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THE BIBLE SABBATH

"Hallowed by the Creator's rest and blessing, the Sabbath was kept by Adam in his innocence in holy Eden; by Adam, fallen, yet repentant, when he was driven from his happy estate. It was kept by all the patriarchs, from Abel to righteous Noah, to Abraham, to Jacob. When the chosen people were in bondage in Egypt, many, in the midst of prevailing idolatry, lost their knowledge of God's law; but when the Lord delivered Israel, He proclaimed His law in awful grandeur to the assembled multitude, that they might know His will, and fear and obey Him forever. From that day to the present, the knowledge of God's law has been preserved in the earth, and the Sabbath of the Fourth commandment has been kept." *The Great Controversy*, p453.

"The Sabbath is a golden clasp that unites God and His people." T., v. 6, p. 351.

Gen. 2:3. Instituted by God.

Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 20:11. The Sabbath is a memorial of creation. E. 251.

Ex. 20:9-11. The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Bible.

Mark 2:27. It was made for man.

Gen. 2:3. God blessed the Sabbath.

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Ex. 31:15. Sanctified the Sabbath.

Ex. 20:11. Hallowed the Sabbath.

Lev. 19:30. Commands us to keep the Sabbath.

Ex. 20:8. Commands us to recognize the sanctity of the Sabbath. T., v. 6, pp. 349-352.

Ex. 16:23, 25, 26. A threefold miracle marked the Sabbath during the wilderness wanderings. P.P. 296.

Deut. 5:15. God will have His goodness commemorated in the observance of the Sabbath.

Neh. 9:12-14. The Lord shows favor to His people in appointing a Sabbath.

Ex. 23:12. Considerate kindness was shown in appointing the Sabbath.

Ex.31:13.The Sabbath is a sign of God's power to sanctify His people.

Heb. 4:4, 9. The Sabbath is a type of the heavenly rest.

CHRIST AND THE SABBATH

DID CHRIST KEEP THE SABBATH?

Mark 2:28. Christ is Lord of the Sabbath. D.A. 288.

Luke 4:16. Jesus was accustomed to keep the Sabbath when he was on the earth.

Matt. 24:20. Taught His disciples to pray that they might not break the Sabbath. D.A. 630.

Luke 4:31; 6:6. Christ taught on the Sabbath day.

John 5:5-9. Healed on the Sabbath day.

Mark 3:1-5. He taught that it was right to perform acts of mercy on the Sabbath day. D.A. 286.

Matt. 12:12; Luke 13:16. The Savior recognized the Sabbath law.

Ex. 20:10; Deut. 5:14. Servants and cattle should be allowed to rest upon the Sabbath.

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Lev.23:3; Ex.20:10. No manner of work is to be done on the Sabbath. T., v. 6, pp. 354-356.

Neh. 10:31; 13:15-17. No purchases are to be made. P.K. 667, 671.

Neh. 13:19; Jer. 17:21. No burdens are to be carried. P.K. 411.

Ex. 16:23. Food prepared the day before. T., v. 6, p. 357; M.H. 307.

Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31. Day begins with the evening.

Lev. 23:32; Mark 1:21, 32. Sabbath begins at sunset.

Neh.13:19. All work set aside when it begins to be dark, before the Sabbath.

Acts 16:13. Divine worship is to be celebrated on the Sabbath.

Acts 13:27; 15:21. The Scriptures are to be read on the Sabbath.

Acts 13:14,15,42-44;17:2;18:4.The word of God is to be preached on the Sabbath. A.A. 229.

Num. 28:9; Matt. 12:5; John 7:23. Work connected with religious services is allowed on the Sabbath.

Matt. 12:1; Luke 13:15, 16; 14:1. Necessary wants may be supplied on the Sabbath day

THE SABBATH AND THE NEW COVENANT **THE TWO COVENANTS**

The Old Covenant

Made when Israel came from Egypt, Heb. 8:9; Jer. 31:32. First promise to obey, Ex. 19:5-8. Second promise, Ex. 24:3. Third promise, Ex. 24:4-7. Covenant then ratified by blood, Ex. 24:8; Heb. 9:17-21. This is called the first covenant, not because it was the first one made, but because it was the first one ratified by blood. P.P. 371. This covenant was broken. Jer. 31:32. They promised to obey in their own strength and failed. Only in Christ's strength can any keep their covenant with God. P.P. 372.

