

I sometimes get crazy ideas as you all know only too well about bible verses and I have been thinking about the man with the inkpot for a long time and I feel that at this fragile time in this world's history there is no better time to present my crazy thoughts I have been told that I see things in bible verses which a lot of people do not see I feel I see what the LORD wants me to see when He wants me to see it.

I also when I listen to your messages get a great buzz when the penny drops about something which has puzzled me.

We find recorded in [Ezekiel 9:2-11](#) And He cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, **“Let the executioners of the city draw near, even each with his destroying weapon in his hand.”** And behold, six men came from the way of the Upper Gate which faces north, and each had his slaughter weapon in his hand. And one man among them was clothed with linen, and a writer's inkhorn by his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar. And the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen, with the writer's inkhorn by his side. And the LORD said to him, **“Go through in the midst of the city, in the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men who are groaning and are mourning because of all the abominations that are done in her midst.”** They I feel are those who loved the LORD and were saddened by what was happening in the temple and in the city. And He said to those in my hearing, Go through the city after him, and slaughter. Let not your eye spare, nor have pity. Fully destroy old men, young men and virgins, and little children and women. But do not come near any man on whom is the mark. Now this part is interesting And begin at My sanctuary. And they began with the old men who were before the temple. And He said to them, “Defile the temple, and **fill the courts with the slain**. Which tells me that there was a lot of corruption in the LORDS house just as there is today in His Church **Go out!**” And they went out and slaughtered in the city. Again just as it is today corruption and disbelief is everywhere and

disbelief wears many faces And it came to pass as they were slaying them, and I was left alone, then I fell on my face and cried, and said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in Your pouring out of Your fury on Jerusalem?” And He said to me, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city is full of perversity. Just look around as it was then it still is today For they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land; and, the LORD does not see.’ And even I, My eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.” And behold, the man clothed with linen, with the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, “I have done as You have commanded me.”

Why was this man in linen placing a special mark on people simple as the verse plainly told us they were to be spared from the coming slaughter the Lord would protect them and make sure they were not killed during the slaughter of all those who did not receive the mark from the man with the inkhorn.

My thoughts about this strange man in linen are and maybe way off the mark and maybe a little bit out there but another word for mark is a seal.

So let’s look at this mark or seal a bit closer under the microscope as Dr Rob would say.

Strong’s 2496 also tells us that it is a sign of exemption from judgment.

Hebrew H8427 it means a mark; by implication, a signature:—desire mark.

The bible dictionary tells us that a mark is also a seal amongst other meanings.

The Greek word translated as seal is shra-gizo which means to set a seal upon **to mark with a seal.**

So what is a seal well a seal could be used to guarantee a document or letter as found in Esther 3:12 also to indicate ownership Song

of Solomon 8:6 or protect against tampering Matthew 27:66 and Revelation 5:1.

And guess what the Holy Spirit is our seal a Christian's seal in every sense of this word.

Ok let's use the magnifying glass and turn the thumb wheel to magnify a bit more the Holy Spirit in the believer's life helps to guarantee he or she is a child of God Romans 8:16 **the Spirit itself bears witness conjointly with our own spirit, testifying that we are the children of GOD.**

Also the seal of the Holy Spirit serves as a mark that we truly belong to Christ Romans 8:9-10 says **however, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God is indeed dwelling within you.** That is important **But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ he does not belong to Him.** But if Christ **be within you**, that is in us the body is indeed dead because of sin, however, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Also the seal of the Holy Spirit helps protect us against tampering or attack. Romans 8:13 declares **but if you are living according to the flesh, you shall die, but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you shall live.**

So in a very real sense God's Spirit protects us and guarantees our eternity with the Lord if we have the sealing of the Holy Spirit within us.

Now let's turn up the microscope a bit more.

At what point does the sealing of the Holy Spirit take place.

Well it takes place when a person believes the gospel please read these beautiful verses.

**Ephesians 1:13** In whom you also trusted, after hearing the Word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also, after that ye believing you were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise.

And **John 7:37-39**

At that point God's seal offers the promise of eternal life and you all know this verse **John 3:16** for GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have everlasting life.

