

The Seventh Day Sabbath defines which God is the Lord of the Sabbath and who His People Truly Are!

The **seventh** Day Sabbath is God's **first** holy convocation out of seven holy convocations that is based on Leviticus 23:3 below.

“**SIX** days shall **WORK** be done, but the **SEVENTH** day is a **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
[**H7676: shabbâth: intermission**, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: (+ every) sabbath; **H7673: shâbath: to repose**, that is, *desist* from exertion] of solemn **REST** ³ [**H7677: shabbâthôn: a sabbatism** or special holiday: - rest, sabbath], a **HOLY** ⁴ [**H6944: qôdesh: a sacred** place or thing; consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing)] **CONVOCATION** ⁵ [**H4744: miqrâ': called out**, that is, a public meeting or assembly for the purpose of a rehearsal, calling or reading]. You shall do **NO WORK** on it; it is the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ **OF THE LORD** in **ALL** your **DWELLINGS**.” ~ Leviticus 23:3 (NKJV)

¹According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H7676** the word “*Sabbath*” is the Hebrew word “*shabbâth*” pronounced “*shab-bawth*” which is intensive from **H7673**; *intermission*, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: - (+ every) sabbath.

²According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H7673** the word “*Sabbath*” is from the root Hebrew word “*shâbath*” pronounced “*shaw-bath*” which is from a primitive root; *to repose*, that is, *desist* from exertion; used in many implied relations (causatively, figuratively or specifically): - (cause to, let, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, take away.

³According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H7677** the word “*rest*” is the Hebrew word “*shabbâthôn*” pronounced “*shab-baw-thone*” which is from **H7676**; a *sabbatism* or special holiday: - rest, sabbath.

⁴According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H6944** the word “*holy*” is the Hebrew word “*qôdesh*” pronounced “*ko'-desh*” which is from **H6942**; a *sacred* place or thing; rarely abstractly *sanctity*: - consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, (X most) holy (X day, portion, thing), saint, sanctuary.

⁵According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H4744** the word “*convocation*” is the Hebrew word “*miqrâ'*” pronounced “*mik-raw*” and is from **H7121**; something **CALLED OUT**, that is, **A PUBLIC MEETING** (the act, the persons, or the place); also **A REHEARSAL**: - **ASSEMBLY**, calling, convocation, reading.

Based on Leviticus 23:3 above, we are told the following:

1. Six days in a week we shall work, but the SEVENTH day is a Sabbath which is an intermission from our work. Therefore, absolutely NO WORK is to be done on the SEVENTH day of the week, which occurs every week. For we are commanded by God to repose (rest) ourselves and desist from ALL exertion on His Sabbath Day for it is to be a day of solemn rest (a *sabbatism* or Sabbath) in ALL our dwellings.

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2. The SEVENTH day Sabbath is also a holy day which means it is to be *consecrated*, *dedicated*, and *hallowed* unto the Lord.
3. The SEVENTH day Sabbath is to be observed as a *holy* “convocation” which is a public meeting or an assembly for the purpose of God’s *Ekklēsia* (church)—His called out ones, to gather together on the SEVENTH day of the week in order to worship, pray, read the Word and be taught by the five-fold ministry of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, teacher and pastor based on Ephesians 4 for the purpose of equipping ALL the saints for ministry so that **every** believer can be disciplined to carryout *The Great Commission*.

Moreover, remembering the Sabbath Day it is also the **fourth** (4th) commandment of *The Ten Commandments* which Moses gave to the *children of Israel* under the Old Covenant that is reiterated in the New Testament, as are ALL the remaining commandments of *The Ten Commandments*. I will prove beyond a shadow of doubt that the Apostle Paul has commanded us to **KEEP** the Sabbath in the New Testament under the New Covenant later on in this chapter.

For now let’s confirm based on God’s Word WHICH day of the Creation week God **RESTED** from **all** His work, that He also **BLESSED** and **SANCTIFIED** based on Genesis 2:2-3 below.

“And on the SEVENTH day **GOD** ⁶ [H430: *’Ēlôhîym*: the (true), Supreme God] **ended** His **WORK** ⁷ [H4399: *m’lâ’kâh*: properly *deputyship*, that is, ministry; generally *employment* (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also *property* (as the result of *labor*)] which He had done, and He **RESTED** ⁸ [H7673: *shâbath*: to *repose*, that is, *desist* from exertion; to rest and to celebrate—to keep the Sabbath] on the SEVENTH day from **all** His **WORK** ⁷ which He had done. Then **GOD** ⁶ **BLESSED** ⁹ [H1288: *bârak*: to *kneel*, *praise*, or *thank*; by implication to *bless* God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit)] the SEVENTH day and **SANCTIFIED** ¹⁰ [H6942: *qâdash*: to be or to keep holy by consecrating or dedicating oneself to be ceremonially or morally clean by purifying or sanctifying oneself] it, because in it [the seventh day] He **RESTED** ⁸ from **all** His **WORK** ⁷ which **GOD** ⁶ had **CREATED** and **MADE**.” ~ Genesis 2:2-3 (NKJV)

⁶According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* #H430 the word “God” is the Hebrew word “*’elôhîym*” pronounced “*el-o-heem*” which is plural of H433; *gods* in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme *God*; occasionally applied by way of deference to *magistrates*; and sometimes as a superlative: - angels, X exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.

⁷According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H4399** the word “*work*” is the Hebrew word “*m^elâ'kâh*” pronounced “*mel-aw-kaw*” which is from the same as [H4397](#); properly *deputyship*, that is, ministry; generally *employment* (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also *property* (as the result of *labor*): - business, + cattle, + industrious, occupation, (+ -pied), + officer, thing (made), use, (manner of) work ([-man], -manship).

⁸According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H7673** the word “*rested*” is the Hebrew word “*shâbath*” pronounced “*shaw-bath*” which is a primitive root; **TO REPOSE, THAT IS, DESIST FROM EXERTION**; used in many implied relations (causatively, figuratively or specifically): - (cause to, let, make to) **CEASE, CELEBRATE**, cause (make) to fail, **KEEP (SABBATH)**, suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) **REST**, rid, still, take away.