The New Covenant

Law of God the basis, Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10. Forgiveness of sins in covenant, Jer. 31:34. Christ's blood only cleanses from sin, 1 John 1:7. Christ, a lamb slain from the foundation of the world, Rev. 13:8; therefore, the new covenant began in the beginning and extends until sin is destroyed forever, P.P. 370. Obedience to the law of God through the blood of Christ is the object of the everlasting, or new covenant, Heb. 13:20, 21. First promise of a Saviour, Gen. 3:15. The Lord pledged the new, or everlasting covenant, to Noah and his posterity, Gen. 9:9-17. The rainbow given as a pledge of the covenant, Gen. 9:13-16. Covenant pledged to Abraham and his children, Gen. 17:2-7, 21; P.P. 371. Abraham's seed, Gal. 3:16, 19. Covenant same as will, or last testament, Gal. 3:15, margin; Heb. 9:16, 17. Death of the testator seals the will, or testament, Heb. 9:16. Christ's death sealed or ratified the new covenant, John 19:28-30.

Even a man's will can not be broken after the death of the testator, Gal.3:15. Nothing can be added to Christ's covenant after His death; for that reason He instituted baptism and the Lord's supper,-memorial of His death and resurrection, before the events had taken place, that the memorials might become a part of the new covenant, John 4:1; Rom. 6:3-5; Matt. 26:26-28. Christ renewed the Sabbath commandment before His death, Matt. 24:20. The strongest advocates for Sunday observance give nothing earlier than the first day of the week upon which Christ arose from the dead as evidence for Sunday observance; but it is on the wrong side of the cross to be included in the everlasting, or new covenant. Nothing can be added after Christ's death.

Illustration of living under the new covenant, Ex. 33:12-15. Moses depended on God continually. Christ exemplified it fully in His life, John 8:28, 5:30. The one who walks by faith, trusting in God for help continually, lives under the new covenant, P.P. 431. The individual who walks by sight, trusting in his own strength, lives under the old covenant. Under which covenant are you living?

THE RELATION OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE ON THE SABBATH DAY IT'S ABOUT RELATIONSHIP

Gen. 2:2, 3. The seventh-day is the rest day of the Lord, the memorial of Creation, and existed before sin entered the world. D.A. 769.

Ex.20:10; Lev.23:3; Deut.5:14. It is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

Ex. 31:15. The Sabbath of rest. P.P. 47.

Ex. 16:23. The rest of the holy Sabbath.

Isa. 58:13. It is God's holy day.

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Rev. 1:10. It is the Lord's day. A.A. 581.

Ex. 34:21. A rush of work is no excuse for breaking the Sabbath. P.P. 314.

Amos 8:5. Sabbath-breaking is classed with false balances and short measures.

Neh. 13:22. Saints observe the Sabbath.

Ps. 118:24; 58:13. Saints rejoice in the Sabbath.

Neh. 13:15, 20, 21. Testify against those who desecrate the Sabbath.

Isa. 58:13, 14. There is a blessing in honoring it. D.A. 207.

Isa. 56:2-6. There is a blessing in keeping the Sabbath. P.P. 48.

Isa. 66:22, 23. The Sabbath will be kept throughout eternity.

THE WICKED AND THE SABBATH

THERE SHALL BE SCOFFERS IN THE LAST DAYS - 2 PETER 3:3

Lam. 1:7. The wicked mock at the Sabbath.

Isa. 56:2. They pollute it.

Neh. 13:17. They profane it. P.P. 113.

Amos 8:5-7. The wicked weary of the Sabbath.

Eze 22:26. They hide their eyes from the Sabbath.

Neh. 13:15. They also bear burdens upon the Sabbath.

Neh. 10:31. The wicked traffic on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:14; John 9:16. Sometimes they pretend to be zealous for it.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

THE "FIRST DAY" TEXTS

There are nine references in the Bible to the first day of the week, as follows:

Gen. 1:5; Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1, 2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1; 20:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2.