Salvation is based on God's grace through faith **FAITH** in Jesus Christ not just lip service saying I believe it takes true blue deep down honest heartfelt faith **Ephesians 2:8-9** for by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and this especially is not of your own selves, it is the **gift of GOD**, not of works, so that no one may boast.

Years ago when I was young I remember being told to always be good because God can see me and the nicer I am the more GOD will like me well that is true but being nice without believing may not get me a ticket into the Kingdom of GOD.

The seal of the Holy Spirit I feel is not just in our hearts and minds we cannot see this seal with our eyes but I believe that angels can as I said I have some way out thoughts maybe the little man in white linen with the inkhorn also places a mark or seal upon us otherwise why was this man in linen mentioned who has this special inkhorn.

When we receive LORD Jesus Christ in our hearts and believe and are baptised we are given a seal of guarantee we hand over our life to Jesus and we follow in His footsteps we become a part of Him and He also becomes a part of us once we do that our lives change and are protected against the forces of evil.

**Matthew 10:28** do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but do not have the power to destroy the life, rather, fear Him, Who has the power to destroy both life and body in Gehenna.

Gehenna is just another word for the grave.

This seal of the Holy Spirit to all who have received this gift should provide to them wonderful encouragement against the spiritual battles which we will **all** at some time face in this life and we should set our hearts and minds steadfast in the knowledge of the glorious life to come.

**Ephesians 6:12** because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual power of wickedness in high places.

Before I go back to the man with the inkhorn let's define a seal further which may help some to understand GOD'S seal.

The seal of a king contains three things first His name second his title or claim to authority and thirdly the region or boundary of his rule.

For example Henry the VIII King of Britain Wales and Scotland that is his name his title and the boundary upon which King Henry the V111 ruled King Henry's seal of authority was clearly defined in his title.

Remember I said the seal of GOD may be 2 fold the Holy Spirit within and possibly a mark or seal which no human eye can see only spirit beings.

The Bible tells us clearly what is the purpose of a King's seal?:

**Daniel 6:15-17** is a great example of a king's seal being his ring which made an impression in hot wax.

**Daniel 6:17** says **and the king sealed it with his own signet.**

So the seal of the King is a statement that his decree is not to be changed by anyone his seal is his bond it is his mark either in wax or the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and then an invisible seal placed upon someone who has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Abraham received the seal through his faith in the LORD not by anything that he may have done in his life **Romans 4:11** **And afterwards he received the sign of circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness of the faith that he had in the condition of uncircumcision, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they have not been circumcised; in order that the righteousness of faith might also be imputed to them.**

Those verses seem to indicate a figurative seal the sign of circumcision is referred to as a seal even though it was a physical sign.

The following verses would seem to be a physical seal of some kind on the forehead from our Great King and GOD as I said a minute ago if we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit then we may also receive this special **sealing** as well.

**Revelation 7:2** **And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea. Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

Could that angel descending from the East be the man who is dressed in linen with the inkpot of **Ezekiel 9:2-11** maybe it is well I think it is.

Let's turn to **Revelation 9:4** **And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**

What was the command to the man with the Inkhorn in Ezekiel Go through in the midst of the city, in the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads.

How could these locusts which had the power of scorpions of Revelation 9:3 distinguish who could be and who could not be harmed because of the seal of our Great God which is located on our foreheads.

There are so many verses which define Gods boundary of rule of which we all know Gods rule has no boundary.

Psalm 146:6 says Who made the heavens and Earth, the sea and all that is in them, Who keeps truth forever.

So our great King and God is ruler of all the universe and beyond and Earth and all that is on it that is the boundary of our great Gods rule.

Colossians 1:16 because by Him were all things created, the things in heaven, and the things on Earth, the visible and the invisible.

And the official title of GOD well there are so many but **LORD GOD ALMIGHTY ruler** of all heaven and Earth is a great start.

This mark or seal sets apart all those who belong to GOD from those who do not belong to GOD.

In Revelation it seems we find again this man in linen still hard at work almost 3000 years later so Question have we received this sealing on our foreheads by the hand of this angel dressed in linen which sets us apart from everyone else good question.

I believe we have.