⁹ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H1288** the word “*blessed*” is the Hebrew word “*bâarak*” pronounced “*baw-rak*” which is a primitive root; **TO KNEEL; BY IMPLICATION TO BLESS GOD (AS AN ACT OF ADORATION), AND (VICE-VERSA) MAN (AS A BENEFIT)**; also (by euphemism) to *curse* (God or the king, as treason): - X abundantly, X altogether, X at all, blaspheme, bless, congratulate, curse, X greatly, X indeed, kneel (down), praise, salute, X still, thank.

¹⁰ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H6942** the word “*sanctified*” is synonymous with the word “*holy*” and “*hallow*” and “*hallowed*” and is the Hebrew word “*qâdash*” pronounced “*kaw-dash*” which is a primitive root; to *be* (causatively *make, pronounce* or *observe* as) **CLEAN (CEREMONIALLY OR MORALLY)**: - appoint, bid, **CONSECRATE, DEDICATE**, defile, hallow, (be, keep) **HOLY** (-er, place), keep, prepare, proclaim, **PURIFY, SANCTIFY (-IED ONE, SELF)**, X wholly.

Based on Genesis 2:2-3 above, we are clearly told three (3) times that it was on the SEVENTH day of the Creation week that God rested from **all** His work. Not only did God rest on the SEVENTH day, He also blessed and sanctified this day. And, when God's Word says the same thing three times we would be very wise to take notice of what is being said.

In addition, some of us are of the “*opinion*” that it really doesn't matter what day of the week that we rest on and cease from **all** our work. However, by the time I get done with this teaching on God's SEVENTH day Sabbath you will know just how much it does matter to God. Furthermore, the SEVENTH day of the week is the **only** day of the Creation week that God blessed and sanctified as well.

Next, in Exodus 20:8-10 below, God admonishes us to REMEMBER and to DO what He did at the end of the Creation week by KEEPING the Sabbath Day holy. Therefore, do you suppose that it is a coincidence that the **fourth** commandment out of *The Ten Commandments* comes immediately following the **third** commandment which is for us **not** to take the Lord's Name in vain? By the time you finish reading this Chapter you will realize the significance of why it is **not** a coincidence! Moreover, '*Ēlôhîym*: the (true), Supreme God, who is also our Creator says to us that we are to do NO work whatsoever on the Sabbath Day—for it a day of complete rest from all our labors that we do six days a week

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“Remember the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [H7676: *shabbâth*: intermission, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: *shâbath*: to repose, that is, desist from exertion] day, to KEEP it **HOLY** ¹⁰ [H6942: *qâdash*: to be or to keep holy by consecrating or dedicating oneself to be ceremonially or morally clean by purifying or sanctifying oneself]. SIX days you shall **LABOR** ¹¹ [H5647: *’âbad*: to work (in any sense); by implication to serve] and DO all your **WORK** ⁷ [H4399: *mêlâ’kâh*: properly *deputyship*, that is, ministry; generally *employment* (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also *property* (as the result of labor)], but the SEVENTH day is the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of the **LORD** ¹² [H3068: *Yêhōvâh*: the self Existent or eternal; *Jehovah*] your **GOD** ⁶ [H430: *’Ēlôhîym*: the (true), Supreme God]. In it [the seventh day Sabbath] you shall DO NO WORK: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor YOUR STRANGER who is within your gates.” ~ Exodus 20:8-10 (NKJV)

¹¹According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* # H5647 the word “labor” is the Hebrew word “’âbad” pronounced “aw-bad” which is a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.: - X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ing, self), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper.

¹²According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* # H3068 the word “LORD” is the Hebrew word “Yêhōvâh” pronounced “yeh-ho-vaw” which is from H1961; (the) self Existent or eternal; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord. Compare H3050, H3069.

Also notice based on Exodus 20:8-10 above, that God, our Creator, specifically says to us that the Sabbath Day is the Sabbath of *Yêhōvâh*, our *’Ēlôhîym*, whose official title is the Creator of the heavens and the earth based on Genesis 1:1 which tells us “who” created the heavens and the earth when God’s ETERNAL Word proclaims “In the beginning **GOD** ⁶ [H430: *’Ēlôhîym*: the (true), Supreme God] **CREATED** the HEAVENS and the EARTH.”

We already looked at the **fourth** commandment of *The Ten Commandments* based on Exodus 20:8-10. However, do we realize that the **seventh** day Sabbath is at the very heart of the COVENANT that *Yêhōvâh* established with ALL the *children of Israel* at the very first *Feast of Weeks* (*Shavuot* or *Pentecost*) which took place at the base of Mount Sinai long ago when the law was given by His servant Moses?

Especially since, these are the terms and conditions of WALKING in a COVENANT relationship with our heavenly Father once we come to the saving knowledge of His only *begotten* Son Jesus Christ.

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Again, a covenant is a written contract between two or more parties. Yet, all of God's **everlasting** COVENANTS [plural] throughout the *synergy of the ages* are between God and all creation, including us, His Created. Moreover, they have all been ratified (confirmed) with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. In addition, let's keep in mind that *The Ten Commandments* were written by the *finger of God!*

Also, what is very interesting is that the **seventh** day Sabbath is not only the **fourth** commandment of *The Ten Commandments*; it is also on the **fourth** day based on the Creation week that *the Word* came to the earth as the *Son of Man* as the second person in the Godhead in the Person of Jesus Christ or *Yahshua*. Jesus came to the earth the first time approximately 4,000 years after the **first** Adam's transgression at the fall.

Is this a coincidence? Especially since according to Matthew 12:8 Jesus Christ is the *Lord of the Sabbath!* Especially since Malachi 3:6 says, "*For I am the Lord, I do **NOT CHANGE**...*" And, Hebrews 13:8 says, "*Jesus Christ is the **SAME** yesterday, today, and forever.*"

Especially, since all Creation was established through *the Word* who is the *firstborn* of all Creation, who was sent to the earth by our heavenly Father *Y'hôvâh*, our *Ēlôhîym*, as the *Son of Man* in a body of flesh and blood so that He could die to seek and to save that which was lost based on the transgressions against God committed by the **first** Adam.

