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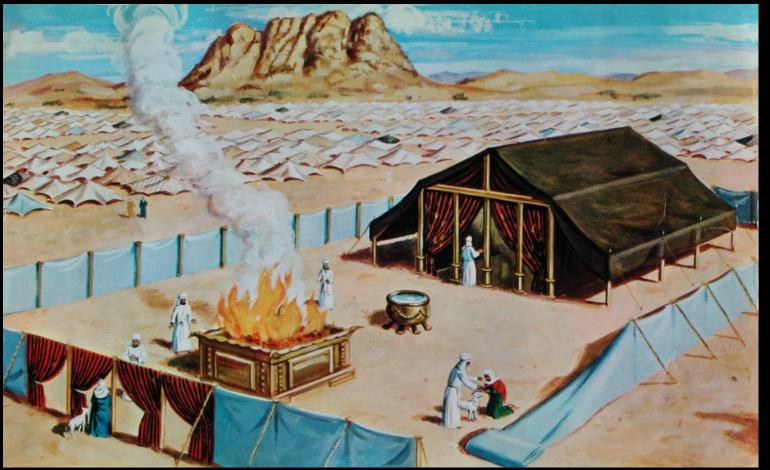
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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet - Brussel Sprouts

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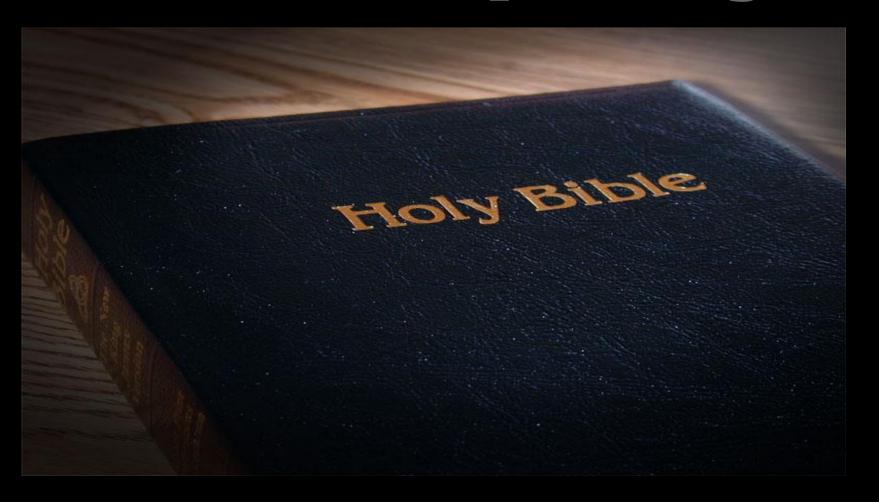
Brussels sprouts get their name from the capital of Belgium, where they first grew in the 16th century. Brussels sprouts are a member of the Brassicaceae family of vegetables and closely related to kale, cauliflower, and mustard greens. Taste is mild, sweet, almost nutty flavour.

- 1. <u>High in nutrients</u>: 1/2 cup (78 grams) of cooked Brussels sprouts Calories: 28, Protein: 2g, Carbs: 5.5g, Fibre: 2g, Vitamin K: 91%, Vitamin C: 53%, Folate: 12%, etc...
- 2. Rich in antioxidants: helps prevent cell damage in body.
- 3. <u>High in fibre</u>: helps reduce risk of heart disease.
- 4. Rich in vitamin K: helps protect against osteoporosis.
- 5. May help maintain healthy blood sugar levels.
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- 7. <u>High in vitamin C</u>: growth & repair of tissues in the body.
- 8. Easy to add to your diet: roasted, boiled, sautéed, baked
- Avoid any that are soft or turning yellow. But, choose Brussels sprouts that are firm to touch and bright green.

<u>If on blood thinners</u>: too much vitamin K could prevent them from working as well as they should. <u>If have IBS</u>: belly pain, gas, and either diarrhoea or constipation.

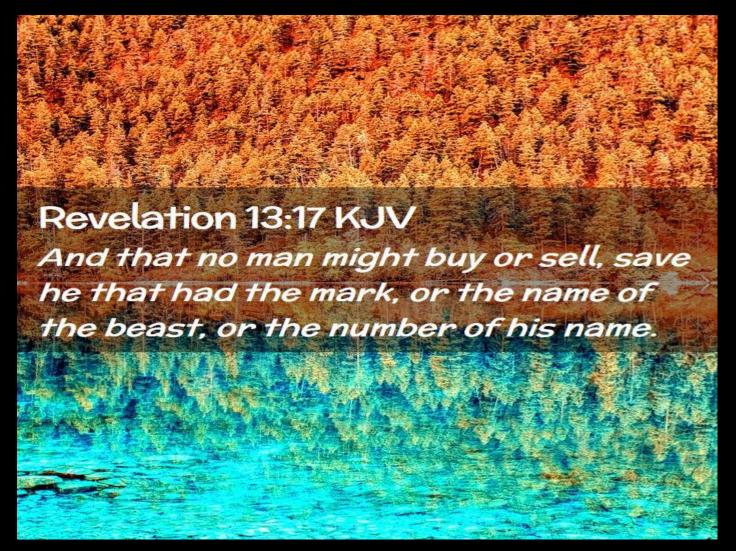


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Introduction

I want you to imagine throwing a stone in a lake and seeing three ripples result from the action—large, smaller, smallest.

Now I want you to imagine three concentric circles: Law would be the largest circle, the first table of the law would be the medium circle, and one specific commandment in the first table would be the smallest circle.

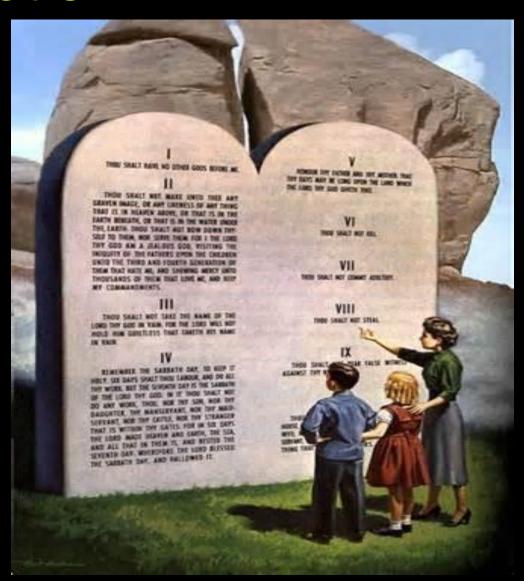
The Largest Ripple

Ripple 1: The Largest Circle: The final conflict will be over the Law of God.