The first day of the week was named by Jehovah 6,000 years ago. The six inspired writers that mention it, call it by the same name,-the first day of the week. None allude to it as the holy rest day, while three of them state it came the day after the Sabbath, showing that they did not regard it as the Sabbath. P.K. 183, 184. It is classed among the working days. Eze. 46:1. Paul bore the following testimony 32 years this side of the cross: "I have committed nothing against the people or customs of our fathers." Acts 28:17. If he had kept any other Sabbath than the Seventh-day Sabbath, he would have departed from the customs of his fathers.

In fact, the first day of the week is a work day in God's eyes, notice how God worked on the first day:

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

THE WEEKLY CYCLE

WHY 7 DAYS IN A WEEK?

Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31; Gen. 2:1-3. The weekly cycle made at creation. Days numbered, but not named. P.P. 111.

Gen 4:3, margin. They gathered for worship at the close of the cycle of days.

Eze. 46:1. Six of the days are called working days; the remaining one is a rest day.

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Gen. 2:2, 3. All are alike except the seventh day, which was blessed and sanctified.

Isa. 58:13. God calls it His "holy day."

Ex. 20:8-11. It is called the "Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

Mark 2:28. "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath."

While all the days were numbered, the Lord gave names to the sixth and seventh days only; the 7th day was called the "Sabbath."

Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54. The sixth day was called the "preparation day."

Ex. 16:22, 23. Food was to be prepared on this day for the Sabbath.

Luke 23:54-56. The spices to embalm the Savior were brought upon this day.

The week, unlike the day, month, and year, is not connected with the movements of any heavenly bodies. The names of the seven days of which the week is composed were derived by the Egyptians from the seven celestial bodies then known.

Isa. 66:22, 23. The weekly cycle will continue on the new earth, and all will gather for worship upon the Sabbath

DID CHRIST CHANGE THE SABBATH?

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY?

Matt. 5:17, 18. Wicked persons in the time of Christ were tempted to accuse Him of changing the law of God; but He read their thoughts and rebuked them for it before the words were spoken. P.K. 183.

John 5:10-19. The Jews sought to kill Jesus because he healed the sick upon the Sabbath day. D.A. 204, 211.

John 9:14-16. They thought He was not of God because He healed on the Sabbath day. D.A. 471, 472.

Matt. 12:10-12. The Saviour referred them to the Scriptures, stating that it was lawful to do acts of mercy on the Sabbath day, thus recognizing the Sabbath law. D.A. 285.

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John 15:10. Jesus repudiated every charge of breaking the Sabbath by declaring that He kept his Father's commandments.

Mark 7:6-12. He refused to honor "tradition of men," substituted for God's law.

Isa. 42:21. The prophet Isaiah, looking down through the ages to the time of Christ, said that He would "magnify the law and make it honorable."

Luke 4:16. Jesus kept the Sabbath.

Matt. 24:20. He taught His disciples to honor it.

Luke 23:54-56. His followers kept it; Jesus never changed the Sabbath.

DID THE APOSTLES CHANGE THE SABBATH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT? SURELY PAUL KNEW WHICH DAY TO KEEP...

Gen. 2:2, 3. It was the seventh day of the week that was first sanctified and set apart as the Sabbath of the Lord.

Ex. 20:8-11. It was the same seventh-day that the followers of the Saviour kept while He lay dead in Joseph's new tomb. Luke 23:54-56.

Mark 16:1,2. The Sabbath of the New Testament comes on the day before the first day of the week.

Luke 23:54-56; 24:1. From these verses we see that the Sabbath of the New Testament was the day between Friday, the preparation day, and Sunday, the first day of the week.

Acts. 13:14, 15, 42-44. Paul preached in Ephesus on the Sabbath day.

Acts 16:12, 13. Work in Philippi opened with the Sabbath service.

Acts 17:2. Thessalonica church had Sabbath service.

Acts 18:4, 11. For one and half years Paul held Sabbath services in Corinth.

Acts 18:17. If the apostles had not kept the seventh-day Sabbath, Paul could not have said that they had done nothing against the customs of the Jews.

Acts 15:21. As late as the year 52 A.D., 21 years this side of the cross, in every city the Scriptures were "read in the synagogues every Sabbath day." This Sabbath day was the same day that had been kept from the days of Moses.