And because we have this special seal we are set apart from the rest of the world **who** as we read in John 6:27 do not Labour for the food that perishes, but for that food that endures unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give to you: for Him has God the Father sealed.

It is the things of this world which can distract us from our precious calling it is the food that perishes we have to reject anything

which we lust for which takes our mind off God and His precious calling we must remain steadfast in our faith praying for the food which endures.

**2 Corinthians 1:22** Who has also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Once again having the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

We all know what that means we have the pledge from God and we have the down payment now and the assurance that the full amount will be given to us who believe we have been sealed with the seal of GOD ALMIGHTY on that promise do we have a mark or seal on our foreheads once again yes I believe we do.

Let's look **at Ephesians 1:13-14** again In whom you also trusted, after hearing the Word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also, after that ye believing you were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise.

The down payment the holy Spirit of promise is **the down payment.**

**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, by which you have been sealed for the day of redemption.

**Ephesians 1:4-5** tells us accordingly, as He has personally chosen us for Himself, before the foundation of the world in order that we might be Holy and blameless before Him in love, having predestined us for sonship to Himself through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His own will.

That man with the inkhorn I pray is kept so busy sealing all those who believe and love the Father and have accepted LORD Jesus into their hearts as I said you and I may not see that special seal on our foreheads but I believe it is there but having this mark or seal which we cannot see makes me think if the angels can see it then maybe so can Satan and his demons I will come back to this soon..

Again another thought if we have Gods special seal on our foreheads what distinguishes **all the others who have not received this seal of God** what about them.

Well Is there another mark sure is and it is on the dark side and just as a point of interest it is not dark vader unfortunately this mark is called **the Mark of the beast.**

**Ephesians 2:1-2** tells us **now you were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you walked in times past according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, that spirit that is now working within the children of disobedience.**

If we follow the course of this world then we are dead in our sins this world is like a huge raging river of filth and sin and we once followed and blended into the flow of that sick river this worlds sins are Satan's or the Devil's playground and we once played in that playground but we were blessed beyond anything that we could ever deserve or imagine because with the help of LORD Jesus and the Father we were plucked out of that river and we were washed clean through the blood of Jesus at that time we **willingly threw away our free play tokens to the Devil's playground** and we chose to believe in and follow the Word of the LORD **because the Word of the LORD is life.**

**John 14:6** tells us **Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.**

Yes Jesus is the door He is our door and He is **the only door** but Satan is desperately trying to confuse us with counterfeit teaching using counterfeit teachers who are wolves dressed in sheep clothing and they use counterfeit words of God to trick us and they have introduced counterfeit holy days which we know are not the LORDS holy days.

We are being brainwashed with new age thinking which believes in the “I want it now I want it all now mentality” and if it hurts someone else then it is their tough luck the young generation sad to say are growing up thoughtless and emotionless to others feelings.

It is also the political correctness of this world which is destroying how we think and how act and how we are supposed feel about issues this again is Satan’s play ground of brainwashing people the title of prince of the power of the air which was recorded almost 2000 years ago is really **a fitting title** because the airways is his favourite playground of sin and confusion.

When we pray we should not get downhearted and feel as though our prayers which we prayed fell upon deaf ears the LORDS ears and the Fathers ears are always open they always hear our prayers sometimes an answer can be immediate or sometimes an answer can be delayed.

There is proof in the scriptures of this.

**Daniel 10:2-5** In those days I, Daniel, was mourning **three full weeks.** I ate no pleasant food, neither did flesh or wine enter my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled. And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Tigris, Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man was clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz.

Daniel prayed for 21 days he also fasted all that time Daniel believed in the LORD otherwise he would have given up after possibly day 2 but he didn’t Daniel **persisted.**

Did Daniel receive an answer to his prayer yes he did **verses 12-13** tell us that he did.

Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your

God, your words were heard. And I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. Then lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; for I had been there alone with the kings of Persia.

Who is the prince of the kingdom of Persia it is I believe one of Satan's chief demons who stirs up trouble who is Michael he I feel is one of Israel's chief angels who is sent by GOD to watch over Israel.

Why should we not give up praying well Jesus told us about a woman and an unjust judge in **Luke 18:1-8**

What was the LORDS point.