First: At the very end Satan hates the commandments of God.

Revelation 12:17:

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.



The Largest Ripple:

The final conflict will be over the Law of God

Second: God's people at the end will have a seal on their foreheads and it is the law that is written on the mind and in the heart.

Revelation 7:3:

"Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

Hebrews 8:10:

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"



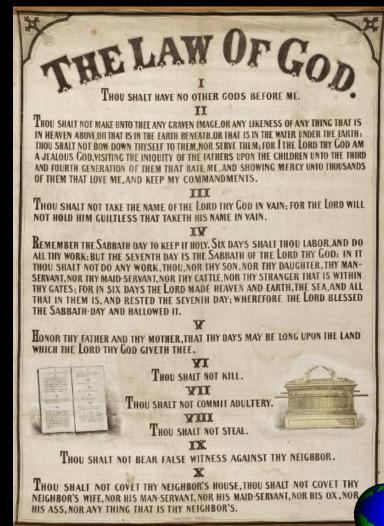
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Third: It is the law that is sealed among God's disciples. Isaiah 8:16: "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."

Fourth: Those who have the seal of God depart from iniquity. It is the Law that defines good and evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13 where the law is linked with good and evil).

Matthew 7:23 and Luke 13:27 are parallel verses. But while Matthew 7:23 uses the word anomias (lawlessness) Luke 13:27 uses the word adikia. Even in English sometimes when you add an 'a' at the beginning of a noun it means the opposite of what the word means without the 'a.' For example, the word amorphous.

2 Timothy 2:19: Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.



The Largest Ripple: (cont'd) The final conflict will be over the Law of God

Fifth: A comparison between Revelation 14:9-11 and 14:12 reveals that there is a contrast between those who worship the beast and those who keep the commandments of God.

Revelation 14:11:

"And 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."

Revelation 14:12:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."



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).

The Smaller circle: Conflict over the first table of the law

First: Deuteronomy 6:4 summarizes the first table of the law (the first four commandments) and then verses 5-8 command Israel to write them on the forehead and the hand.

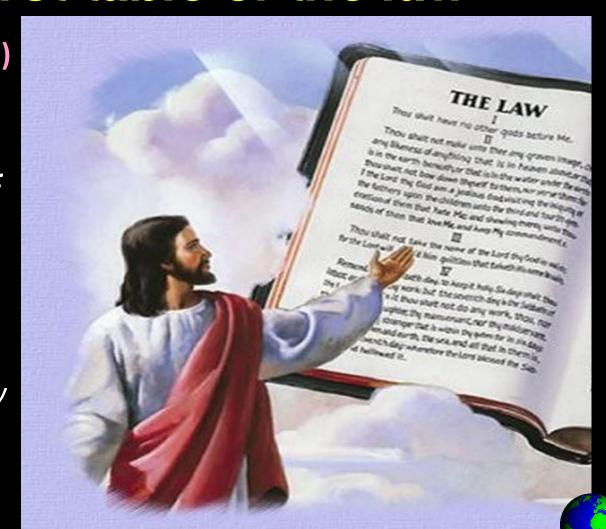
Deuteronomy 6:4-8:

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 Ánd thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.



The Smaller circle:

Conflict over the first table of the law (cont'd)

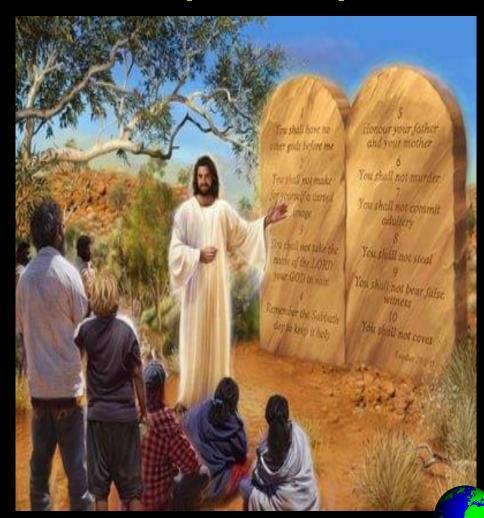
Second: The issue at the end time has to do with worship (Daniel 3 [11 times]). The last six commandments have to do with horizontal relationships between human beings while the first four commandments describe our vertical relationship with God.

Revelation 13:4:

And 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?

Revelation 13:8, 12:

- 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- 12 And 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.



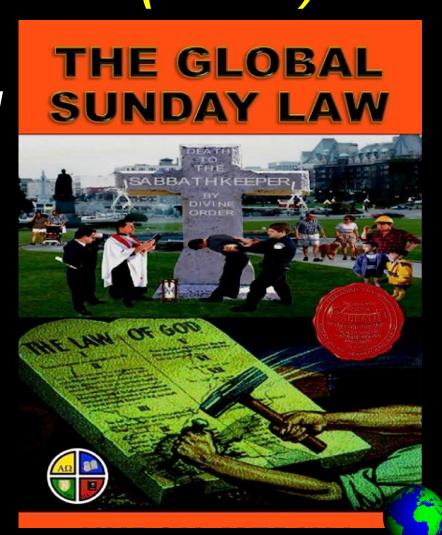
The Smaller circle: Conflict over the first table of the law (cont'd)

Revelation 13:15 And 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.

Revelation 14:9, 11:

9 And 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,

11 And 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.



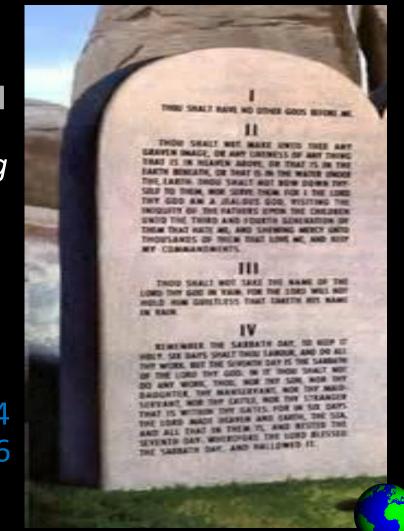
The Smaller circle:

Conflict over the first table of the law (cont'd)

Third: Revelation 13 speaks of false worship to the beast and his image and receiving the mark. In contrast, Revelation 14:6, 7 commands God's people to worship God the Creator. If you don't worship the Creator you will end up worshiping the beast.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

- Beast is worshipped: 1st Commandment Revelation 13:4
- Image is worshiped: 2nd Commandment Revelation 13:14
- •Name is blasphemed: 3rd Commandment Revelation 13:6
- Number 666: Mark of the Beast: 4th Commandment Revelation 14:9 (7th Day Seal of the Creator God)



The Smallest Circle: An attack on the fourth commandment

First: **Testimony of Scripture**:

We worship God because He is our Creator and the memorial sign of the Creator is the Sabbath.

