

As we come to times when folks will worship the image of the beast, I'm thinking the image will be on a coin or token since it is tied into buying and selling.

I watched a video describing the origins and context of the mark of the beast and took some notes...

Character

Your character is your outward expression of your inner self.

Root word chara ... joy

The word χαρακτήρ (charaktēr) – with only 1 Occurrence in the bible, Hebrews 1:3 is the Greek word used to describe the very essence and nature of God the Father as represented in the Flesh in Jesus.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the [express image] of his person...Hebrews 1:1-3 KJV

The KJV words, "the express image" is "charaktēr" in Greek Strongs 5481. Only used once to describe the character of God in Jesus. Amazing.

5481 xaraktēr – properly, an engraving; (figuratively) an exact impression (likeness) which also reflects inner character.

[5481 /xaraktēr was originally a tool (used for engraving) and then came to mean "a die" ("mould"). Finally it stood for a stamp or impress used on a coin or seal (see H, 368). In each case, the stamp conveyed the reality behind the image.]

STRONGS NT 5481: χαρακτήρ

χαρακτήρ, χαρακτήρος, ὁ (χαράσσω to engrave, cut into), from Aeschylus and Herodotus down;

1. properly, the instrument used in engraving or carving (cf. ζωστήρ, λαμπτήρ, λουτήρ, φυσητήρ; cf. our 'stamp' or 'die').

2. the mark (figure or letters) stamped upon that instrument or wrought out on it; hence, universally, "a mark or figure burned in (Leviticus 13:28) or stamped on, an impression; the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect" (cf. facsimile)

Then, Strongs 5480, the Greek word "charagma" is used to describe the KJV word "mark" of the beast.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark [charagma] in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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.

Revelation 13:16-17 KJV

Strong's 5480 xáragma – properly, an engraving (etching); (figuratively) a mark providing undeniable identification, like a symbol giving irrefutable connection between parties.

5480 /xáragma ("brand-mark") was originally any impress on a coin or a seal, used by an engraver on a die (stamp, branding iron). 5480 (xáragma) later became "the identification-marker" (like with an owner's unique "brand-mark").

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from charassó (to sharpen, to engrave)

Definition

a stamp, impress

NASB Translation

image formed (1), mark (7).

The root for charagma is charax

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Strong's Concordance

charax: a pointed stake, a rampart

Original Word: χάραξ, ακός, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: charax

Phonetic Spelling: (khar'-ax)

Definition: a pointed stake, a rampart

Usage: a palisade, mound for besieging.

So the mark, charagma is made with a charax

A stake.

A pointed stick used to engrave an image...

A needle, perhaps?

Like a red hot branding iron seared into the flesh of a cow, the mark will seal a person with the brand of their master.

We are clay, made of earth like seals of old made of clay, as we are that are referred to in these Greek lexicons ..

May God's name be sealed in our clay form, in Jesus name...