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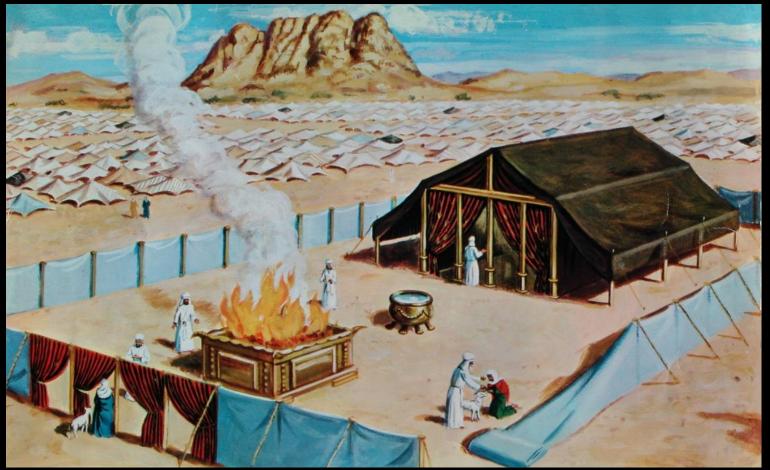
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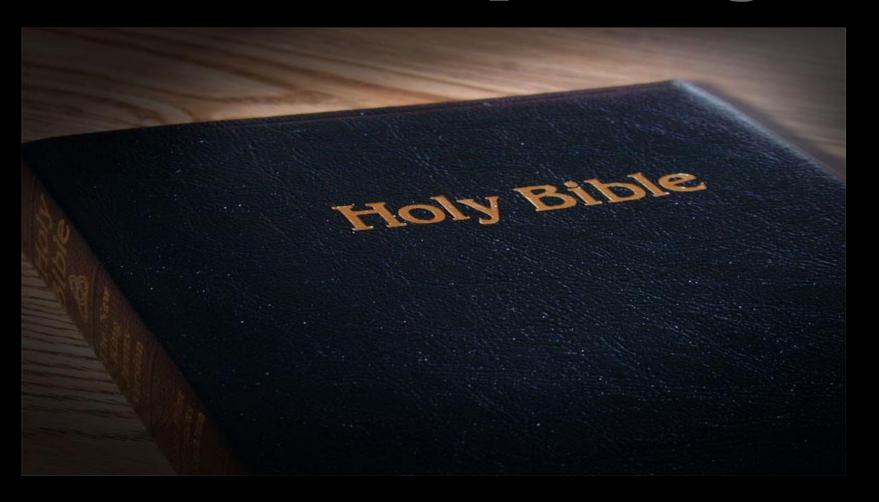
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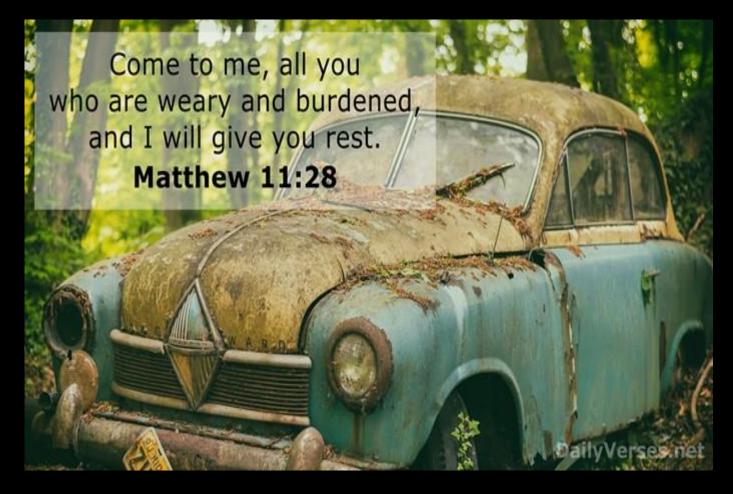


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## The Sunday Worship!



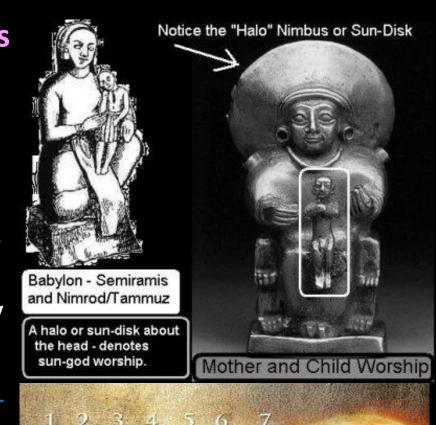


#### Introduction

Sunday, the first day of the week, is heralded today as the "Christian Sabbath". But it has not always been so! Since ancient times, Sunday has been a day in which pagans, witches, shamans, and other occult and spiritualistic peoples worshiped the sun: hence the name – Sun-day. It was not a day to worship the God of heaven, but to worship the god of this earth-Lucifer or Satan or the devil, and can be traced all the way back to ancient Babylon and Nimrod.

But since the first day of the week is almost universally observed by Christians today instead of the seventh day Sabbath of creation which the Creator required that we must remember to keep holy (see Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:8-11), many justify the change from Saturday to Sunday upon Biblical reasons.

There are several main reasons urged for the observance of the first day of the week, instead of the Sabbath of the Bible, which we will here examine.



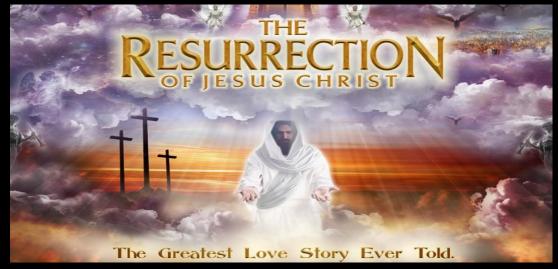


#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"Redemption is greater than creation; therefore, we ought to keep the day of Christ's resurrection instead of the ancient Sabbath of the Lord."

Where has God said this? It is no where to be found in God's word. What right then, has any man to make such an assertion and then to base the change of the Sabbath upon it? God never required men to keep any day as a memorial of redemption. But He did command us to keep holy the seventh day Sabbath as a memorial of creation thereby recognizing God as our Creator.

If we would commemorate redemption, there is no necessity of robbing the Lord's rest day of its holiness in order to do it. For God has provided us with memorials for this event (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).