Psalm 95:6:

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

Nehemiah 9:6:

"Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."

Revelation 14:6, 7 calls upon us to worship the Creator and strongly alludes to the Sabbath commandment in Exodus 20:8-11.



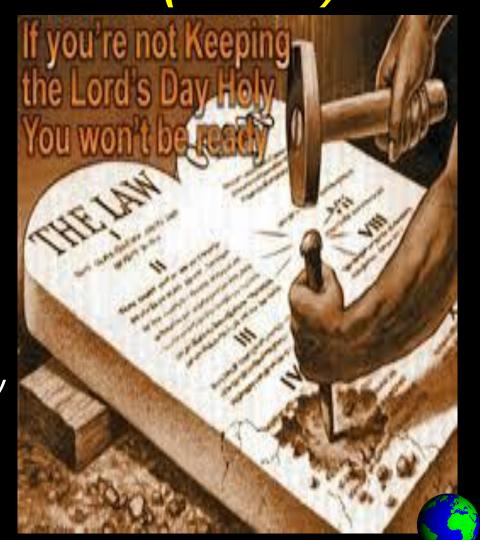


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Exodus 20:11: "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Isaiah 66:22, 23: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD."



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

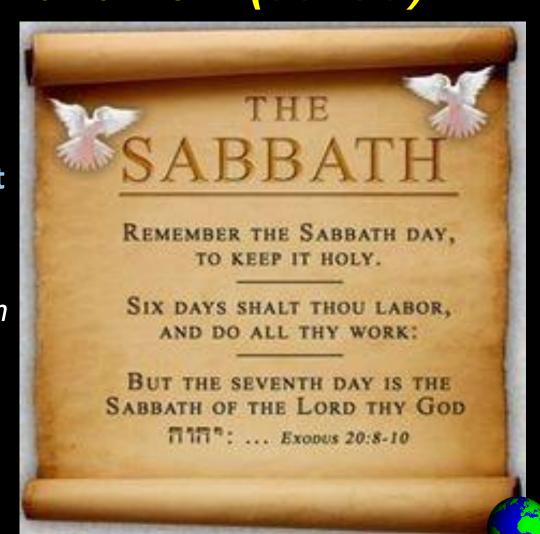
Genesis 2:2, 3: God's placed His signature on creation week by resting on the Sabbath. The motivation clause in the fourth commandment explains that the Sabbath identifies who made the world and everything in it.

Describe the artist and how he signs the linen at the end of his work. It identifies the artist.

Genesis 2:2, 3:

- 2 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.
- 3 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.

Did God bless and sanctify the Sabbath for Himself? God is the fountain of all blessing and he is the personification of all holiness.



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

In the Bible the words "sign" and "seal" are used interchangeably.

Romans 4:11:

"And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised:..."

In Exodus 31:17 the Sabbath is described as a sign between God and Israel.

Exodus 31:17:

"It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.""

Ezekiel 20:12:

"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them."



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Ezekiel 8:16, 17 is in contrast to Ezekiel 9:4

- The greatest abomination was that the religious leaders were worshiping the sun toward the east.
- In contrast were those who sighed and cried because of those abominations received the seal on their forehead.
- Jerusalem was destroyed because the Sabbath was desecrated (made unholy).



WHAT IS THE SABBATH?

The 4th Commandment
The 7th Day of the Week
A Day of Rest and Holy Convocation

IT IS ALSO...

A Weekly Reminder of the COMING of Jesus' Kingdom, which is HIS Rest

Those in the First Resurrection will Enter into HIS Rest and Reign with Christ for 1,000 years



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Ezekiel 8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

Ezekiel 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Those who had the mark were saved from judgment.







An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Jeremiah 17:27:

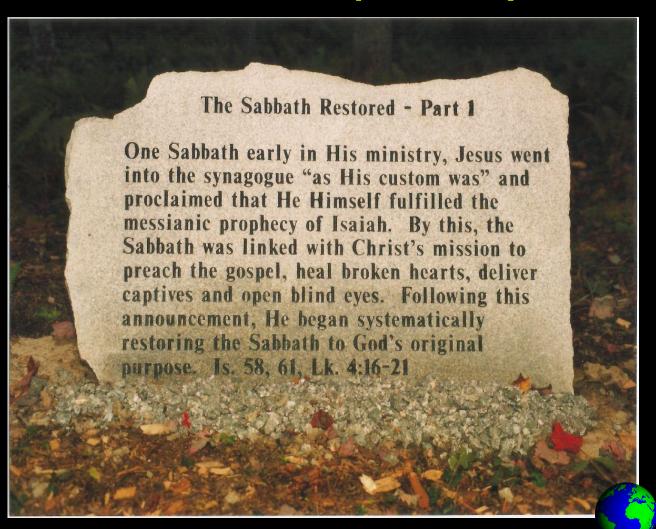
"But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."

- Revelation picks up on this in Chapter 7 and chapter 13:16, 17 with 14:1 where the contrast is once again seen between those who have the seal of God and those who have the mark of the beast.
- How Sunday came into the Christian church from Paganism through Constantine.
- It is the same day of the sun as in Ezekiel. Is it the same to worship the sun as to worship on the day of the sun?



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

"The seal of God's law is found in the fourth commandment. This only, of all the ten, brings to view both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It declares Him to be the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and thus shows His claim to reverence and worship above all others. Aside from this precept, there is nothing in the Decalogue to show by whose authority the law is given. When the Sabbath was changed by the papal power, the seal was taken from the law. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to restore it by exalting the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to its rightful position as the Creator's memorial and the sign of His authority." The Great Controversy, p. 452



The Smallest Circle: An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Second: The Testimony of Analogy

The presidential seal of the United States contains three elements: Name, Office, Territory.