No, it is **NOT** a coincidence!

As such, God really wants His people to understand this indisputable truth which is based on the whole counsel of His Word. Not only is the SEVENTH day Sabbath the **fourth** (4th) commandment of *The Ten Commandments* it is also a PERPETUAL [from the beginning of the world and is without end] COVENANT FOREVER based on Exodus 31:16-17 below.

*"Therefore the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL shall KEEP the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [H7676: shabbâth: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: shâbath: to repose, that is, desist from exertion], to observe the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS [plural] as a **PERPETUAL** ¹³ [H5769: ôlâm: for eternity from the beginning of the world and is without end] **COVENANT** ¹⁴ [H1285: b^erîyth: a compact (made by passing between pieces of flesh)]. It [the Sabbath] is a **SIGN** ¹⁵ [H226: 'ôth: mark; evidence] between Me and the children of Israel **FOREVER** ¹³ [H5769: ôlâm: for eternity from the beginning of the world and is without end]; for in **SIX** days the **LORD** ¹² [H3068: Y'hôvâh: the self Existent or eternal; Jehovah] made the **HEAVENS** and the **EARTH**, and on the **SEVENTH** day He **RESTED** ⁸ [H7673:*

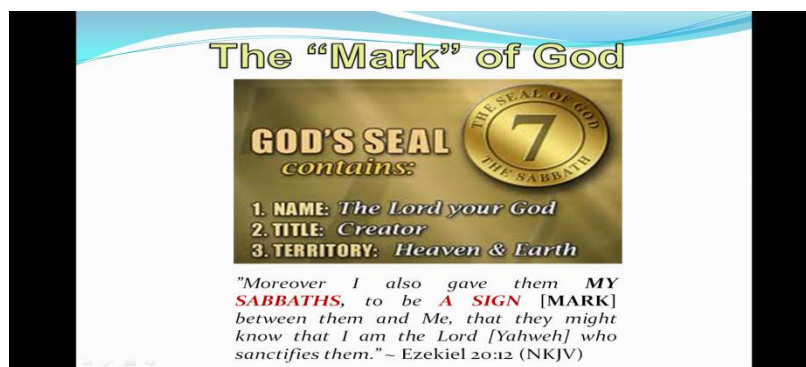
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Therefore, based on Ezekiel 20:19-20 above, *Y^ehōvâh*, the *self Existent*, ETERNAL *Jehovah*, who is also *’Ēlôhîym*, our Creator, who is also the only true Supreme God of the universe and everything in it, tells us His people the following things:

1. To **WALK** in His statutes, which are His appointed **everlasting** *ordinances* or *customs* which include us keeping *Y^ehōvâh*’s seven (7) holy convocations detailed in Leviticus 23.
2. To **KEEP** His judgments which are His divine law, individually or collectively, including the act or the place of a ceremony.
3. Which will be evidence by us:
 - a. DOING them!
 - b. HALLOWING them by keeping them holy by consecrating or dedicating ourselves in order to be *ceremonially* or *morally* clean by purifying or sanctifying ourselves as we submit to His Holy Spirit and His Word.

Then *Y^ehōvâh*, our *’Ēlôhîym*, specifically tells us that His Sabbaths [plural] will be a “**SIGN**” or “**MARK**” of **EVIDENCE** that He is our God and that we are His people, so that we **may** know that He is *’Ēlôhîym*, our Creator and the *Lord of the Sabbath*!

They say a picture is worth a thousand words...



As such, God’s **fourth** (4th) commandment of *The Ten Commandments* is at the very “*heart*” of His Law [Torah]! And, His SEVENTH day Sabbath defines “**WHO**” the *Lord of the Sabbath*

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is—it is *Ēlôhîym* the Creator of the heavens and the earth and *the Word*—who is the *firstborn* of **ALL** Creation!

Moreover, all creation was created by God’s Spirit as Creator of the heavens based on Genesis 1:2 and Job 26:13. And, this also includes us, His Created, based on Job 33:4 which proclaims, “*The Spirit of God has made me. And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*”

As such, God’s people really need to get this indisputable truth. *Y^ehōvâh*’s **fourth** (4th) commandment out of *The Ten Commandments* defines “**WHO**” the one and only true God is that gave us His law and established His EVERLASTING **perpetual** COVENANT with ALL His people throughout the *synergy of the ages!*

Again, *Y^ehōvâh* specifically tells us that His Sabbaths [plural] would be a “**SIGN**” or a “**MARK**” of **EVIDENCE** that He is our God and that we are His people **IF** we **WALK** in His *statutes*, **KEEP** His *judgments*, **DO** them and **HALLOW** them!

Therefore, *spiritually* speaking, those who keep and observe all of God’s Sabbaths [plural] including the SEVENTH day Sabbath which is a **PERPETUAL** COVENANT FOREVER are marked with God’s **Mark of Authority** (His signet ring) which is a “**SIGN**” or a “**MARK**” that He is our God and we are His people WALKING in a COVENANT relationship with Him!

In the meanwhile, if you are still not convinced that the SEVENTH day Sabbath is still applicable to New Covenant believers, then we must now answer the thought provoking question which is this. Is the SEVENTH (7th) day Sabbath only for the Jews from the *House of Judah* to **KEEP** and **OBSERVE**?

And, the answer to this question is a resounding **NO** and here is why...

REASON #1:

The SEVENTH day Sabbath was established and defined at the foundation of the world by the *Lord of the Sabbath*, *Y^ehōvâh*, our *Ēlôhîym*, and God our Creator, BEFORE there was a distinction of either Jew or Gentile and before the first man Adam was formed on the earth!

As clearly indicated based on Genesis 2:1-7, *Y^ehōvâh*, our *Ēlôhîym*, spent the first six (6) days of the creation week creating the heavens and the earth for His Created—**ALL** the host of them, for the express purpose of His people to inhabit the heavens and the earth at an appointed time.