#### First Reason (cont'd)

If however, it were a duty to observe one day of the week for the above reason, most certainly the crucifixion day presents the strongest claims. It is not said that we have redemption through Christ's resurrection, but it is said that we have redemption through the shedding of His blood (see Revelation 5:9; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:12,15).

The wonder of the act of Jehovah in giving His beloved and only begotten Son to die for a race of rebels was a spectacle of redeeming love on which the universe might gaze in wonder throughout all eternity.

Who could wonder that the sun was veiled in darkness and that all nature trembled at the sight! Friday, the crucifixion day, therefore, has far greater claims than the day of the resurrection; but God has not enjoined the observance of either.





#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"The disciples met on the day of our Lord's resurrection to commemorate that event, and the Saviour sanctioned this meeting by uniting with them, thereby making it the Sabbath" (see John 20:19).

Even were this true, it would not prove that the Sabbath of the Lord has been changed. For several days the disciples did not believe that their Lord had been raised from the dead, but were assembled for the purpose of eating a common meal and to seclude themselves from the Jews (see Mark 16:12-14; John 20:19).

So the disciples were not commemorating the resurrection of the Saviour, and it is equally evident that they had not the slightest idea of a change of the Sabbath. They kept the Sabbath, according to the commandment, and resumed their labour on the first day of the week (see Luke 23:55-56, 24:1).





#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"'After eight days,' Jesus met with His disciples again (see John 20:26). This must have been the first day of the week, which is thereby proved to be the Christian Sabbath."

Who can be certain that "after eight days" means just a week? A literal construction of the language would lead one to conclude that this was upon the ninth day "after eight days" were passed.

But even if "after eight days" means only a literal week, how does this prove that Sunday has become the "Christian Sabbath" when there is not a particle of evidence that either Christ or His apostles ever rested on that day? There is no such term as "Christian Sabbath" found in the Bible. The only weekly Sabbath named in the Bible is called the Sabbath of the Lord-the seventh day (see Genesis 2:2-3).

It should not be very remarkable that Christ should find His disciples together, inasmuch as they had one common abode (see Acts 1:13).





#### 4th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"The Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost, which was the first day of the week. Therefore, the first day of the week should be observed instead of the Sabbath of the Lord" (see Acts 2:1-2).

Admitting that the day of Pentecost occurred upon the first day of the week, it remains to be proven that this day thereby became the Sabbath. It was the feast of Pentecost, and not the first day of the week, that God designed to honour.

The day of Pentecost is distinctly named, but the day of the week on which it occurred is passed by in silence. It was not the design of Heaven to honour the first day of the week, but to mark the antitype of the feast of Pentecost.





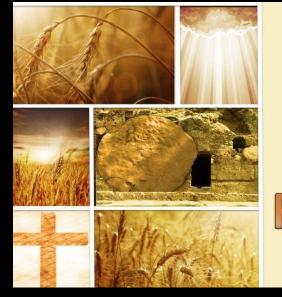
#### Forth Reason (cont'd)

The slaying of the paschal lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month had met its anti-type in the death of the Lamb of God on that day (see Exodus 12; John 19; 1 Corinthians 5:7). The offering of the Firstfruits on the sixteenth day of the first month had met its anti-type in the resurrection of our Lord on that day, the Firstfruits of them that slept (see Leviticus 23; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Acts 1:1-2). And the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost fulfilled the type of the feast of Pentecost.

It was not the day in which these events occurred that was of importance, but that these ancient symbolic ceremonies and services were meeting their fulfillment in type.

God spoke nothing in this place respecting the day in which these events occurred, and thus no proof exists for a change in the time of God's
Sabbath. "Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" Proverbs 30:6.





**But now is Christ** 

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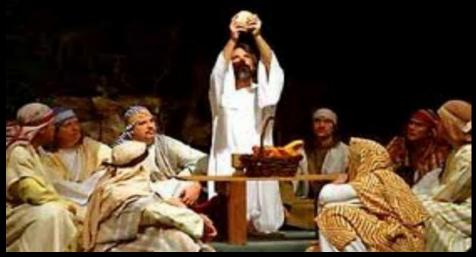
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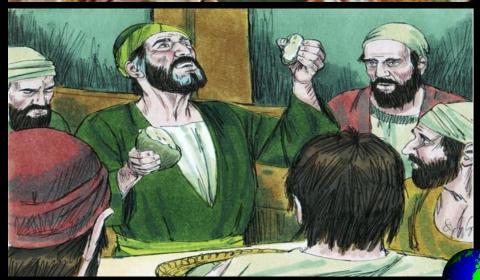
#### 5<sup>th</sup> Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"Paul once broke bread upon the first day of the week. Hence this day was observed as the Christian Sabbath" (see Acts 20:7).

At one period the Apostolic church at Jerusalem broke bread every day (see Acts 2:42-46). If a single instance of breaking bread at Troas upon the first day of the week constituted it the Sabbath, would not the continued practice of the Apostolic church at Jerusalem in breaking bread on other days be sufficient to make these days a Sabbath also?

Why try to grasp at a single instance in which an evening meeting was held on Sunday, and then try to vainly prove that the Sabbath has been changed, while overlooking the fact that this same apostle Paul preached every seventh day Sabbath, not only to the Jews, but also to the Gentiles? (See Acts 13:14,42,44, 16:13, 17:2, 18:4.)





#### 6th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"We are to find our rest in Jesus, and Jesus declared Himself to be the Lord of the Sabbath. Thus the seventh day of the week is no longer to be kept holy, because Jesus is our Sabbath Rest" (see Matthew 12:8, 11:28-30)!

While it is true that all are to find rest in Jesus (rest from all their cares, burdens, anxieties, sins, etc.), and while it is also true that Jesus declared Himself to be the Lord of the Sabbath day, yet it is not correct to therefore conclude that Jesus is the Sabbath day Himself!

The Queen of England is not England herself, but only the sovereign over it. In like manner, Jesus is not the Sabbath day Himself, but only the Sovereign or Lord over it. So as we find our rest in Jesus, we must not neglect to also rest from our labours upon His weekly Sabbath day. And since Jesus is still today the Lord of all His followers, then there is still a Sabbath day which He is Lord of and which all of His followers are to be observing today!

And what day of the week is this Sabbath day of God in this New Covenant period?