"The fourth commandment is the only one of all the ten in which are found both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It is the only one that shows by whose authority [the creator] the law is given. Thus it contains the seal of God, affixed to His law as evidence of its authenticity and binding force." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 307



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Third: The Testimony of Archaeology
Characteristics of the Middle Eastern seals at Ugarit:

- They were covenants between a sovereign and vassal
- They were written on tablets of clay.
- The tablets were written on both sides.
- The seal was in the middle of the tablet.
- The seal contained the name, title and territory of the sovereign king.

God gave the Ten Commandments in the way that documents such as this were written in that time:

Deuteronomy 4:13: And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Exodus 32:15, 16:

"And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables."

Exodus 20:8-11:

"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."



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Fourth: The Testimony of Prophecy and History

The little horn thought that it could change the Law. We have already identified the little horn or the beast as the Roman Catholic papacy. The question is: Does the Papacy claim to have changed God's holy law?

Daniel 7:25:

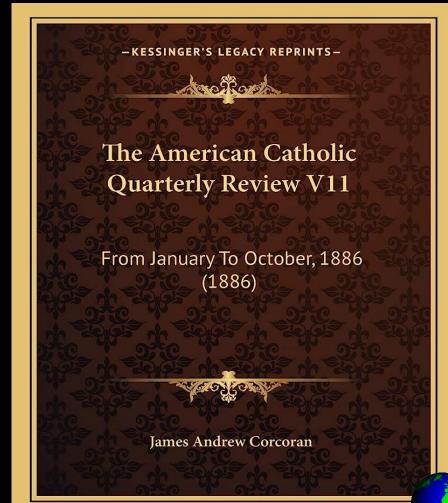
"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

John Gilmary Shea (1824-1892) who was an important Roman Catholic historian of his time:

"For ages all Christian nations looked to the Catholic Church, and, as we have seen, the various states enforced by law her ordinances as to worship and cessation of labour on Sunday. Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the Church, has no good reason for its Sunday theory, and ought logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath. The State in passing laws for the due Sanctification of Sunday, is unwittingly acknowledging the authority of the Catholic Church, and carrying out more or less faithfully its prescription. The Sunday as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God is purely a creation of the Catholic Church." (John Gilmary Shea (who was an important Roman Catholic historian of his time), in The American Catholic Quarterly Review, January 1883, p. 139



An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

Our Sunday Visitor, perhaps the most important and influential Roman **Catholic journal in the United States:**

"Protestants . . . accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change . . . But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the Pope." Our Sunday Visitor, Feb. 5, 1950

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Our Weekly Chat With You

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Look Elsewhere For Intolerance

LAS anybody ever told you that the editors of this paper are intolerant in the face of all tolerance of which their accusers are guilty?

Could you imagine a Catholic Bishop touring the country to denounce a particular Protestant sect? Could you conceive of a Catholic Bishop waiting on President Truman to ask that he should not send any personal representative to a Protestant Country?

Could you imagine a priest trying to stir up trouble throughout the nation because a few Catholic tors to a Protestant country, were not treated by a few civilians as they thought they should be? Could you imagine Catholics objecting to a bus-driver picking up rural children on their way to a Lutheran or a Methodist or a Baptist school?

Could you conceive of Catholic clergy organizing against Protestantism and then inviting atheistic, munistic and all other kinds of organizations to join them?

In the "Right or Wrong" column of this issue you will read the truth about "the few members of the Church of Christ" who claim to have been ill-treated in Italy. After on investigation it was discovered that these missionaries had been playing with the Communists in Italy; that in opening a small orphanage, without a license, they violated a law; that their visas had run out and, therefore, they were nomentarily not even legally in Italy; that although they incited some people against them by their attacks on Catholic practices, they were given police protection.

A Baptist paper in the south recently urged its readers to protest

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Since They Take Everything Else Why Not The Pope?

DRACTICALLY everything that Protestants regard as es sential or important they have received from the Cath-Church. They accepted Sunday rather than Saturday olic Church. They accepted Summay rather until Sautrosy York, and no such Frances as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made Lavier O'Toole Society of the that change. They accepted the Bible from the Catholic Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fake Society Stirs Bigotry Against Church

Uses Catholic Name To Misrepresent Catholic Teaching

OME one is taking the occasion of the "alleged" ill-treatment of Texan missionaries in taly to stir bigotry into action. He is using a form of a communcation whose letterhead bears this inscription:

Mary, Mother of God Nocturnal Adoration Society, New York, N. Y. The return address is given

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An attack on the fourth commandment (cont'd)

From the Catholic Encyclopaedia:

Question: What is the Third Commandment? [the fourth commandment in Protestant Bibles, because the Roman Catholic Church removed the Second Commandment--Exodus20:4-6]

Answer: The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Question: Which is the Sabbath day?

Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer: The Catholic Church, after changing the day of rest from Saturday, the seventh day of the week, to Sunday, the first day, made the third commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept as the Lord's Day.

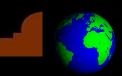
(Catholic Encyclopaedia, vol. 4, p. 153.)

The Catholic Encyclopedia

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CHARLES GEORGE HERBERMANN



So: There can be only two classes

Each party is distinctly stamped, either with the seal of the living God, or with the mark of the beast or his image.—The Review and Herald, January 30, 1900.

In the great conflict between faith and unbelief the whole Christian world will be involved. All will take sides. Some apparently may not engage in the conflict on either side. They may not appear to take sides against the truth, but they will not come out boldly for Christ through fear of losing property or suffering reproach. All such are numbered with the enemies of Christ.— The Review and Herald, February 7, 1893.

Who Will You Serve?

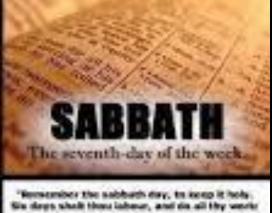


God, And His Law
Or
Men, And Their Traditions?

There can be only two classes (cont'd)

As we near the close of time the demarcation between the children of light and the children of darkness will be more and more decided. They will be more and more at variance. This difference is expressed in the words of Christ, "born again"—created anew in Christ, dead to the world, and alive unto God. These are the walls of separation that divide the heavenly from the earthly and describe the difference between those who belong to the world and those who are chosen out of it, who are elect, precious in the sight of God.—Special Testimony to the Battle Creek Church (Ph 155), 3 (1882).





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Catholic Record
London Ontario, September 1, 1923

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Catholic Church Extension Hogazine, USA (1926)

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"No man can serve two mesters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other." (Matthew 6:24)

Family Members Are Separated

Those who have been members of the same family are separated. A mark is placed upon the righteous. "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" [Malachi 3:17]. Those who have been obedient to God's commandments will unite with the company of the saints in light. They shall enter in through the gates into the city, and have right to the tree of life.