This judge did not respect men nor feared God and let's add he did not respect widows all that well either.

This judge is the exact opposite of what we know to be the two greatest commandments and they are **Mark 12:30-31** tells us **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

So what is the point of the question which the LORD added at the end of **verse 8** **nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, shall He find the true faith on the earth?**

Well I feel that the point is **Persistent prayer** is the demonstration of our faith in God Who may at times delay His answers but **He will always** act decisively and justly with respect to His people.

God is true and just and our part is to wait in faith for Him to deal with the world in justice.

Yes the LORD hears our prayers but even today Satan has his demons working overtime and working harder than ever to hinder our prayers from being answered.

And remember we may get an answer but that answer may not be what we expected.

Our sealing is so important to the LORD and to us and we do not want to lose heart because we don't understand God's timing or purpose.

We ask questions like how when and Why and We even at times challenge the justice and goodness of God.

This parable teaches that the only legitimate reason to stop praying for something is the return of Christ.

vs. 8) says **when the Son of Man comes, shall He find the true faith on the earth?**

The demonstration of that faith is persistent prayer.

When you stop believing a prayer will be answered you stop praying.

What happens then well you have given up hope and you have no faith.

God is a loving father who wants His children to keep coming to Him. If you are a parent then you should be able to identify with that fact.

Can these demonic forces cause answers to our prayers to be delayed yes they can as I just read to you from the book of Daniel. Also the New Testament reminds us in **Ephesians 6:12** **because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, and against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual power of wickedness in high places.**

Remember and remember well the battle which we are facing is real **Ephesians 6:10-18** tells us not just to put on all the armour of GOD we are to use it.

It would seem from what we read in Daniel chapter 10 that as events play out here on earth there is corresponding activity in the spiritual realm.

Like attack and counter attack.

You have seen the 2 and 3 layer chess boards something like that only we are on the bottom.

Whether or not this spiritual prince of Persia's was tied to that of the physical Persian Empire is unknown but looking around the world at this present time there are so many conflicts and with those conflicts so much evil and so much work for Satan and his demons.

We do know that if this mission from Satan was to keep the Persian Empire's grip tight over the nation of Israel then history tells us that he failed and I 100% truly believe he will fail over and over again.

It is also interesting to note that Iran is modern Persia and the leaders of Iran still want to obliterate the nation of Israel. As a Shiite Muslim nation Iran persecutes Christian believers as well as the Jews so perhaps the spiritual prince of Persia is still very active today.

But as with all of Satan's plans and ambitions his time is limited and he can only go as far as God will allow him to go and no more because our Great GODS will **will** be done here on Earth as it is in heaven.

Satan's time is coming to a close.

I couldn't help thinking while writing this message as I touched on earlier if God has a seal which we humans cannot see but angels can then what about Satan and his demons can they see the seal of God I believe they can.

Again if they can see the seal of God then those with that seal **are** to coin the phrase sitting ducks or targets for Satan and his demons fiery arrows.

So all who do not have the seal of God what happens to them maybe they are all marked by Satan as his or maybe just some of those without the seal of God because God knows just who will and will not willingly come to Him at some point in time maybe they will remain unsealed and be protected by God maybe they are being given a little time to make up their minds.

Who then are receiving more attention those sealed with GODS seal or those without.

I believe that those with the seal of GOD are why because Satan does not want us to inherit what he cannot.

Also just because some do not have the seal of God at this time does not mean I feel that are lost to Satan it took me the past 19 years to finally wake up to myself and the 48 previous years well I do not think that I was a bad person although I was not a good person as seen through Gods eye being His word and I at this time believe that I did not have the mark of the devil.

A bit more on Satan and his mark.

**Revelation 16:2** And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which WORSHIPPED his image.

There is that mysterious mark of the beast and men are still to this day attempting to work out what Satan's seal is.

**Revelation 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 the mark of the beast is not just a mark it is also an image so that is a clue.

**Revelation 20:4** And 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.

The image may be a statue of a man and the mark possible like the banner we are seeing so much on television which is linked so closely to terrorism those are just my thought at this time.

Also did you notice the connection in those 3 verses in Revelation how many times **worship** is mentioned in connection with **the mark of the beast** all of them.