#### Sixth Reason (cont'd)

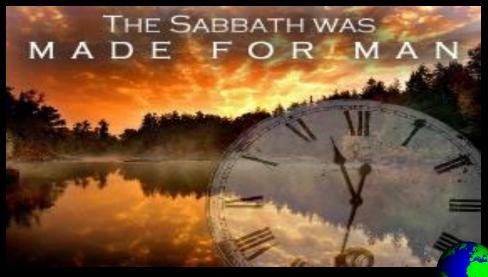
"For he (God) spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works....There remaineth therefore a rest (a keeping of the Sabbath) to the people of God.

(NOTE: this word for "rest" in Greek is "sabbatismus" and literally translates <u>Sabbath keeping--see Strong's Exhaustive Concordance</u>, <u>Greek word #4520</u>.)

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Hebrews 4:4,9-11.

Thus Paul clearly declares that there is indeed a Sabbath day which all of God's followers are to observe in this New Covenant period, and this day of the week is the same day which God made holy at creation--the seventh day or Saturday! Let us heed Paul's counsel and avoid falling from God's grace because of unbelief by not keeping His Sabbath day of rest!





#### 7th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"Paul commanded the church at Corinth to take up a public collection on the first day of the week; therefore, this must have been a day of public worship and consequently is the Christian Sabbath" (see 1 Corinthians 16:2).

Paul, however, does not say: "Place your alms in the church treasury on the first day of the week;" but says: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store."

The apostle simply told each of the Corinthian brethren to lay up at home some portion of their weekly gains on the first day or the beginning of the week before they had a chance to spend it all up. In following Paul's advice, they would be putting God and His cause first in their financial affairs, instead of at the end of the week after all their money had been depleted.





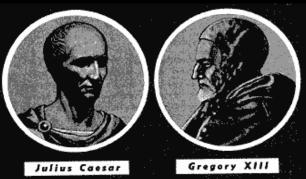
#### 8th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"No one really knows when the original seventh day of the week falls on. So each person needs to decide which day of the week they will keep sacred to God as His Sabbath, and Sunday is as good as any other day!"

Yet there has been no time lost since creation took place all the way up to the present time. So the same seven day weekly cycle established at creation is the same seven day weekly cycle we continue to observe today, even though the names of the days of the week have been changed depending on the calendar used!

When the calendar was changed from the Julian to the Gregorian, back in the sixteenth century, it was discovered that the Julian calendar was off 10 days from the actual solar year. But the same weekly seven day cycle was not altered even though 10 days were added to the Gregorian calendar. Thursday, October 4, 1582 in the Julian calendar, was immediately followed by Friday, October 15, 1582 in the Gregorian calendar—thus keeping the continuity of the Sunday to Saturday weekly cycle! But even though some will not believe the fact that there has been no time lost since creation, God does indeed show all of His people what day of the week today is the seventh day of the week—the true Sabbath worship day of God!



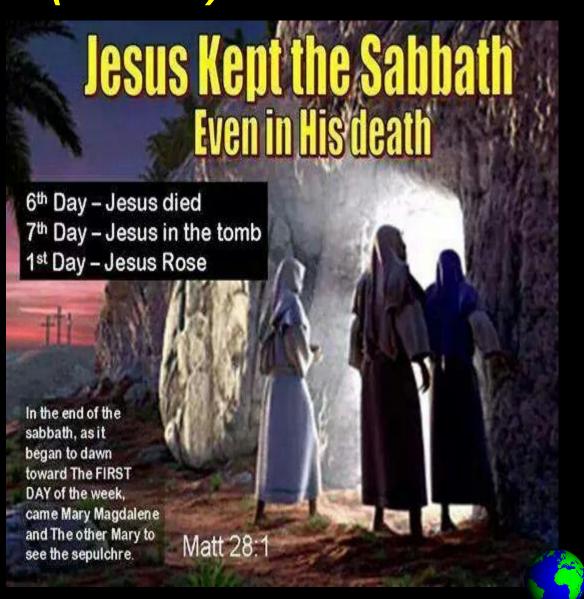


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#### Eighth Reason (cont'd)

The Bible plainly and clearly shows to all who will see, in the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, exactly which day of the week today is God's holy Sabbath.

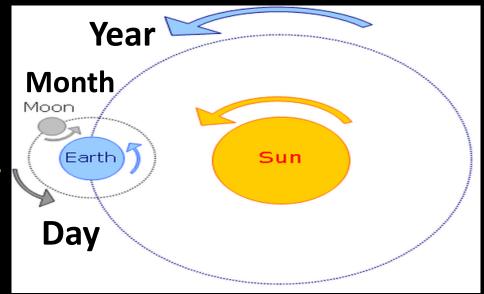
The Bible records that Christ was crucified on the sixth day of the week, or the preparation day--the day before the Sabbath was to occur (see Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:31, 42; Matthew 27:62), He was resurrected on the first day of the week, or the day after the Sabbath had passed (see Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1), thus showing that Christ was resting in the tomb during the seventh day Sabbath. It is plain knowledge that Christ arose from the tomb on Sunday morning--which many refer to as Easter (see Acts 12:4).

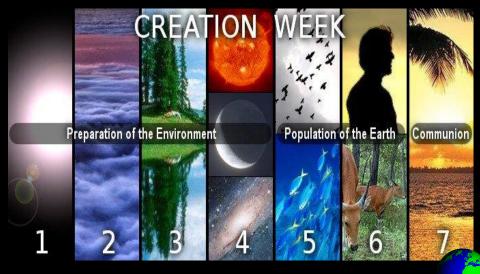


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With this knowledge of truth, it then becomes easy to determine exactly which days of the week in our modern calendar correspond with the days of the week anciently.

As Christ arose on the day we call Sunday today, this day corresponds to the first day of the week anciently--or the day after the Sabbath had passed. Then the day we call Saturday in our modern calendar, corresponds to the seventh day of the week anciently, and the day we call Friday in our modern calendar, corresponds to the sixth day of the week anciently--or the preparation day before the Sabbath occurs! Thus all who desire to follow and serve God with their whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, out of love for what He has done and is continuing to do for them, will see that the seventh day Sabbath of God today is Saturday--the day after Friday, and the day before Sunday! This then plainly shows us that the Sabbath day of God has not changed its seventh place in the weekly cycle since it was made holy at creation, and it never will!