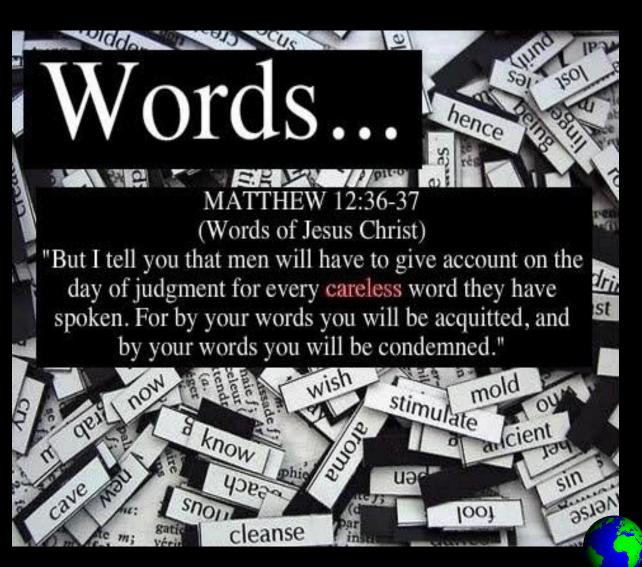
"The one shall be taken." His name shall stand in the book of life, while those with whom he associated shall have the mark of eternal separation from God.—Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 234, 235 (1895).



Judged by the Light We Have Received

Many who have not had the privileges that we have had will go into heaven before those who have had great light and who have not walked in it. Many have lived up to the best light they have had and will be judged accordingly.—Letter 36, 1895.

All must wait for the appointed time, until the warning shall have gone to all parts of the world, until sufficient light and evidence have been given to every soul. Some will have less light than others, but each one will be judged according to the light received.—Manuscript 77, 1899.

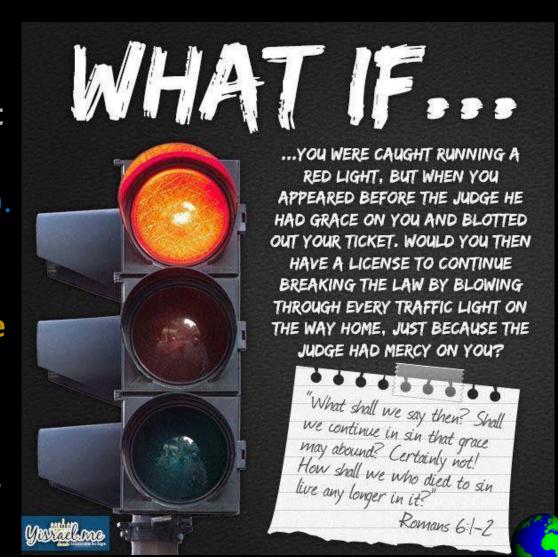


Judged by the Light We Have Received (cont'd)

We have been given great light in regard to God's law. This law is the standard of character. To it man is now required to conform, and by it he will be judged in the last great day. In that day men will be dealt with according to the light they have received.—The Gospel Herald, January, 1901 (Supplement).

Those who have had great light and have disregarded it stand in a worse position than those who have not been given so many advantages. They exalt themselves but not the Lord. The punishment inflicted on human beings will in every case be proportionate to the dishonour they have brought on God.—Manuscript Releases 8:168 (1901).

Everyone is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently.—The Great Controversy, 605 (1911).

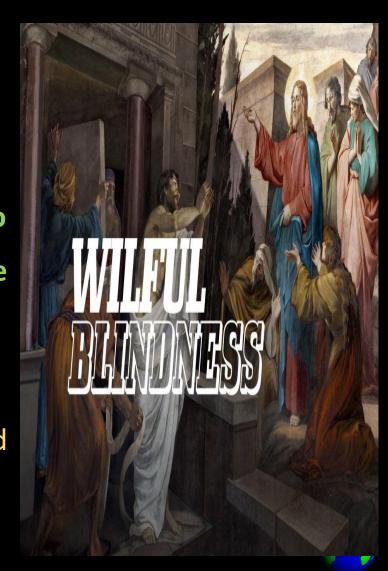


No Excuse for Wilful Blindness

None will be condemned for not heeding light and knowledge that they never had, and they could not obtain. But many refuse to obey the truth that is presented to them by Christ's ambassadors, because they wish to conform to the world's standard, and the truth that has reached their understanding, the light that has shone in the soul, will condemn them in the judgment.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 5:1145 (1884).

Those who have an opportunity to hear the truth and yet take no pains to hear or understand it, thinking that if they do not hear they will not be accountable, will be judged guilty before God the same as if they had heard and rejected. There will be no excuse for those who choose to go in error when they might understand what is truth. In His sufferings and death Jesus has made atonement for all sins of ignorance, but there is no provision made for wilful blindness.

We shall not be held accountable for the light that has not reached our perception, but for that which we have resisted and refused. A man could not apprehend the truth which had never been presented to him, and therefore could not be condemned for light he had never had.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 5:1145 (1893).



The Importance of Practical Benevolence

The decisions of the last day turn upon our practical benevolence. Christ acknowledges every act of beneficence as done to Himself.—
Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 400 (1896).

When the nations are gathered before Him, there will be but two classes, and their eternal destiny will be determined by what they have done or have neglected to do for Him in the person of the poor and suffering....



The Importance of Practical Benevolence (cont'd)

Among the heathen are those who worship God ignorantly, those to whom the light is never brought by human instrumentality, yet they will not perish. Though ignorant of the written law of God, they have heard His voice speaking to them in nature, and have done the things that the law required. Their works are evidence that the Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and they are recognized as the children of God.

How surprised and gladdened will be the lowly among the nations, and among the heathen, to hear from the lips of the Saviour, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me"! How glad will be the heart of Infinite Love as His followers look up with surprise and joy at His words of approval!—The Desire of Ages, 637, 638 (1898).