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This happened at the very beginning when God's Spirit hovered over the face of the waters when the earth was without form and void and darkness was on the face of the deep, is when God created the "spirit man" or "soul" of every individual who would ever be preordained to come to the earth at His appointed time for His purposes and His glory to prevail! Again, based on the Hebrew meaning of the word "host" as used in Genesis 2:1-3, it is referring to a "mass" of people!

In addition, it was on the SEVENTH day of the creation week, that *Y'êhōvâh*, our 'Ēlōhîym ended ALL His work and He rested so that He could celebrate all the work that He had accomplished! As such, not only did He rest on the SEVENTH day, He **blessed** the SEVENTH day and **sanctified** it. So let's take a look at this entire passage of scripture which tells the whole story based on Genesis 2:1-7 below.

*"Thus the HEAVENS and the EARTH, and all the **HOST**¹⁸ [H6635: tsâbâ': a mass of persons (or figurative things), especially regularly organized for company, worship, service, war, or hardship at an appointed time] of them, were **finished**. And on the SEVENTH day God ended His **WORK**⁷ [H4399: m'êlâ'kâh: properly deputyship, that is, ministry; generally employment (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also property (as the result of labor)] which He had done, and He **RESTED**⁸ [H7673: shâbath: to repose, that is, desist from exertion; to rest and to celebrate—to keep the Sabbath] on the SEVENTH day from all His work which He had done. Then God **BLESSED**⁹ [H1288: bârak: to kneel, praise, or thank; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit)] the SEVENTH day and **SANCTIFIED**¹⁰ [H6942: qâdash : to be or to keep holy by consecrating or dedicating oneself to be ceremonially or morally clean by purifying or sanctifying oneself] it, because in it [the seventh day] He **RESTED**⁸ from all His **WORK**⁷ which God had created and made." ~ Genesis 2:1-3 (NKJV)*

"This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they [the mass of persons based on the word "host"] were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." ~ Genesis 2:4-7 (NKJV)

¹⁸According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H6635** the word “*host*” is the Hebrew word “*tsebâ'âh*” pronounced “*tseb-aw-aw*” which is from **H6633**; a **MASS OF PERSONS** (or figurative things), especially regularly organized for war (an *army*); by implication a *campaign*, literally or figuratively (specifically *hardship, worship*): - appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare).

Therefore, **before** God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils His *breath of life* and man became a living being, God established His SEVENTH day Sabbath in which He *rested, blessed, and sanctified* it for all ETERNITY from the beginning of the world and it is without end because His ETERNAL Spirit made a “*mass*” of persons long before they would come to the earth at His appointed time and there would be a clear distinction of God’s people of either being a Jew or a Gentile!

As such, God’s SEVENTH day Sabbath is to be kept by **ALL** His people as an act of adoration to bless God who *rested, blessed, and sanctified* the SEVENTH day Sabbath from the very beginning of the world and it is without end because He said so!

REASON #2:

God only has ONE law and ONE custom for ALL His people!

“**ONE LAW** ¹⁹ [**H8451: *tôrâh***: a *precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch*] shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.” ~ Exodus 12:49 (NKJV)

“You shall have the **same LAW** ¹⁷ [**H4941: *mishpât***: verdict (favorable or unfavorable pronounced judicially, especially a *sentence* or formal decree of divine law; justice] for **THE STRANGER** and for one **FROM YOUR OWN COUNTRY**; for I am the Lord your God.” ~ Leviticus 24:22 (NKJV)

“**ONE LAW** ¹⁹ [**H8451: *tôrâh***] and **ONE CUSTOM** ²⁰ [**H4941: *mishpât***: a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a *sentence* or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine law, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly *justice*; including a particular *right, or privilege* (statutory or customary), or even a *style*; judgment; ordinance; sentence] shall be **FOR YOU** and for **THE STRANGER** who dwells with you.” ~ Numbers 15:16 (NKJV)

¹⁹According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H8451** the word “*law*” is the Hebrew word “*tôrâh*” pronounced “*to-raw*” which is from **H3384**; **A PRECEPT OR STATUTE, ESPECIALLY THE DECALOGUE OR PENTATEUCH**: - law.

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²⁰ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H4941** the word “*custom*” is synonymous with the word “*manner*” as used in the KJV and is the Hebrew word “*mishpâṭ*” pronounced “*mish-pawt*” and is from **H8199**; properly a *verdict* (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a *sentence* or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine *law*, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly *justice*, including a particular *right*, or *privilege* (statutory or customary), or even a *style*: - + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong.

REASON #3:

The Ten Commandments were written by the *finger of God* and was given to **ALL** the *children of Israel* throughout the *synergy of the ages* based on Exodus 31:16-17 which I have already covered. In addition, based on the renewal of the first covenant that the Lord commanded Moses to make with the *children of Israel*—in Deuteronomy 29:14-15 below the Lord tells us ...

“I make this **COVENANT** ¹⁴ [**H1285: b^eriyth**: a compact (made by passing between pieces of flesh)] and this **OATH** ²¹ [**H423: 'âlâh**: an imprecation: - curse, cursing, execration, oath, swearing], **not** with **YOU ALONE**, but with him who stands here with us today before the Lord our God, as well as with him **WHO IS NOT HERE WITH US TODAY.**” ~ Deuteronomy 29:14-15 (NKJV)

²¹According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H423** the word “*oath*” is the Hebrew word “*âlâh*” pronounced “*aw-law*” which is from **H422**; an **IMPRECATION**: - CURSE, cursing, execration, oath, swearing.

REASON #4

It is God's *Mark of Authority* for **ALL** His people!