#### Eighth Reason (cont'd)

God's Sabbath was established in Eden before sin had entered the world as the seventh day of creation week (see Genesis 2:2-3). God re-established the same seventh day Sabbath after sin had entered the world for all His chosen people to observe and worship Him on, after the Exodus from Egypt--some 2500 years later (see Exodus 20:8-11). The very same seventh day Sabbath was observed by Christ and His disciples--some 1500 years afterwards. The very same seventh day Sabbath was still to be observed by all of God's people some 33 years after the death of Christ in the New Covenant period (see Hebrews 4:4-11).

And did you realize, that this very same seventh day Sabbath will continue to be observed after Christ comes again and the earth is made new? (see Isaiah 66:22-23). This is because the seventh day Sabbath is a memorial of creation, and will forever point directly to God as our Creator! You can no more change this seventh day Sabbath to another day of the week than you can change the day of your birth to another day! Thus the seventh day or Saturday-the Sabbath worship day of God, will never change, but will always remain the Sabbath day to worship God on throughout eternity!



In The Beginning God Created

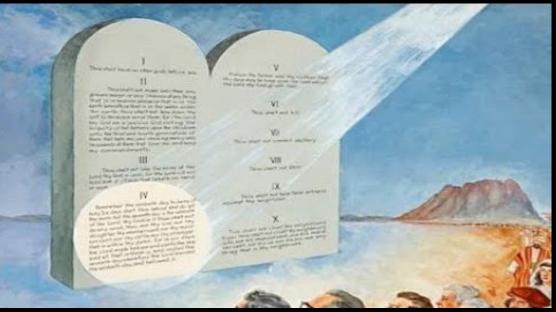
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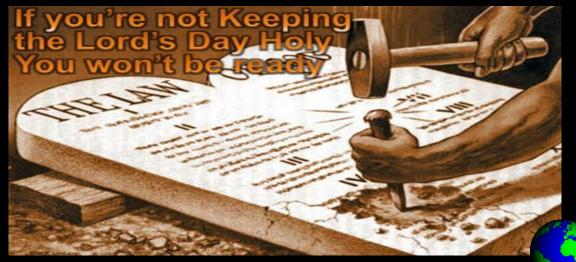
"We are to worship God every day, not just one day a week. So there is no need to keep only one day a week as a Sabbath day to God."

While it is true that Christians are to worship and serve God every moment of each day, yet it is impossible that they can keep each day of the week as a Sabbath day holy to God!

#### **God clearly states:**

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11.





There are several points which this statement and command of God shows the above reason and belief to be in error.

First: God commanded all His followers to observe His Sabbath by not working upon this day of worship. So if one would try to keep each day of the week as a Sabbath worship day to God, then neither they, nor any other person connected with them, could do any work in seeking to earn a living throughout each day of every week! If the average person would try to follow this plan, they would soon be destitute and starve to death! So obviously, it is incorrect to believe that we are to keep each day as a Sabbath worship day to God.





Second: God commanded all of His followers to work six days of each week, but to only keep the seventh day Sabbath of each week as a special sacred worship day with no work to be done! Thus if one tries to keep each day of the week as a Sabbath worship day to God, thereby refusing to work on six days of the week as God commanded, then they would be directly going against the will of the God whom they profess to serve. This also clearly shows that Sunday, along with the other 5 days of the week, are nothing more than common work days with no sanctity whatsoever, while Saturday is the only day of the week God declares to be holy!

<u>Third</u>: God clearly stated that only the seventh day of each week was to be held sacred as His Sabbath worship day, not any other day of the week: not the first, or second, or third, etc., but only the seventh day!

Hence any follower of God keeping any other day of the week as a Sabbath worship day to God, would be going directly against the command and will of the God whom they profess to serve!





#### 10th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"The Sabbath was part of the Old Covenant Ceremonial laws; thus was nailed to the cross when Christ died, and Sunday has taken its place in this New Covenant period" (see Colossians 2:14-17).

As was already noted, the seventh day Sabbath was given to humanity at creation. This means that the Sabbath was in existence before sin entered the world, and thus before the sacrificial and ceremonial laws were instituted. Therefore the weekly Sabbath of God could not be part of the ceremonial laws, and so could not have been nailed to the cross along with these sacrificial laws.

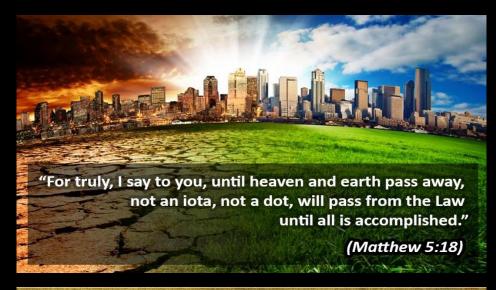
Since many have trouble differentiating between the ceremonial laws written by Moses, and the Moral Law of 10 commandments spoken and written by God, let us examine the clear differences between the two.

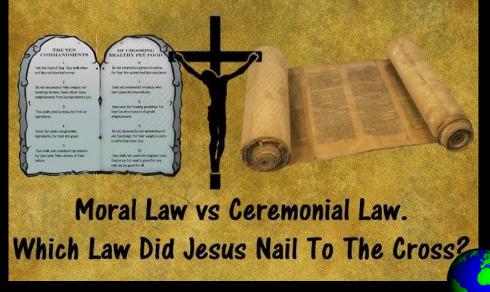




The ceremonial law is termed "the law of a carnal commandment" (Hebrews 7:16); and the moral Law of God, it is affirmed, "We know that the law is spiritual." Romans 7:14. The one is a law of which "there was made of necessity a change." Hebrews 7:12. The moral is that Law of which Christ says, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:18.

The ceremonial law was a "shadow of good things to come" (Hebrews 10:1), and was only imposed "until the time of reformation." Hebrews 9:10. But the other was a moral code, of which it is said by John, "Whosever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. The one is a yoke not able to be borne (see Acts
15:10); the other is that "law of liberty" by which
Which Law Did Jesus Nail To The Cross? we shall be judged (see James 2:8-12).





The ceremonial is that law which Christ "abolished in His flesh" (see Ephesians 2:15); the moral is that Law which He did not come to destroy (see Matthew 5:17). The one is termed "the handwriting of ordinances" "which was contrary to us," which was nailed to the cross and taken out of the way by the death of Christ (see Colossians 2:14); the other is that Law which He came to magnify and make honourable (see Isaiah 42:21) and which James affirms is "the royal law" which is a sin to transgress (see James 2:8-12). The one was a temporary law which was disannulled "for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof" (see Hebrews 7:18); the other is an eternal unchanging Law which cannot be made void: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31.