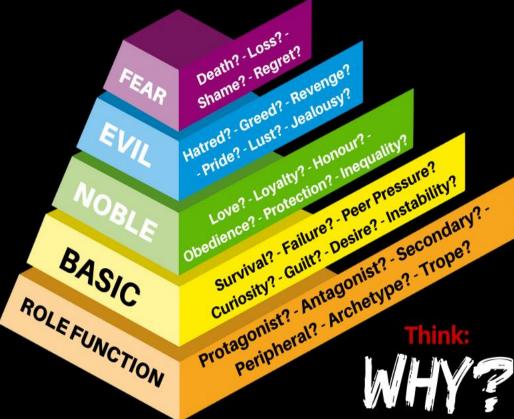


Motive Gives Character to Actions

In the day of judgment some will plead this good deed and that as a reason why they should receive consideration. They will say, "I set up young men in business. I gave money to found hospitals. I relieved the necessities of widows, and took the poor into my home." Yes, but your motives were so defiled by selfishness that the deed was not acceptable in the sight of the Lord. In all that you did, self was brought prominently to view.—Manuscript 53, 1906.

It is the motive that gives character to our acts, stamping them with ignominy or with high moral worth.—The Desire of Ages, 615 (1898).





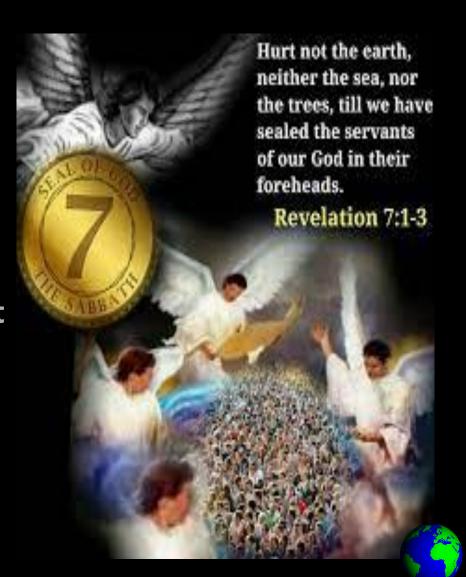


What the Seal of God Is

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 4:1161 (1902).

The seal of the living God is placed upon those who conscientiously keep the Sabbath of the Lord.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:980 (1897). [This statement and others like it should be understood in the light of passages quoted earlier in the chapter, indicating that God holds people responsible only for the knowledge they have or which they could obtain.]

Those who would have the seal of God in their foreheads must keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:970 (1899).



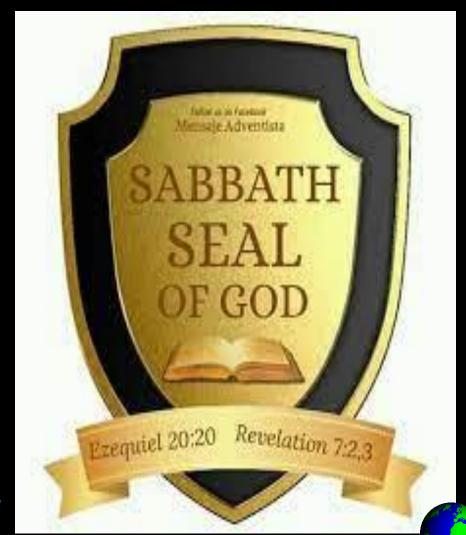
What the Seal of God Is (cont'd)

True observance of the Sabbath is the sign of loyalty to God.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:981 (1899).

The fourth commandment alone of all the ten contains the seal of the great Lawgiver, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.—Testimonies for the Church 6:350 (1900).

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A mark is placed upon every one of God's people, just as verily as a mark was placed over the doors of the Hebrew dwellings to preserve the people from the general ruin. God declares, "I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them" [Ezekiel 20:12].—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:969 (1900).



A Likeness to Christ in Character

The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:970 (1895).

Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.—Early Writings, 71 (1851).

The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven.—Testimonies for the Church 5:216 (1882).



A Likeness to Christ in Character (cont'd)

Love is expressed in obedience, and perfect love casteth out all fear. Those who love God, have the seal of God in their foreheads, and work the works of God.—Sons and Daughters of God, 51 (1894).

Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favoured ones who shall receive the seal of the living God.—Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 445 (c. 1886).

Are we striving with all our God-given powers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for His fullness, ever reaching higher and higher, trying to attain to the perfection of His character? When God's servants reach this point, they will be sealed in their foreheads. The recording angel will declare, "It is done." They will be complete in Him whose they are by creation and by redemption.—Selected Messages 3:427 (1899).

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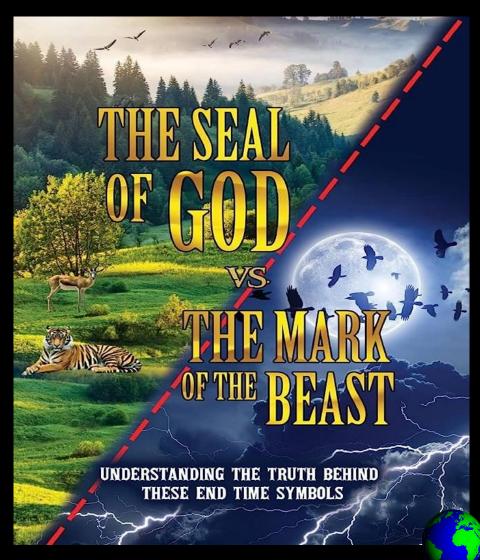
JAMES 1:22-25



In the Sealing Time Now

I saw that the present test on the Sabbath could not come until the mediation of Jesus in the holy place was finished and He had passed within the second veil; therefore Christians who fell asleep before the door was opened into the most holy, when the midnight cry was finished, at the seventh month, 1844, and who had not kept the true Sabbath, now rest in hope, for they had not the light and the test on the Sabbath which we now have since that door was opened. I saw that Satan was tempting some of God's people on this point. Because so many good Christians have fallen asleep in the triumphs of faith and have not kept the true Sabbath, they were doubting about its being a test for us now....

Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth and to cause them to waver.—Early Writings, 42, 43 (1851).



In the Sealing Time Now (cont'd)

I saw that she [Mrs. Hastings] was sealed and would come up at the voice of God and stand upon the earth, and would be with the 144,000. I saw we need not mourn for her; she would rest in the time of trouble.—Selected Messages 2:263 (1850).

There are living upon our earth men who have passed the age of fourscore and ten. The natural results of old age are seen in their feebleness. But they believe God, and God loves them. The seal of God is upon them, and they will be among the number of whom the Lord has said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:982 (1899).



Oh, That God's Seal May Be Placed Upon Us!

In a little while every one who is a child of God will have His seal placed upon him. Oh, that it may be placed upon our foreheads! Who can endure the thought of being passed by when the angel goes forth to seal the servants of God in their foreheads?—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:969, 970 (1889).