Acts 13:42, 44. The Jews and believing Gentiles kept the same day for the Sabbath. There is no mention in the New Testament of any change of the Sabbath to the first day of the week. The disciples did not change the Sabbath. G.C. 451; P.K. 372.

WHO CHANGED THE SABBATH?

WHY DO THE MAJORITY OF PROFESSED CHRISTIANS AND CATHOLICS KEEP THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK THEN?

Since we have found that neither Christ nor His disciples changed the Sabbath day, and that the Bible does not record any change, we will have to look to history for the change of the Sabbath.

The seventh day continued to be kept for several generations after Christ, but with a sacredness gradually decreasing in proportion to the rising influence of Sunday; until the church became so powerful that wherever it had sway, it put down the Sabbath, and exalted the first day of the week. This was a gradual work, taking several centuries for its accomplishment.

In the year A.D. 321, Constantine issued the following edict: "Let all the judges and townspeople, and the occupation of all trades rest on the venerable day of the sun; but let those who are situated in the country freely and at full liberty attend to the business of agriculture; because it often happens that no other day is so fit for sowing corn and planting vines; lest, the critical moment being let slip, men should lose the commodities granted by heaven." This is the first Sunday law. G.C. 53.

The church favored the keeping of Sunday, and different edicts were issued from time to time; but, notwithstanding all this many Christians still kept the seventh-day Sabbath "according to the commandment."

Because the practice of keeping the seventh-day Sabbath was evidently gaining ground in the Eastern church, the following decree was passed in the council held in Laodicea (A.D. 364); "That members of the church should not rest from work on the Sabbath-day like the Jews, but should labor on that day, and preferring in honor the Lord's day; then, if it be in their power, should rest from work as Christians."-Sermons on the Sacrament and the Sabbath, pp. 122, 123. G.C. 65.

"In Augsburg Confession, which was drawn up by Melancthon (and approved by Luther), to the question, "What ought we to think of the Lord's day?" it is answered that the Lord's day, Easter,

Whitsuntide, and other such holy days, ought to be kept, because they are appointed by the church."

Dan. 7:25. There is no account in the Bible of any Sabbath of the Lord, except the seventh-day Sabbath; but Daniel prophesied of a power that would think to change the law of God. P.K. 179.

Eze. 22:26-28; 13:10-12. Ezekiel saw the law violated, Sabbath profaned, and those who should have led in the right lines, using "untempered mortar," or giving falsehood instead of God's words. P.P. 477.

The following is taken from the "Catholic Christian Instructed," 17th edition, revised and corrected, pp. 272, 273:

Question: What warrant do you have for keeping Sunday preferably to the ancient Sabbath which was Saturday?

Answer: We have for it the authority of the Catholic church, and apostolic tradition.

Question: Does the Scripture anywhere command the Sunday to be kept for the Sabbath?

Answer: "The Scripture commands us to hear the church (Matt. 18:17; Luke 10:16), and to hold fast the traditions of the apostles, 2 Thess. 2:15. But the Scripture does not in particular mention this change of the Sabbath. John speaks of the Lord's day (Rev. 1:10); but he does not tell us what day of the week this was, much less does he tell us what day was to take the place of the Sabbath ordained in the commandments. St. Luke speaks of the disciples meeting together to break bread on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7. And Paul (1 Cor. 16:2) orders that on the first day of the week the Corinthians should lay by in store what they designated to bestow in charity on the faithful in Judea; but neither the one nor the other tells us that this first day of the week was to be henceforth a day of worship, and the Christian Sabbath; so that truly the best authority we have for this ancient custom is the testimony of the church. And therefore, those who pretend to such religious observers of Sunday, whilst they take no notice of other festivals ordained by the same church authority, show that they act more by humor, than by reason and religion; since Sundays and holidays all stand upon the same foundation namely, the ordinance of the church."

"The Doctrinal Catechism," pp. 174, 352, offers proof that Protestants are not guided by the Scriptures. We present two of the questions and answers:

Question: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept?

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her,-she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority.

Question: When Protestants do profane work on Saturday, or the seventh day of the week, do they follow the Scriptures as their only rule of faith-do they find this permission clearly laid down in the Sacred Volume?

Answer: On the contrary, they have only the authority of tradition for this practice. In profaning Saturday, they violate one of God's commandments, which He has never clearly abrogated, 'Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.' Ex. 20:8:11; G.C. 447.