The ceremonial law is that law which was the middle wall of partition between Jews and Gentiles (see Ephesians 2:14); the other is that Law, the work of which even the Gentiles are said to have written in their hearts (see Romans 2:14-15). The one is the law of commandments contained in ordinances (see Ephesians 2:15); the moral Law is the commandments of God, which it is the duty of all mankind to keep (see Ecclesiastes 12:13).



This great moral Law of 10 commandments is brought to view by the message of the third angel (see Revelation 14:9-12). This is the Law which the remnant of the seed of the woman were keeping in the last days when the dragon made war upon them (see Revelation 12:17). This moral Law will insure, to all those who keep them, the right to enter into heaven and to eat of the tree of life (see Revelation 22:14).

Surely, these two laws should not be confounded. The moral Law was magnified, made honorable, established, is holy, just, spiritual, good, and royal; while the other was carnal, shadowy, burdensome, was abolished, broken down, taken out of the way, nailed to the cross, changed, and disannulled on account of the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.



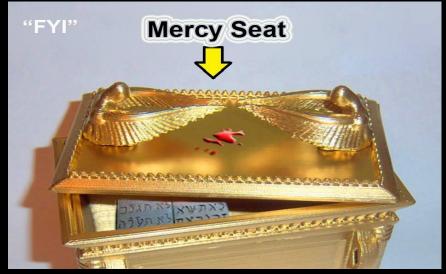
It is true that the precepts of the moral Law are variously interspersed throughout the books of Moses and mingled with the precepts of the ceremonial law. But this can in no way cause them to be included as part of this ceremonial law and also done away with. The moral Law is as eternal as God, while the ceremonial law was only in force until Christ died on the cross. Those who rightly divide the word of truth will never confound these essentially different laws, nor will they apply to God's royal Law the language employed respecting the handwriting of ordinances.

That the Ten Commandments are a perfect code of themselves, appears from several facts: God spoke them with His own voice; and it is said, "he added no more" (see Deuteronomy 5:22), thus showing that He had given a complete Law. He wrote them alone on two tables of stone with His own finger, another proof that this was a complete moral code (see Deuteronomy 9:9-11). He caused these alone to be placed under the mercy seat in the second apartment of the sanctuary (see Exodus 30:6; Hebrews 9:4-5), an evident proof that this was the Law that made an atonement necessary because it had been broken. And God expressly calls what He thus wrote on the tables of stone, a Law and commandments (see Exodus 24:12).





Both laws had Sabbaths, yet there were clear differences between them: The seventh day Sabbath originated in Eden before sin as part of God's immutable Law, and always occurred on the seventh day which we today call Saturday. While the feast day sabbaths originated after sin as part of the ceremonial law, and could take place on any day of the week. The seventh day Sabbath was written on stone by God's own finger. While the feast day sabbaths were written on cloth, or paper, or skin, by Moses' finger. The seventh day Sabbath, along with the 9 other commandments, was placed in the ark directly underneath the mercy seat with God's glory and presence above (see Exodus 30:6, 40:20,34), signifying that they were to be enforced permanently and were unchanging. While the feast day sabbaths were placed in the side of the ark (see Deuteronomy 31:26), signifying that they were to be enforced only temporarily until their purpose was accomplished.





On the seventh day Sabbath no cooking was to be done, but all food was to be prepared and cooked on the sixth day or the preparation day (see Exodus 16:23). While on the feast day sabbaths you could prepare and cook your food (see Exodus 12:14-16). And on the seventh day Sabbath, no work could be done--not even sticks were to be gathered for the preparation of food (see Numbers 15:32-36). While on the feast day sabbaths work could be done in gathering various tree branches (during the feasts of tabernacles) in order to build booths for shelters (see Leviticus 23:34-40).







#### Tenth Reason (conclusion)

So there is a clear difference between God's unchanging fourth commandment of the moral Law to keep holy the seventh day Sabbath, and the temporary types and shadowy feast day sabbaths of the ceremonial law.

The seventh day Sabbath was "made for man" before he had fallen in sin; hence it could not be a type or shadow pointing forward to Christ's death and, hence, could not have been nailed to the cross, but continues pointing backward to the beginning of this earth's history and to the Creator of us all.

But the feast day sabbaths, as well as all the other types of the Jewish economy, came into existence after man had fallen and needed a Saviour; hence they were a shadow pointing forward to redemption and were indeed nailed to the cross (see Colossians 2:14).



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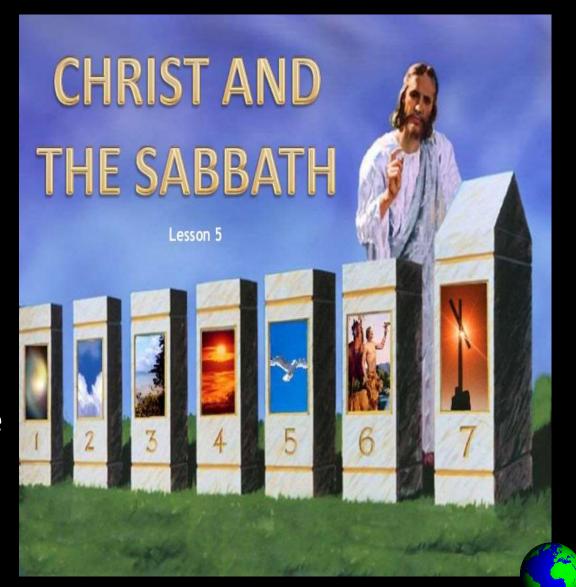
And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee (Deuteronomy 31:24-26

#### 11th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"The Sabbath was only given for the Jewish people at Mount Sinai, and was replaced in the Gospel Dispensation with Sunday" (see Exodus 20:8-11).

First of all, the Seventh day Sabbath was given by God before the Jewish people were born!

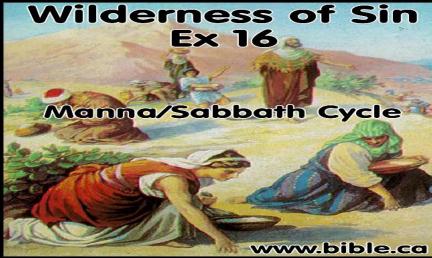
"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2:2-3.