“I am the **LORD** ¹² [**H3068: Y^ehōvâh**: the *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*] your **GOD** ⁶ [**H430: 'Ēlōhîym**: the (true), Supreme God]; **WALK** in My **STATUTES** ¹⁶ [**H2708: chûqqâh**: meaning appointed *custom* or *ordinance*], **KEEP** My **JUDGMENTS** ¹⁷ [**H4941: mishpâṭ**: divine law, individual or collectively, including the act or the place of a ceremony; justice], and **DO** them; **HALLOW** ¹⁰ [**H6942: qâdash**: to be or to keep holy by consecrating or dedicating oneself to be ceremonially or morally clean by purifying or sanctifying oneself] My **SABBATHS** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [**H7676: shabbâth**: *intermission*, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: (+ every) sabbath; **H7673: shâbath**: to *repose*, that is, *desist* from exertion;], and **they** [God's Sabbaths (plural)] **will be a SIGN** ¹⁵ [**H226: 'ôth**:

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evidence, **MARK**] between Me and you, that you may know that I am the **LORD**¹² your **GOD**⁶.” ~ Ezekiel 20:19-20 (NKJV)

”Moreover I also gave them My **SABBATHS** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [**H7676: shabbâth: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: shâbath: to repose, that is, desist from exertion;], to be a SIGN**¹⁵ [**H226: 'ôth: evidence, MARK**] between them and Me, that they might know that I am the **LORD**¹² [**H3068: Y^ehōvâh**] who **SANCTIFIES**¹⁰ [**H6942: qâdash: to be or to keep holy by consecrating or dedicating oneself to be ceremonially or morally clean by purifying or sanctifying oneself**] them.” ~ Ezekiel 20:12 (NKJV)

REASON #5

In Christ there is NO distinction “spiritually” speaking between Jew or Greek (Gentile)—for we are all ONE in Christ Jesus!

“There is neither Jew nor Greek [Gentile], there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for **YOU ARE ALL ONE in Christ Jesus.**” ~ Galatians 3:28 (NKJV)

REASON #6

From God’s perspective a “true” Jew is...

1. One who is circumcised in their heart!
2. One who is circumcised inwardly by the Spirit **NOT** according to the *letter of the law*.
3. One who seeks their praise from God rather than from men!

“For he is **NOT** a Jew who is one **outwardly**, nor is circumcision that **which is outward in the flesh**; but he is A **JEW** who is **ONE INWARDLY**; and **CIRCUMCISION** is that of the **HEART**, in the **SPIRIT**, **not** in the letter [of the law]; whose **PRAISE** is **not** from **MEN** but from **GOD.**” ~ Romans 2:28-29 (NKJV)

REASON #7

God's Sabbaths [plural] are a **PERPETUAL COVENANT** and also “*a sign*” or “*Mark of Evidence*” between God our Creator and the *children of Israel* [all twelve (12) *tribes of Israel*] **FOREVER** based on Exodus 31:16-17 below which I have already covered, but this truth is so critical that it merits us looking at this scripture again!

“Therefore the **CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** shall **KEEP** the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
[H7676: *shabbâth*: intermission, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: *shâbath*: to repose, that is, *desist* from exertion;], to observe the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ **THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS** [plural] as a **PERPETUAL** ¹³ [H5769: *ôlâm*: for eternity from the beginning of the world and is without end] **COVENANT** ¹⁴ [H1285: *b^erîyth*: a *compact* (made by passing between *pieces* of flesh)]. It [the Sabbath] is a **SIGN** ¹⁵ [H226: *'ôth*: mark; evidence] between *Me* and the *children of Israel* **FOREVER** ¹³ [H5769: *ôlâm*: for eternity from the beginning of the world and is without end]; for in **SIX** days the **LORD** ¹² [H3068: *Y^ehôvâh*: the *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*] made the **HEAVENS** and the **EARTH**, and on the **SEVENTH** day He **RESTED** ⁸ [H7673: *shâbath*: to repose, that is, *desist* from exertion; to rest and to celebrate—to keep the Sabbath] and was refreshed.” ~ Exodus 31:16-17 (NKJV)

REASON #8

We Are Commanded To Keep the Seventh Day Sabbath in the New Testament!

Jesus did NOT change the SEVENTH Day Sabbath to the **first** day of the week [Sunday] under the New Covenant! This **fourth** (4th) Commandment of *The Ten Commandments* is reiterated in the New Testament by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 4:1-13.

The majority of believers in the *body of Christ* might argue that keeping the **seventh** day Sabbath is **not** commanded in the New Testament but it is if you dig for the proper Greek translation of the word “*rest*” because the definition of the word “*rest*” as used in Hebrews 4:1-13 has three (3) different meanings. And, when the apostle Paul tells us to keep the **seventh** day Sabbath in Hebrews 4:1-13, it is written in such a convoluted manner that it will make your head hurt trying to figure out what the apostle Paul is really trying to convey. Again, I believe that the Holy Spirit

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purposely had the apostle Paul write in the manner which he did in order to help separate the sheep from the goats in order to distinguish the difference between those who would be diligent to present ourselves approved to God by rightly dividing the *Word of Truth* based on the **whole** counsel of His Word, rather than based on what we are taught by the *doctrines of men* that our spiritual leaders learned while at seminary or attending Bible school!

Therefore, let's take a closer look at Hebrews 4:1-13 below, in CONTEXT concerning what the apostle Paul says to us in the New Testament when he tells us to keep the SEVENTH Day Sabbath that God defined and established since the foundation of the world as a PERPETUAL COVENANT for all His people throughout the *synergy of the ages*.

*“Therefore, since A PROMISE REMAINS of entering His **REST** ²² [G2663: katapausis: reposing down abode], LET US FEAR LEST ANY OF YOU SEEM TO HAVE COME SHORT OF IT. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that **REST** ²² [G2663: katapausis: reposing down abode], as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My **REST** ²² [G2663: katapausis: reposing down, abode],’ although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.” ~ Hebrews 4:1-3 (NKJV)*

*“For He has spoken in a certain place of the **SEVENTH** day in this way: “And God **RESTED** ²³ [G2664: katapauō: desist; ceased striving to do something; to be still; quiet; restrain] on the **SEVENTH** day from all His works” [which is based on Genesis 2:2-3]; and again in this place: “They shall not enter My **REST** ²² [G2663: katapausis: reposing down abode]” ~ Hebrews 4:4-5 (NKJV)*