THE LAW OF GOD

IF GOD IS UNCHANGING, DOES THAT MEAN HIS LAW IS UNCHANGING?

"Christ's death did not make the law of none effect; it did not slay the law, lessen its holy claims; nor did it detract from its sacred dignity. The death of Christ proclaimed the justice of His Father's law in punishing the transgressor, in that He consented to suffer the penalty of the law Himself, in order to save fallen man from its curse. The death of God's beloved Son on the cross, shows the immutability of the law of God. His death magnifies the law and makes it honorable, and gives evidence to man of its changeless character. . . The death of Christ justified the claims of the law." T., v. 2, p. 201.

The Law of God Existed Before It Was Proclaimed Upon Mount Sinai

Rom. 5:13. "Sin is not imputed where there is no law." T., v. 8., p. 207.

Gen. 2:17; 3:1-7. Eve coveted the fruit and then stole. P.P. 55, 56.

Gen. 4:7. Sin lay at Cain's door. P.P. 81-83.

Gen. 13:13; 19:4-11. Sodomites were "sinners before the Lord exceedingly."

Gen. 39:7-10. Sin to break the 7th commandment. P.P. 217.

Gen. 9:20-27. Cursed for breaking the 5th commandment.

Ex. 16:22-30. Sabbath 30 days before Sinai.

Ex. 5:5. Israelites kept Sabbath. P.P. 258.

Gen. 32:2-5. Idolatry is a sin.

Gen. 6:5, margin. The antediluvians broke all the law; for every imagination of the heart was evil every day. P.P. 159.

The Giving of the Law

Deut. 4:32, 33. Greatest event in history.

Ex. 19:1; Num. 1:45, 46. Audience of at least 1,000,000.

Ex. 19:10, 11. Three days' preparation.

Ex. 19:12, 13. Bounds around Sinai.

Ex. 19:16-20. Wonderful display of grandeur. T., v. 8, p. 198.

Ps. 68:8,17; Heb. 12:26. Thousands of angels. Whole earth shook.

Deut. 4:12,13; Ex. 20:1-17. From the midst of the glory God spoke the ten commandments. P.P. 303-311.

Deut. 5:22. God spoke no other words.

Deut. 4:9, 10. We should never forget that great display of power and glory. Teach the children about it. T., v. 6, p. 10.

Ex. 24:12. Moses called into the Mount.

Ex. 31:18. God gave unto Moses "two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." P.P. 314.

Ex.32:16."The tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables."

Ex. 32:7-19. Tables broken. P.P. 320.

Deut. 10:1-5. Moses made second tables after the pattern of the first; God wrote the law on the second tables. P.P. 329.

The Law of God Revealed in Purpose and Meaning

Ps. 19:7. The law is perfect. G.C. 468.

Rom. 7:12. Holy, just, and good. G.C. 433, 434.

Matt. 5:17,18. Christ forbade anyone even thinking that He would change the law.

Col. 1:25, margin. To fulfill is to preach fully.

Isa. 42:21. Christ magnified the law.

Matt. 5:21-26; 1 John 3:15. Hatred in heart breaks the law.

Ps. 119:96. The commandments are exceedingly broad.

Matt. 5:27, 28. Impure thoughts break the law. D.A. 310.

Matt. 5:33-37. The use of bywords is swearing.

Mark 7:7-13. Tradition can never take the place of the law.

Matt. 19:16-22. There is life in obedience.

Luke 10:25,26. Carefully consider, "what is written in the law"; take it as it reads.

John 15:10. Christ kept the law. T., v. 8, p. 208; C.O.L. 282, 283.

Matt. 22:34-40. The law embraces our full duty to God and fellowmen. G.C. 467.

Matt. 12:1-8. Christ's disciples accused of breaking the Sabbath. He was Lord of it. D.A. 204, 284-286.

Matt. 12:10-14. "It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath-day."

Luke 4:16. Christ kept the 4th commandment.

1 Peter 2:21. Follow His steps.

Converting Power in the Law

Ps. 19:7. Converts the soul. D.A. 308.

Rom. 3:19; Num. 15:16. All the world subject to the law. T., v. 8, p. 199.

Isa. 59:2, margin. Sin separates from God.