So worship and the mark of the beast seem to go hand in hand together.

Since the seal of God has been shown as possibly not being a literal seal then why should the mark of the beast be a literal mark.

Again my thoughts since all those who worship GOD the Father and the LORD Jesus Christ on the Saturday Sabbath seem to have the seal of God again what is a likely mark for the beast well worship is also a factor.

Please I am not saying anyone who does not worship on Saturday worships the beast as I said it took me 48 years to wake up out of my slumber I simply said worship is a key factor to the mark of the beast.

Now please have a look at [Revelation 14:9-12](#) Note how the saints of God are described in contrast to those with the mark of the beast. And a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives the mark in his forehead or in his hand, He shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath; and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone in the sight of the holy angels, and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends into the ages of eternity; **and those who worship the beast and his image, and all who receive the mark of his name, have no rest day and night.”** Here is the patience of the saints; here are the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

You notice that the saints are the ones who keep the commandments of God and so by keeping the commandments of GOD they do not receive the mark of the beast!

In [Daniel 7:25-28](#) here is one undeniable identifying characteristic of the Antichrist the little horn power is that it would think to change times and laws of the most high God.

And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change the set times and the laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time. But the judgment shall sit, and his dominion shall be taken away to be consumed and to be destroyed unto the end. **And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, Whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.** And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him.’ Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and my countenance changed. But I kept the matter in my heart.

Also what is a pen ink and inkhorn used for well they are all instruments for writing and recording information.

Were they or did all those who were predestined for sonship receive this mark or seal before they were born interesting question.

Another interesting question if a mark or seal can be placed upon a man or a woman which the man with the inkhorn can mark someone with then question can it be erased so that you may also have your name erased out of the book of life well apparently it can.

**Exodus 32:31-33** and Moses returned to the LORD and said, Oh this people have sinned a great sin, all have made themselves gods of gold, and now if You would only forgive their sin, and if not, I pray You blot me out of Your book which You have written, and the LORD said to Moses, whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Moses knew about this special book possibly the LORD showed Moses this book and maybe he also showed Moses all the other books the books from which all who will receive judgment will be recorded in.

Lets take one more step ahead and see what is recorded.

**Revelation 3:4-5** you have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with Me in white because they are worthy, the one who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot his name from the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

The promise of **Revelation 3:5** as I just read clearly states that the Lord will not erase a name of anyone who overcomes that I believe is a condition it is a clause in the contract which we must reach and uphold throughout our life Jesus said **I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life.**

I believe Moses knew of this condition Moses knew that he must overcome which I believe he did.

The condition whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

An overcomer is one who is victorious over all the temptation's all the trials and all the evils of this world in other words an overcomer is one who is or will be redeemed in the 1st resurrection to become sons and daughters of GOD the Father.

The saved the overcomers are written in God's registry the book of life and have the personal promise from the LORD and the Father of eternal security as a son or as a daughter of the Father and brother or sister of our LORD and saviour LORD Jesus Christ.

Another question which I have asked myself has everyone who has ever been born had their name in the book of life?

And if everyone's name is recorded in that one special book then **sin** is what causes his or her name to be erased remember **Revelation 3:4-5 Exodus 32:31-33** and **Ephesians 3:5** whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Yes this special sealing marking recording and erasing is a mysterious question I hope I have cleared it up a little or maybe I have made the puddle a bit more muddier.

I will finish with these last verses.

**2Timothy 4:1-4** I charge you, therefore, in the sight of God, even the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is ready to judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the Word! Be urgent in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, encourage, with all patience and doctrine. For there shall come a time when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but according to their own lusts they shall accumulate to themselves a great number of teachers, having ears itching to hear what satisfies their cravings; And they shall turn

away their own ears from the truth; and they shall be turned aside unto myths.

**2 Peter 2:7-15** are also great verses to read.

So yes we most certainly need to be careful because our enemy never sleeps he is constantly prowling like a roaring lion looking for his next victim.

Remember the fate of the ungodly is sealed their names are not in the Book of Life and their punishment is sure.

But our reward **John 10:28-30** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one shall take them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one has the power to seize them from My Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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