*“Since therefore **it** [the “it” which remains is referring to the seventh day Sabbath based on what the apostle Paul just talked about in Hebrews 4:4-5 above which is based on Genesis 2:2-3] **REMAINS** that **some MUST ENTER IT**, and those to whom it **WAS FIRST PREACHED DID NOT ENTER BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE**, again He [God, not the Roman Catholic Church or any man!] **DESIGNATES a certain DAY**, [again the apostle Paul defines a “certain” day based on Hebrews 4:4-5 above which is based on Genesis 2:2-3] saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, **IF** you will hear **HIS VOICE, Do not HARDEN your HEARTS.**” ~ Hebrews 4:6-7 (NKJV)*

*“For if **JOSHUA** ²⁴ [G2424: Iēsous: Jesus or Jehoshua the name of our Lord] had given them **REST** ²³ [G2664: katapauō: desist; ceased striving to do*

something; to be still; quiet; restrain] then He [Jesus] would NOT afterward have spoken of ANOTHER DAY. There REMAINS therefore a **REST** ⁽²⁵⁾⁽²⁶⁾⁽²⁷⁾
[G4520: sabbatismos: a derivative of (G4521); a “sabbatism” the repose of Christianity; G4521: sabbaton: Hebrew origin (H7676); the Sabbath (that is, shabbath), or day of weekly repose from secular avocations (also the observance or institution itself); Sabbath (day), week; H7676: shabbâth: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) Sabbath] FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD ²⁸
[G2316: theos: a deity; especially the supreme Divinity or magistrate].” ~
 Hebrews 4:8-10 (NKJV)

²² According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G2663** the word “rest” is the Greek word “katapausis” pronounced “kat-ap'-ow-sis” which is from **G2664**; **REPOSING DOWN**, that is, (by Hebraism) **ABODE**: - rest.

²³ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G2664** the word “rested” is the Greek word “katapauō” pronounced “kat-ap-ow'-o” which is from **G2596** and **G3973**; **TO SETTLE DOWN**, that is, (literally) to colonize, or (figuratively) to (cause to) **DESIST**: - cease, (GIVE) **REST** (-rain).

²⁴ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G2424** the word “Joshua” is synonymous with “Jeshoshua” which is synonymous with “Jesus” and is the Greek word “Iēsous” pronounced “ee-ay-sooce'” which is of Hebrew origin [**H3091**]; *Jesus* (that is, *Jehoshua*), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites: - Jesus.

²⁵ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G4520** the word “rest” as used in Hebrews 4:8-10 is the Greek word “sabbatismos” pronounced “sab-bat-is-mos'” which is from a derivative of **G4521**; a “sabbatism”, that is, (figuratively) the repose of Christianity (as a type of heaven): - rest.

²⁶ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G4521** is the Greek word “sabbaton” pronounced “sab'-bat-on” of **Hebrew origin** [**H7676**]; the Sabbath (that is, *Shabbath*), or day of weekly repose from secular avocations (also the observance or institution itself); by extension a *se'nnight*, that is, the interval between two Sabbaths; likewise the plural in all the above applications: - sabbath (day), week.

²⁷ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H7676** the word “Sabbath” as used in Exodus 20:8-10 which says, “Remember the **SABBATH** day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates...” is the Hebrew word “shabbâth” pronounced “shab-bawth'” intensive from **H7673**; *intermission*, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: - (+ every) sabbath.

²⁸ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G2316** the word “God” is the Greek word “Theos” pronounced “teh'-os” which is of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with **G3588**) the supreme Divinity; figuratively a magistrate; by Hebraism very: - X exceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

In other words, Jesus did NOT speak of another Sabbath Day of rest such as the first day of the week (Sunday) because He Himself kept His heavenly Father's **seventh** day Sabbath which distinguishes and defines “who” the Lord of the Sabbath is! We need to remember that in the beginning was the Word who was with God and who is God! As such, our heavenly Father

Y^ehōvâh sent *the Word* to the earth as the *Son of Man* in the Person of Jesus Christ who is the *Lord of the Sabbath!*

In addition, based on the commandment of *Y^ehōvâh*, our *'Ēlōhîym*, concerning which day of the week we are to KEEP the Sabbath based on Genesis 2:2-3 and Leviticus 23:3, Jesus would **not** have spoken of another day! This is why the apostle Paul says in Hebrews 4:9, “*There REMAINS therefore a REST* ⁽²⁵⁾⁽²⁶⁾⁽²⁷⁾ [G4520: *sabbatismos*: a derivative of (G4521); a “*sabbatism*” the *repose* of Christianity; G4521: *sabbaton*: Hebrew origin (H7676); the *Sabbath* (that is, *shabbath*), or day of weekly *repose* from secular avocations (also the observance or institution itself); Sabbath (day), week; H7676: *shabbâth*: *intermission*, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: (+ every) Sabbath] **FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD** ²⁸ [G2316: *theos*: a deity; especially *the supreme Divinity* or *magistrate*].”

Let’s continue to look at what the apostle Paul says to us in Hebrews 4:10-13 below concerning the Sabbath Day.

“*For He who has entered his REST* ²² [G2663: *katapausis*: *reposing down abode*] *has himself also CEASED from his WORKS* ²⁹ [G2041: *ergon*: *to work; toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*: - deed, doing, labour] *as GOD* ²⁸ *did from His.*” ~ Hebrews 4:10 (NKJV)

“**LET US THEREFORE BE DILIGENT TO ENTER THAT** [the word “*that*” is referring to what the apostle Paul just referred to in Hebrews 4:8-10 when God ceased from His works which was the seventh day of the creation week based on Genesis 2:2-3!] **REST** ²² [G2663: *katapausis*: *reposing down abode*], **LEST ANYONE FALL ACCORDING TO THE SAME EXAMPLE OF DISOBEDIENCE.** *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS and INTENTS OF THE HEART. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and OPEN TO THE EYES OF HIM TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT.*” ~ Hebrews 4:11-13 (NKJV)

²⁹According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon* # G2041 the word “*works*” is the Greek word “*ergon*” pronounced “*er’-gon*” which is from ἔργον *ergō* (a primary but obsolete word; to *work*); *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*: - deed, doing, labour, work.