Rom. 3:20, 7:7. The law points out sin.

Jas. 1:23-25. A spiritual mirror; reveals sin, but can not remove it. T., v. 4, p. 294.

1 John 1:7, 9. Blood of Christ alone can cleanse from sin.

Gal. 3:24. Law leads to Christ. D.A. 308.

Rom. 3:31. Faith establishes the law. D.A. 126.

Isa 51:7; Ps. 37:31. Law in the heart establishes righteousness.

Rom. 3:21. Law witnesses to righteousness.

Ecc. 12:13, 14; Rom. 2:12, 13. Standard in judgment. G.C. 482.

Rev. 22:14. Passport into glory. G.C. 639, 640.

Ps. 119:97. "O how I love thy law."

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT IS AN INTERESTING FACT THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT GIVES DIVINE SANCTION TO EACH OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1st commandment, Matt. 22:37.

2nd commandment, 1 John 5:21; 1 Cor. 10:19-21; John 4:24.

3rd commandment, Matt. 5:33-37.

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4th commandment, Mark 2:27, 28; Matt. 24:20; 28:1; Mark 16:1, 2; Luke 4:16; 23:54-56.

5th commandment, Matt. 15:4-9; Eph. 6:1-3.

6th commandment, Matt. 5:21, 22; 1 John 3:15.

7th commandment, Matt. 5:27, 28; 19:9, 18.

8th commandment, Matt. 19:18; 15:19.

9th commandment, Matt. 19:18.

10th commandment, Rom. 7:7; Matt. 19:21-22.

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The Law and the Gospel

The law is the gospel concealed: The gospel is the law revealed.

The law is the gospel fullness delayed: The gospel is the lawfulness portrayed.

The law is the gospel contained: The gospel is the law maintained.

The law is the gospel sighted: The gospel is the law lighted.

The law is Christ designed: The gospel is Christ enshrined.

THE SEAL OF GOD

**"THEREFORE HAVING THIS SEAL, THE LORD KNOWS THEM THAT ARE HIS." -
2 TIMOTHY 2:19**

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Esther 8:8. A seal attached to a document makes it legal. A legal seal gives the name of the person issuing the seal, also his title and territory. In this text Ahasuerus was the name, king and title, and Persia the territory over which he ruled.

Rom. 4:11. Sign and seal are synonymous.

Isa. 8:16. The seal of earthly rulers is attached to their laws to make them binding upon their subjects. The seal of God is attached to His law to make it binding upon all His subjects. P.P. 307.

Matt. 5:17, 18; Rom. 7:7; Jas. 2:8-12; Ex. 24:12; Deut. 4:9-13. God's law is the ten commandments.

Ex. 20:8-11. Read carefully each commandment and find where God has attached His seal,-His name, title, and territory.

Ex. 20:11. In the last part of the fourth commandment, we find all the specifications of the seal. Lord, His name; Creator, His title; His territory, the heavens and earth. All within that territory are amenable to His law.

Ex. 31:13. The Sabbath is a sign or seal of God's authority. G.C. 605.

Gen. 2:2, 3. There were three steps in making the Sabbath. 1. God rested on the seventh day; that made it God's rest day. 2. He blessed the seventh day after He had rested; that made all the succeeding seventh-days God's blessed rest days. 3. He sanctified it, or set it apart for a holy use, and it became God's blessed, holy, rest day. D.A. 281.

Joshua 5:15. It is God's presence that makes anything holy.

Isa. 58:13. God calls the Sabbath His holy day. His presence is in the day.

Eze. 20:20. The Sabbath is the sign or seal of God. The one that hallows it acknowledges that he is a subject of God's kingdom, and knows that the Lord is his god. T., v., 9, p. 18.

Eze. 20:12. Just as the seventh day was set apart for a holy use, so the keeping of the Sabbath becomes a sign of sanctification between God and the individual that keeps it. In the act of keeping the Sabbath he acknowledges he is set apart for holy work. God is first in all his work and business.

Ex. 20:8. The Sabbath is holy; God wishes us to regard it as holy time.

Ex. 31:13. The one that in the fear of God will keep the Sabbath holy, becomes holy.

Ex. 31:17. The rest, refreshing, and blessing were placed in the seventh day, not in any other day.