If the believers in the truth are not sustained by their faith in these comparatively peaceful days, what will uphold them when the grand test comes and the decree goes forth against all those who will not worship the image of the beast and receive his mark in their foreheads or in their hands? This solemn period is not far off. Instead of becoming weak and irresolute, the people of God should be gathering strength and courage for the time of trouble.—
Testimonies for the Church 4:251 (1876).

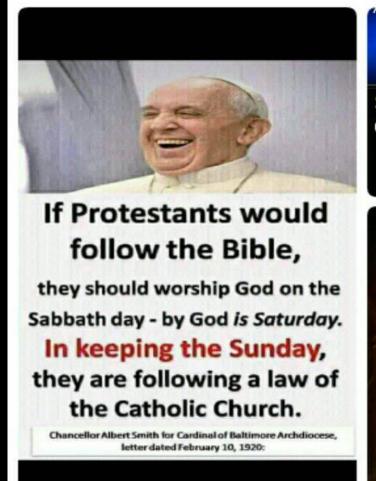


What the Mark of the Beast Is

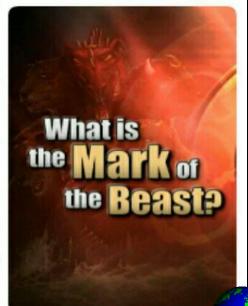
John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast or his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day is the mark of the beast.—
Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 133 (1898).

The mark of the beast is the papal sabbath.—Evangelism, 234 (1899).

When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast is. It is the keeping of Sunday.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:980 (1900).







What the Mark of the Beast Is (cont'd)

The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation.... The mark of the beast is the opposite of this—the observance of the first day of the week.—Testimonies for the Church 8:117 (1904).

"He causeth all, both small and great, ... to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads" (Revelation 13:16).

Not only are men not to work with their hands on Sunday, but with their minds are they to acknowledge Sunday as the Sabbath.—Special Testimony to Battle Creek Church (Ph 86), 6, 7 (1897).



When the Mark of the Beast Is Received

No one has yet received the mark of the beast.—Evangelism, 234 (1899).

Sunday keeping is not yet the mark of the beast, and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol sabbath. The time will come when this day will be the test, but that time has not come yet. The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:977 (1899).

God has given men the Sabbath as a sign between Him and them as a test of their loyalty. Those who, after the light regarding God's law comes to them, continue to disobey and exalt human laws above the law of God in the great crisis before us, will receive the mark of the beast.—Evangelism, 235 (1900).



THEN, WHAT IS IT?

It is the enforcement of Sunday observance as a Sabbath (Daniel 7:25), instead of the Seventh day, the day ordained in the Scriptures by our Creator (Genesis 2:3).

When the Mark of the Beast Is Received (cont'd)

The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not.

While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.—The Great Controversy, 605 (1911).

THE MARK OF THE BEAST is NOT this





The mark of the Vatican beast will be ENFORCED SUNday observance; which is willful rejection of God's 7th day Sabbath and His Law. (God's Sabbath is from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)

CLIMATE CHANGE

will lead to Sunday Law enforcement

March 7, 2017: EU Bishops Commission calls for work-free Sunday.

March 7, 321 AD: First Sunday law by Constantine.

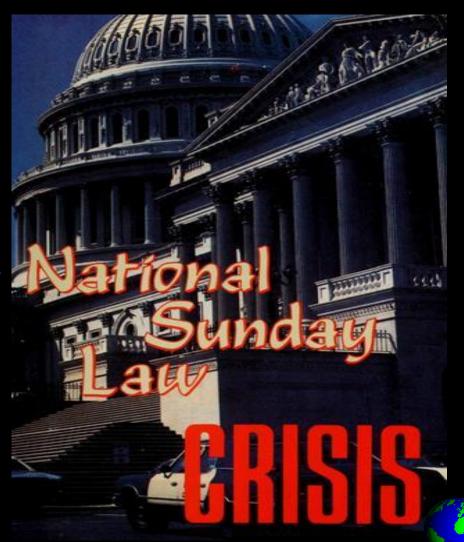
Satan will impersonate Christ and claim he changed the Sabbath to Sunday.

If you accept the Vatican's SUNday Laws, you will accept its MARK and receive God's 7 plagues and die. (Revelation 16; Psalm 119:126)
If you obey God and keep His 10 commandments, including His 7th day Sabbath commandment, you will become His saint and be with God in heaven! (Revelation 14:12; Revelation 22:14)

Enforcement of Sunday Observance Is the Test

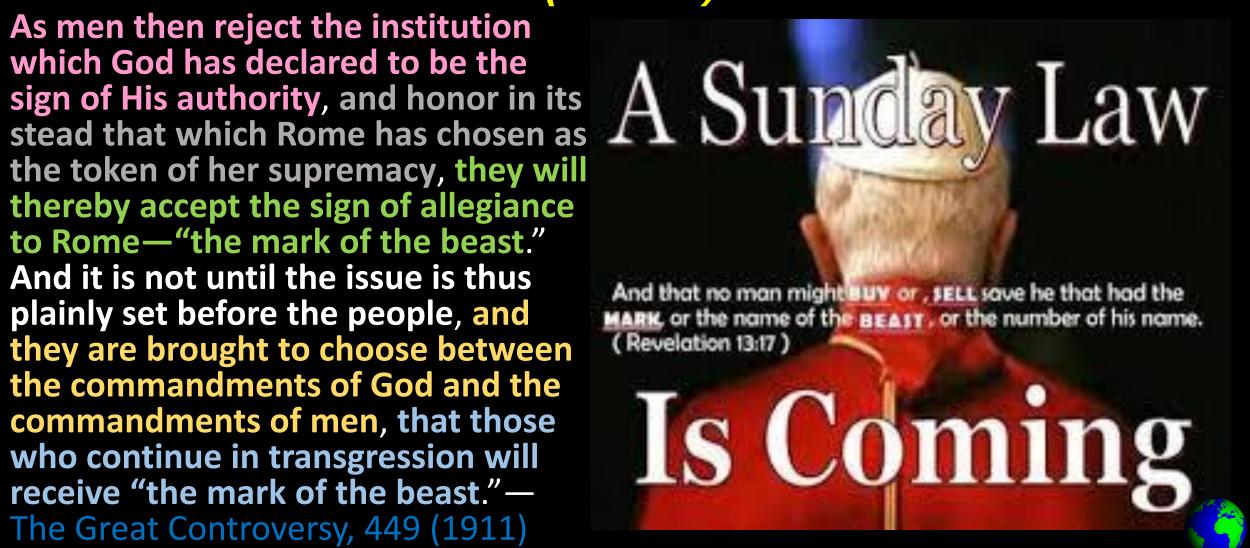
None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.—Evangelism, 234, 235 (1899).

