on the forehead or hand of the world's people.

Scripture makes it clear that receiving the mark of the Beast is no accident but the result of a deliberate willful rejection of God. That choice sets their eternity away from God. Those who accept the mark will be cast into hell.

Revelation 14:9-11
9And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,10The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:11And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

The Choice one is faced with:

1) Take the mark and sentence myself to hell.

Revelation 14:9-10
9 If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,10The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,

2) Not take the mark and not be able to buy or sell(Rev 13:17) and ultimately be killed by beheading.

Revelation 20:4
4And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Once the AntiChrist is so called raised from the Dead, he goes after the two witnesses that have been preaching to the multitudes about Jesus

Revelation 11:7-13
7And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.9And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. 11And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 12And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. 13And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The Sixth Seal — The Great Earthquake

Revelation 6:12-17
12And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.14And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.15And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;16And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:17For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?