#### Eleventh Reason (cont'd)

Also, when God led His people out of Egypt, and fed them manna in the desert, they were told to gather each morning enough manna for that day only, and any unused portion became wormy and stank. But on the sixth day, or Friday, they were to "prepare that which they bring in and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily....And they laid it up until morning...and it did not stink...So the people rested on the seventh day." Exodus 16:5, 24, 30. This plainly shows that the people of God had a knowledge of His seventh day Sabbath even before the law was given on Mount Sinai!

So God's seventh day Sabbath was clearly in existence before Judah, before Jacob, before Abraham, and even before the flood. Hence for over 2000 years before the first Jew walked the earth, the Sabbath was in existence! Thus the Sabbath of God was not a Jewish institution and could not pass away when the Gospel Dispensation arrived!





#### 12th Reason given by Sunday Worshipers

"John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, which was undoubtedly the first day of the week" (see Revelation 1:10).

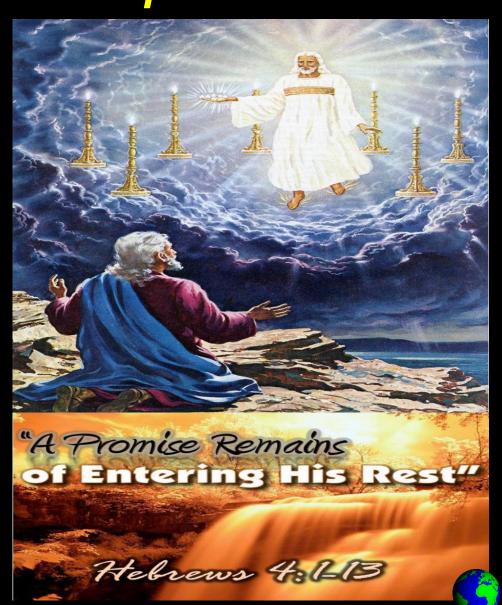
But we ask: On what basis can it be assumed that this proves the point it is alleged to prove? This text, it is true, furnishes direct proof that there is a day in the Gospel Dispensation which the Lord claims as His; but is there one text in the Bible which testifies that the first day of the week is the Lord's day?

#### There is not a single one.

Yet, there is indeed a record that God claimed a certain day as His and reserved it to Himself as His Sabbath.

"And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made" Genesis 2:3.

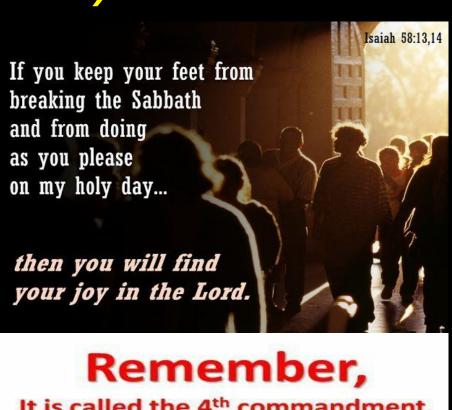
"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works....There remaineth therefore a rest (the keeping of the Sabbath) to the people of God" Hebrews 4:4, 9.



### Twelfth Reason (cont'd)

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." İsaiah 58:13-14. (see also Exodus 16:23, 20:10; Mark 2:28).

Then the seventh day is the true rest day which God reserved to Himself when He gave to man the other six, and this day He calls His holy day. This is the day which the New Testament declares the Son of man to be Lord of. There is but one day that the Bible designates as the Lord's day, and it is none other than the Sabbath of the fourth commandment--Saturday.



"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Exodus 20:8

Not the 4th suggestion

#### Who made the Change? When was it made?

Since it is clear that there is absolutely no Biblical support for any of the reasons given for the change of God's Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, the question needs to be asked: When was this change made? And, more importantly: Who made this change?

"Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the forth century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. 'The day of the Lord' was chosen, not from any direction noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power....People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically...keep Saturday holy." - St. Catherine Church Sentinel, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995.

# DID GOD AUTHORIZE THIS CHANGE?

CATHOLIC RECORD OF LONDON, ONTARIO SEPT. 1, 1923.

"SUNDAY IS OUR (THE VATICAN'S) MARK OF AUTHORITY...THE CHURCH IS ABOVE THE BIBLE, AND THIS TRANSFERENCE OF SABBATH (FROM SATURDAY) OBSERVANCE IS PROOF OF THAT FACT."

THE CONVERT'S CATECHISM OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE, 50.

"WE OBSERVE SUNDAY INSTEAD OF SATURDAY
BECAUSE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE COUNCIL OF
LAODICEA (A.D. 336) TRANSFERRED THE SOLEMNITY
FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY."

### Catholic Rome Changes: Protestants???

"Some theologians have held that God likewise directly determined the Sunday as the day of worship in the New Law, that He Himself has explicitly substituted the Sunday for the Sabbath. But this theory is now entirely abandoned. It is now commonly held that God simply gave His Church the power to set aside whatever day or days she would deem suitable as Holy Days. The Church chose Sunday, the first day of the week, and in the course of time added other days as holy days." - John Laux, A Course in Religion for Catholic High Schools and Academies, 1936 edition, vol. 1, p. 51.

"The Catholic church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday....The Protestant World at its birth found the Christian Sabbath too strongly entrenched to run counter to its existence; it was therefore placed under the necessity of acquiescing in the arrangement, thus implying the (Catholic) Church's right to change the day, for over three hundred years. The Christian Sabbath is therefore to this day, the acknowledged offspring of the Catholic Church as spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word of remonstrance from the Protestant World." - James Cardinal Gibbons in the Catholic Mirror, September 23, 1893.



#### The Catholic Convert's Catechism - Q&A

"Question - Which is the Sabbath day?

"Answer - Saturday is the Sabbath day.

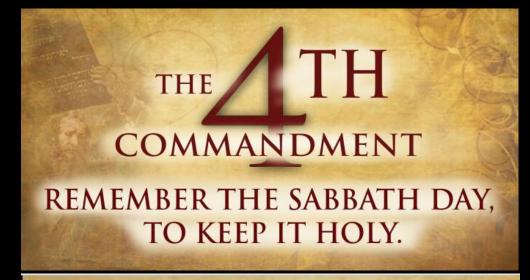
"Question - Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

"Answer - We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church...transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." - Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p. 50, 3rd edition, 1957.

So we find that the Roman Catholic Church has changed God's Sabbath day. But on whose power or authority was God's Sabbath of the fourth commandment changed from Saturday to Sunday?