When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image.

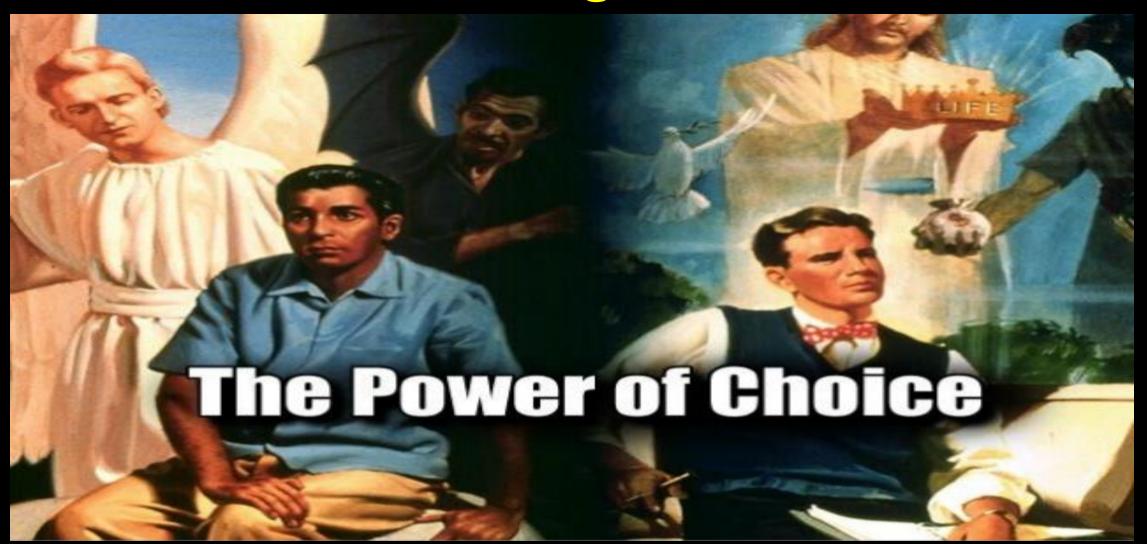


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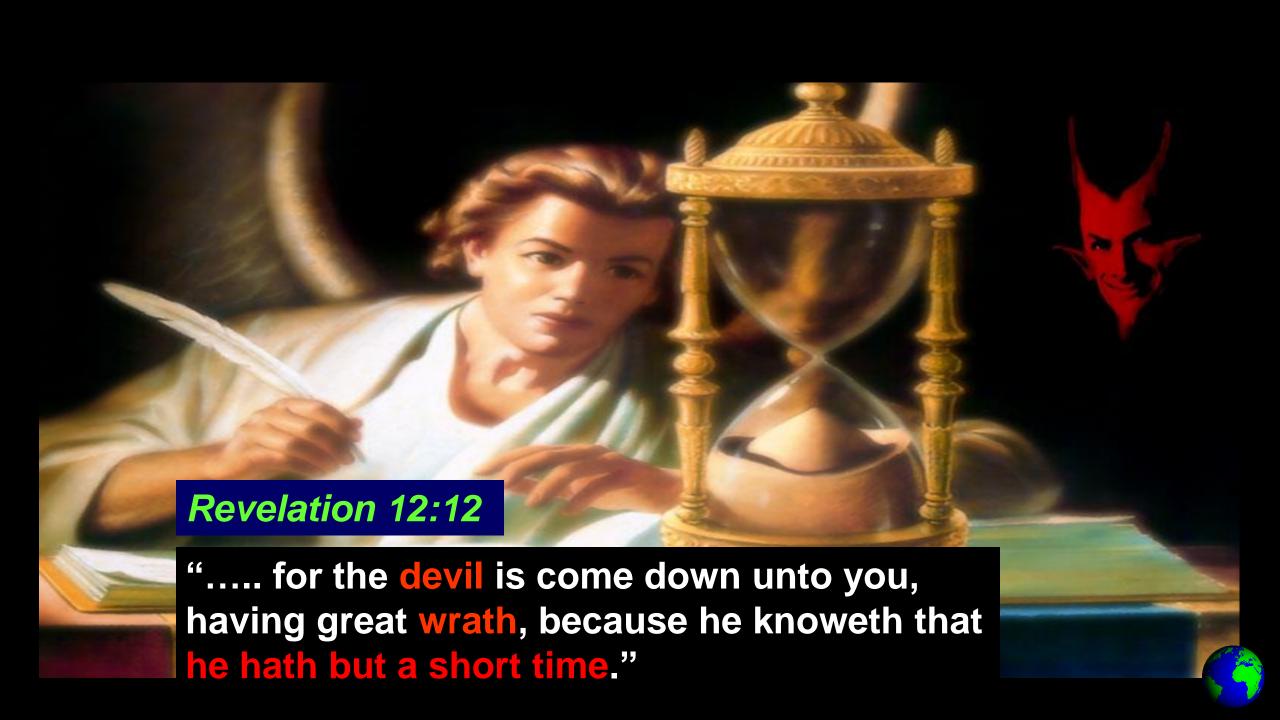
As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—"the mark of the beast." And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast."— The Great Controversy, 449 (1911)



God has given all:







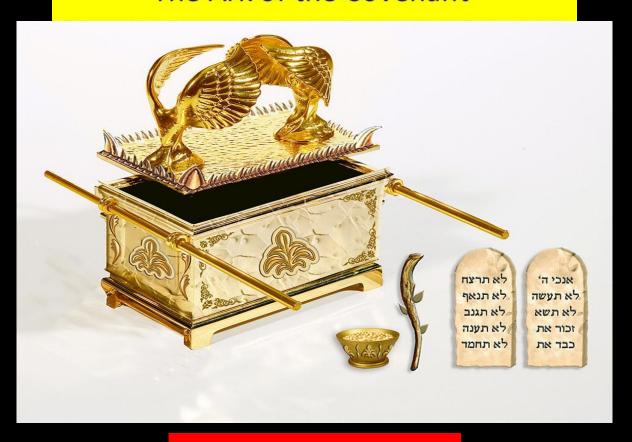
Enter The Ark of Hope

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