In addition, the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2:19 below, talks about the solid foundation of God which still stands, and by God’s people having this seal *Yehōvâh* distinguishes between those

who uses the name of Christ in vain from those whom the Lord knows are truly His because they obey His Voice and obey His Word! Again, keeping God's Sabbaths [plural] are a "**SIGN**" or a "**MARK**" of **EVIDENCE** that we are truly His people and this one ACT of WORSHIP alone distinguishes and defines that we serve the *Lord of the Sabbath* whom *rested, blessed, and sanctified* the SEVENTH day Sabbath!

"Nevertheless the **SOLID FOUNDATION** of **GOD**²⁸ [G2316: **theos**: a deity; especially the supreme Divinity or magistrate] **STANDS**, having this **SEAL**³⁰ [G4973: **sphragis**: a signet; a stamp impressed which protects or fences in those who have (as a mark of privacy, or genuineness)]: "**THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS,**" and, "**LET EVERYONE WHO NAMES THE NAME OF CHRIST DEPART** from **INIQUITY**³¹ [G93: **adikia**: injustice, moral, wrong by implication the act; of being unjust or unrighteousness; (legal) injustice]." ~ 2 Timothy 2:19 (NKJV)

³⁰According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # G4973 the word "seal" is the Greek word "**sphragis**" pronounced "**sfrag-ee**" which is probably strengthened from G5420; A **SIGNET** (as fencing in or protecting from misappropriation); by implication **THE STAMP IMPRESSED (AS A MARK OF PRIVACY, OR GENUINENESS)**, literally or figuratively: - seal.

³¹ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # G93 the word "**iniquity**" is the Greek word "**adikia**" pronounced "**ad-ee-kee'-ah**" which is from G94; (LEGAL) **INJUSTICE** (properly the quality, **BY IMPLICATION THE ACT**); **MORAL WRONGFULNESS (OF CHARACTER, LIFE OR ACT)**: - INIQUITY, UNJUST, UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, WRONG.

Therefore, when the apostle Paul is talking about the solid foundation of God still stands in 2 Timothy 2:19 above, he is also taking about the same solid foundation of God—who is the supreme *Divinity* or *magistrate* who *rested, blessed, and sanctified* the SEVENTH Day Sabbath that the apostle Paul tells us specifically in Hebrews 4:9-10, "There **REMAINS** therefore a **REST**²⁵ [G4520: **sabbatismos**] for the **PEOPLE OF GOD**²⁸ [G2316: **theos**]. For he who has entered his **REST**²² [G2663: **katapausis**: reposing down abode] has **HIMSELF** also **CEASED** from his **WORKS**²⁹ [G2041: **ergon**: to work; toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication an act: - deed, doing, labour] as **GOD**²⁸ [G2316: **theos**] **DID FROM HIS.**"

Yet, despite this instruction first commanded by our heavenly Father to keep His Sabbath Day holy unto Him in the Old Testament, specifically the **fourth** commandment out of the top ten commandments, which is then reiterated by the apostle Paul in the New Testament, God is not at all surprised by our deception and our rebellion based on the following scripture in Ezekiel 22:26 below.

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“Her priests have **VIOLATED My law** and **PROFANED My holy things**; they have not **DISTINGUISHED** between the **HOLY** and **UNHOLY**, nor have they made known the **DIFFERENCE** between the **UNCLEAN** and the **CLEAN**; and they have **HIDDEN THEIR EYES** from **My Sabbaths**, so that I am **PROFANED** among them.” ~ Ezekiel 22:26 (NKJV)

Furthermore, unlike the Jews from the *House of Judah* who have KEPT the SEVENTH day Sabbath for thousands of years without ceasing based on God’s instructions found in the Torah, we are told in Ezekiel 20:13 below, that those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* who have now been grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* by our faith in Jesus Christ, would **not** WALK according to our heavenly Father’s *statutes* and that we would despise His *judgments*—which if a man does—he shall live by them. Moreover, the prophet Ezekiel specifically says that the *House of Israel* would defile *Y^ehōvâh’s* Sabbaths [plural] as we continue to do so to this **very** day! And, as a result, *Y^ehōvâh*, our *‘Ēlōhîym* says that He will pour out His fury on those that do these things while we are in the wilderness to consume us if we do NOT repent and make course correction while there is still time for all eternity!

“Yet the **HOUSE OF ISRAEL** [those of us who were formerly Gentiles] **REBELLED** against Me in the wilderness; they did **NOT WALK** in My **STATUTES** ¹⁶ [H2708: *chûqqâh*: meaning appointed *custom* or *ordinance*]; They **DESPISED** My **JUDGMENTS** ¹⁷ [H4941: *mishpât*: divine law, individual or collectively, including the act or the place of a ceremony; justice], ‘which, **IF a man does, he shall live by them**’; and they **GREATLY DEFILED** My **SABBATHS** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [H7676: *shabbâth*: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: *shâbath*: to *repose*, that is, *desist* from exertion;]. Then I said I would **POUR OUT MY FURY** on them **in the wilderness**, to **CONSUME** ³² [H3615: *kâlâh*: to *end*, whether intransitively (to *cease*, *be finished*, *perish* or *destroy*) them.” ~ Ezekiel 20:13 (NKJV)

³²According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* # H3615 the word “consume” is the Hebrew word “*kâlâh*” pronounced “*kaw-law*” which is a primitive root; to *end*, whether intransitively (to *cease*, *be finished*, *perish*) or transitively (to *complete*, *prepare*, *consume*): - accomplish, cease, consume (away), determine, destroy (utterly), be (when . . . were) done, (be an) end (of), expire, (cause to) fail, faint, finish, fulfil, X fully, X have, leave (off), long, bring to pass, wholly reap, make clean riddance, spend, quite take away, waste.