#### Roman Catholicism proudly declares:

"The authority of the church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the Church had changed...the Sabbath into Sunday, not by command of Christ, but by its own authority." - Canon and Tradition, p. 263.





#### Some Serious Questions?

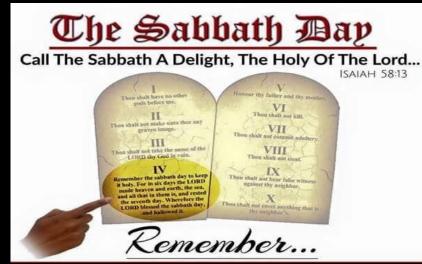
"Is Saturday the seventh day according to the Bible and the Ten Commandments? <u>I answer yes</u>.

Is Sunday the first day of the week and did the Church change the seventh day - Saturday - for Sunday, the first day? I answer yes.

Did Christ change the day'? I answer no!"

"Faithfully yours, J. Card. Gibbons." James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, Md. (1877-1921),

"From this we may understand how great is the authority of the church in interpreting or explaining to us the commandments of God - an authority which is acknowledged by the universal practice of the whole Christian world, even of those sects which profess to take the holy Scriptures as their sole rule of faith, since they observe as the day of rest not the seventh day of the week demanded by the Bible, but the first day. Which we know is to be kept holy, only from the tradition and teaching of the Catholic church." Henry Gibson, Catechism Made Easy, # 2, 9th edition, vol. 1, p. 341-342.

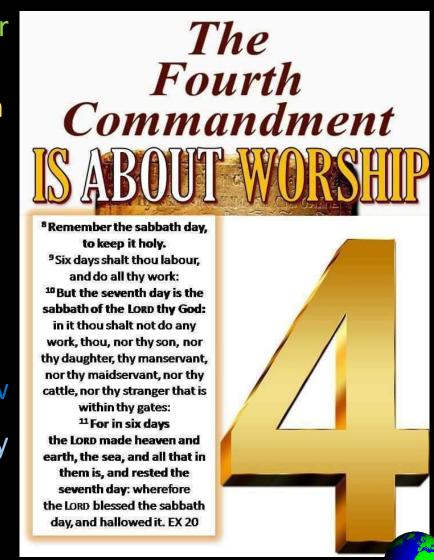




## It is all about Worship and Obedience

"For example, nowhere in the Bible do we find that Christ or the Apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is the 7th day of the week, Saturday. Today most Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Roman Catholic] church outside the Bible." - Catholic Virginian, October 3, 1947, p. 9, article "To Tell You the Truth."

"Written by the finger of God on two tables of stone, this Divine code (ten commandments) was received from the Almighty by Moses amid the thunders of Mount Sinai...Christ resumed these Commandments in the double precept of charity--love of God and of the neighbour; He proclaimed them as binding under the New Law in Matthew 19 and in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)....The (Catholic) Church, on the other hand, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day of the week, to the first, made the Third Commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord's Day." - The Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 4, "The Ten Commandments".

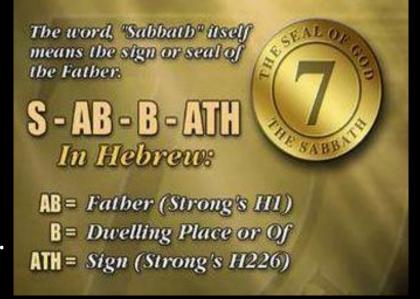


#### The Seal of God: What is it?

But many will say: "So what if Rome changed God's worship day to Sunday! What difference does it really make? Besides, I cannot possibly be lost just because I worship God on Sunday instead of Saturday - the seventh day." But what does God say?

Notice that God began this commandment with the word "Remember". This is because God knew that there would be an attempt to mislead people into forgetting to keep holy the seventh day as God's Sabbath. But more than this.

The Sabbath commandment contains the three things necessary to make the law of a King valid. It contains the NAME of the lawgiver--Lord; His official POSITION--Creator; and His DOMINION--heaven and earth. These three things are necessary in any royal seal of a King. Thus the seventh day Sabbath contains the seal of God which He has put in His law to make it valid. For those who keep this seventh day Sabbath holy unto God, will God place His seal in their foreheads (see Revelation 7:3). This is because the Sabbath is a distinguishing sign to all the world that we love and serve God and not man! (see Ezekiel 20:12, 20.)





#### Continue Worshiping on Sunday = Lost

Therefore, any Christian who knowingly continues to worship on Sunday--the first day, while they know that the Bible Sabbath of the Lord is on Saturday--the seventh day, thereby show that they love and follow a lie of man, instead of loving and following the truth of God! They also show that they are content to serve, worship, and bow down to the authority of the Pope of Catholicism, and not to the Lord God of the Bible. Thus they are in grave danger of receiving the mark of the Beast and being lost, instead of receiving the seal of the living God and gaining everlasting life! And why will they be lost? Because they are following a commandment of the Roman Catholic church, and not the commandment of God; they are following the word of men founded in tradition, and not the word of God founded in the Scriptures! And Rome clearly understands this.

The Roman Catholic church blatantly challenges all Christians: "Sunday is founded, not on scripture, but on tradition, and is distinctly a Catholic institution. As there is no scripture for the transfer of the day of rest from the last to the first day of the week, Protestants ought to keep their Sabbath on Saturday and thus leave Catholics in full possession of Sunday." - Catholic Record, September 17, 1893.



When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).

#### Conclusion of the Whole Matter!

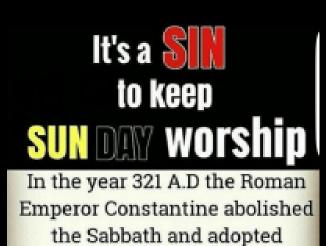
Now the question is for you to settle: Do you want to be a candidate to receive the mark of Catholicism by following the lie of worshiping on Sunday--the first day of the week and lose eternal life? Or do you want to be a candidate to receive the seal and sign of God by following the truth and worshiping only on Saturday--the seventh day Sabbath and gain everlasting life through Jesus Christ?

But when all the reasoning, theories, and excuses for keeping Sunday holy instead of the Sabbath of the Bible are thoroughly examined, the following Scriptures plainly declare what God's people are to do in this great controversy:

"We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.