Num. 23:19,20. The blessing cannot be transferred by man to any other day. God's blessing can not be reversed by man.

1 Chron. 17:27. God's blessing continues forever.

Isa. 66:22, 23. The Sabbath will be God's blessed, holy, rest day throughout eternity.

THE SEALING WORK

"THE THRONES WERE CAST DOWN...THE JUDGMENT WAS SET, AND THE BOOKS WERE OPENED." - DANIEL 7:9-10

Isa. 8:16, 17. The command was given to bind up the testimony and seal the law, at the time they were waiting for the coming of the Lord. The law was broken and needed binding up. The seal had been taken from the law and must be replaced. P.K. 678.

Isa. 58:13. The prophet foretold a period when the Sabbath would be trampled under foot. The seal disregarded and was from the law.

Eze. 9:1-11. Ezekiel shown vision in heaven of angels flying to and from earth with a "writer's inkhorn" to seal those which are God's in their foreheads. Great and terrible is their work. They report to the "man clothed with lined" standing in the sanctuary of Heaven.

Rev. 7:1-4. John saw a special sealing message going to the earth.

Rev. 7:1. Winds denote war and strife. Dan. 11:40. The affairs of all earthly powers are held until the number of the redeemed is made up. The judgments of God that will affect the atmosphere, land, and water (Rev. 6:12-16), can not be poured out upon the earth until the sealing is finished.

Rev.7:1. When God said, "After these things," He must have referred to the events of Rev. 6:12, 13, as the last verses of Revelation 6 follow the sealing work. The stars fell in 1833. The special work of restoring the seal of God-the fourth commandment-to its proper position in the law of God, could not come earlier than that date.

Rev. 11:18,19. In the time of the judgment of the dead, the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark containing the law revealed. After the disappointment of 1844, the people of God saw the light on the subject of the sanctuary in heaven. Then they saw the binding claim of the

fourth commandment as well as the nine other commands of the decalogue. The Sabbath reform commenced at that time; by 1848 it began to be recognized as the fulfillment of Rev. 7:1-4.

Rev. 7:2. Like the sunlight on the earth, first the faint light of dawn, then the gradual increase until the noonday rays are felt,-this work began feeble with only a few, but it has spread until those who hallow the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Lord are found in every nation on earth. It is rapidly increasing, and every individual will have an opportunity to reject or accept.

The Sealing Work Finished

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Early Writings, p 279.2

THE 144,000

GOD'S FINAL REMNANT, HIS VERY ELECT

Rev. 7:4. There are 144,000 of the sealed ones. Many children of God are dying daily who have never had their attention called to this truth, and are saved among the innumerable company.
Rev. 7:9.

Eze. 9:1-4. The seal is here spoken of as a mark, which is the same as a sign.

Rev. 7:3. The seal is placed in the forehead, which is the mind, or seat of affections.

Eze. 9:4. Those who are seeking to save others and are grieved on account of sin in the land, will receive the seal of God. T., v. 7, p. 144.

Rev. 14:1. They receive the name of the Father.

Ex. 34:5, 6. The name of God is His character. Those who are sealed will partake of His character.

2 Tim. 2:19. All who have the seal depart from iniquity.

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Rev. 14:3-5. They are to stand without fault, are to have no guile. They will follow the Lamb wheresoever he goeth. T., v.5, pp. 214, 216.

Eph. 4:30; 1:13. The Holy Spirit places the seal.

Rev. 14:9-12. They refuse the mark of the beast and his image. P.K. 188.

Rev. 15:1-3. This company stands on Mount Zion triumphant over every foe. God, not man, does the numbering.

Num. 3:39; 26:62; Matt. 14:21; 15:38; Acts 19:7. The way God numbers.

Eze. 9:11, margin. When every one who will accept the message is sealed, the angel reports that the work is finished.

Eze. 9:5-7. The judgments of God follow the sealing work.

Eze. 9:8, 9. So many that had been counted with Israel were slain that it looked as if all the people of God would be destroyed.

Rom. 9:6. All who make a profession are not really Israel.

Eze. 9:6. Old and young stand on their own individual records.

Eze. 14:20. No one will be shielded or saved because of father's or mother's righteousness. Only an individual experience in the things of God will save any one.

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