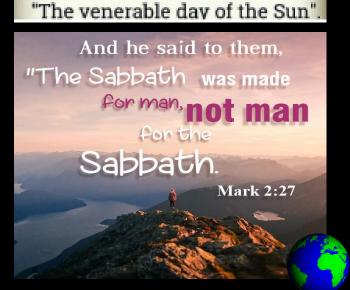
"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Revelation 22:14-15.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

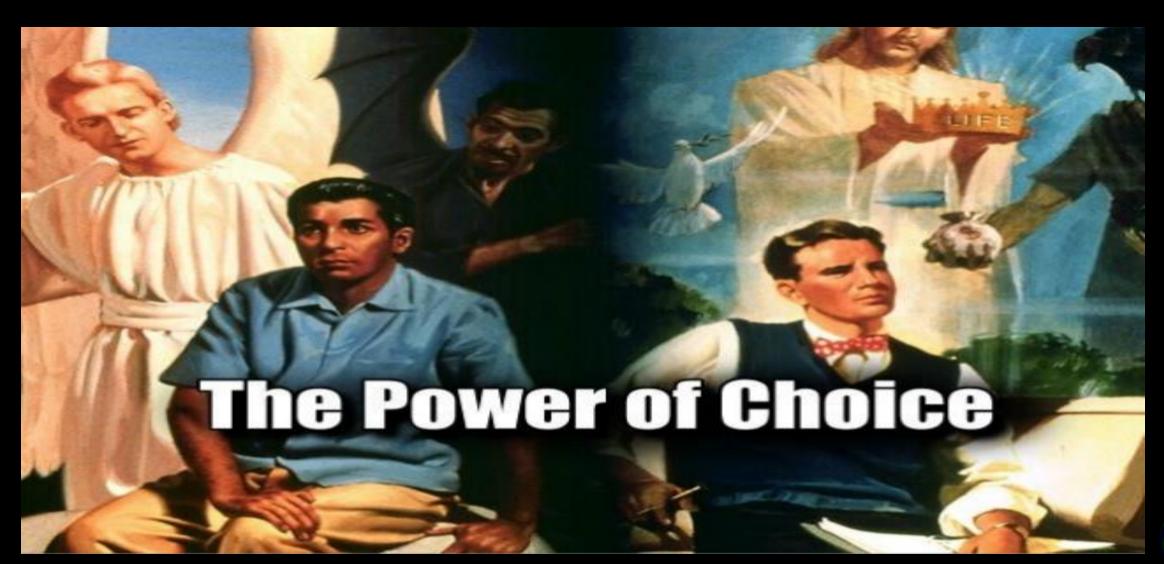


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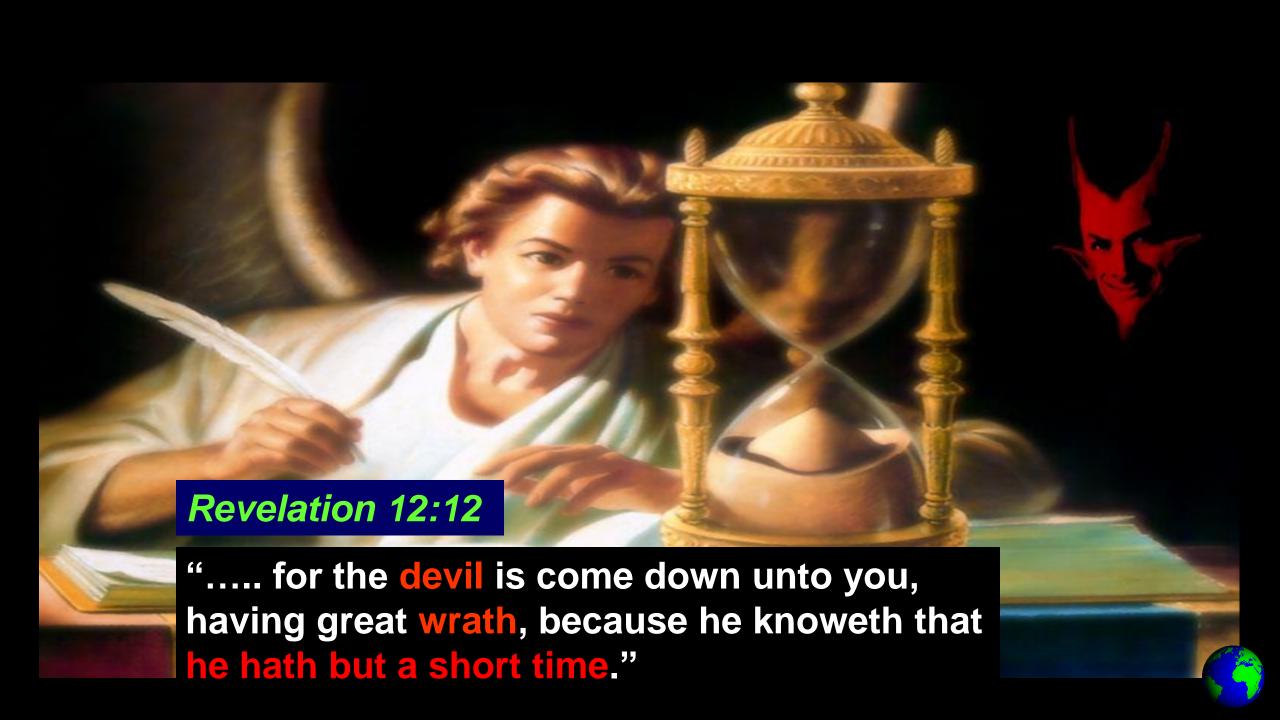
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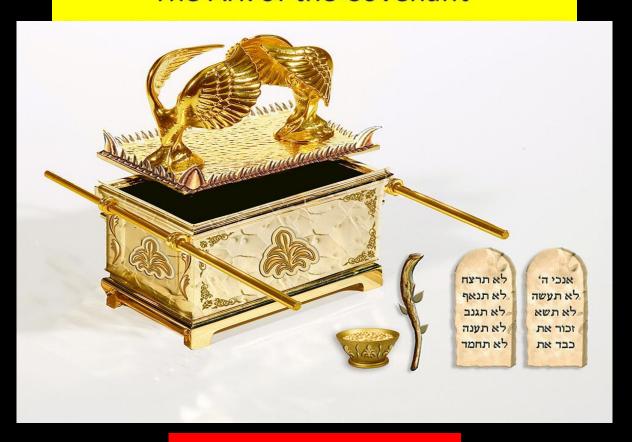
# Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



#### The Ark of the Covenant



**Psalms 77:13** 

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