Again, based on Genesis 1:1, we are told that *‘Ēlōhîym*, is the name of the One and only **true** God, who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and everything in them, including us, His Created. Therefore, He is very serious about us remembering and keeping His SEVENTH Day Sabbath that He established and defined from the beginning of the world and is without end—so much so that in the Old Testament in Exodus 31:14-15 below, He tells us twice that those who

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profane the Sabbath Day or does **not** keep it shall surely be put to death. Also, do NOT dismiss the fact that we are also told that whoever does NOT keep the Sabbath shall be cut off from among His people as well. In addition, notice the Hebrew meaning of the word “*cut off*” is the Hebrew word **kâraṯh**” which means by implication to *destroy* or *consume*; specifically to *covenant*.

“You shall **KEEP** the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [H7676: *shabbâth*: intermission, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: *shâbath*: to repose, that is, desist from exertion], therefore, for it is **HOLY** ⁴ [H6944: *qôdesh*: a sacred place or thing; consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness] to you. **Everyone** who **PROFANES** ³³ [H2490: *châlal*: to bore, that is, (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one’s word); defile, eat as common things; pollute; profane, prostitute] **it** [the Sabbath day] shall surely be **PUT TO DEATH**; for whoever **DOES** **any** **WORK** ⁷ [H4399: *mêlâ’kâh*: properly *deputyship*, that is, ministry; generally *employment* (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also *property* (as the result of labor)] **ON IT** [the Sabbath day], **THAT PERSON SHALL BE CUT OFF** ³⁴ [H3772: *kâraṯh*: which means by implication to *destroy* or *consume*; specifically to *covenant*] **FROM AMONG HIS PEOPLE**. **WORK** ⁷ shall be done for **SIX** days, but the **SEVENTH** is the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ **OF REST**, **HOLY** ⁴ to **THE LORD** ¹² [H3068: *Yêhōvâh*]. **Whoever** does **any** **WORK** ⁷ on the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ **DAY**, he shall **surely** be **PUT TO DEATH**.” ~ Exodus 31:14-15 (NKJV)

³³According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* # H2490 the word “*profanes*” is synonymous with the word “*defileth*” as used in the KJV and is the Hebrew word “*châlal*” pronounced “*khaw-lal*” which is a primitive root (compare H2470); properly to bore, that is, (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one’s word), to begin (as if by an opening-wedge); denominatively (from H2485) to play (the flute): - begin (X men began), defile, X break, defile, X eat (as common things), X first, X gather the grape thereof, X take inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

³⁴According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* # H3772 the word “*cut off*” is the Hebrew word “*kâraṯh*” pronounced “*kaw-rath*” and is a primitive root; to cut (off, down or asunder); by implication to **DESTROY OR CONSUME**; **SPECIFICALLY TO COVENANT** (that is, make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces): - be chewed, be con- [feder-] ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league ([covenant]), X lose, perish, X utterly, X want.

Based on Exodus 31:14-15 above, concerning the **SEVENTH** Day Sabbath God tells us the following:

1. We shall **KEEP** the Sabbath. It is **not** a suggestion.

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2. The **seventh** Sabbath Day is holy [a *sacred* thing; to be sanctified; consecrated, dedicated and hallowed] for ALL His people.
3. Whoever does **any** work on the **seventh** day Sabbath will be cut off from amongst His people because we have broken the **everlasting** PERPETUAL covenant that He established since the beginning of the world and is without end! Again, the word “*cut off*” is the Hebrew word “*kârath*” which means by implication to *destroy* or *consume*; specifically to *COVENANT*.
4. The Sabbath is a day of rest and NO work is to be done at all. Yet, it is also a time for God’s *Ekklēsia* to hold a public assembly as a “*holy convocation*” consecrated unto the Lord which is to take place on the SEVENTH day of the week.

Again, the Jews from the *House of Judah* have been “*religiously*” keeping the SEVENTH Day Sabbath for thousands of years based on God’s instructions in the Torah. As such, the Jews from the *House of Judah* REMEMBER and KEEP the SEVENTH day Sabbath beginning at sundown on Friday evening until sundown on Saturday evening.

In the early church, at sunset on Friday evenings the Jewish people would commemorate *Shabbat* in their homes with their families and they would worship the Lord together and pray for one another and fellowship with each other until the wee hours of the morning. It would be a time of rest and celebration for the entire family. Then usually on Saturday they would join in fellowship with the rest of their communities in a “*corporate*” gathering which was either held at the temple or at their local synagogue.

What this means is that the early church gathered at their homes and they brought up their children in the admonition of the Lord which was a LIFESTYLE that the entire family practiced and rehearsed at home! This is exactly what God is shifting us back to. Walking with the Lord begins in our homes with our family, including our extended family, first and foremost. And then we come together with our sisters and brothers in Christ on a “*corporate*” level to keep the Sabbath as a “*holy convocation*” which is to be a public assembly.

When you see in the Bible that the early church met on the first day of the week (Sunday) to fellowship with each other and to break bread together it would be after they had worshipped the Lord on the SEVENTH Day Sabbath. It would be then that they would gather to fellowship with each other and to eat a meal together in the evening just after the Sabbath ended which began the first day of the week. For we are told that the evening, not the morning, starts the new day based on Genesis 1:5 which says, “*God*

called the **light DAY**, and the **darkness** He called **NIGHT**. So the **EVENING** and the **MORNING** were the **first day**.”

5. The Sabbath is holy to *Y^ehōvâh*, our *Ĕlôhîym*, who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and everything in it, including us, His Created.
6. Whoever does any **work** on the Sabbath day He shall surely be put to death!
7. Whoever **profanes** [defiles] the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death! We profane the Sabbath by working, shopping, cooking, eating out at restaurants, going to the movies, etc. which is essentially partaking in what everyone else in the world is doing all the time as they spend money to be constantly entertained. God has given us six days of the week to do all these things. But the Sabbath Day is to be holy and set apart unto the Lord!

Wow, what a warning! So does *Ĕlôhîym*, our Creator, who is the Supreme true God of the universe and everything in it, really mean what He says to us in Exodus 31:14-15 about His Sabbath Day? Could there more to this **fourth** commandment out of *The Ten Commandments* than we were led to understand?

Especially since Jesus tells us in Matthew 24:20-21 concerning the “*signs of the times*” and the “*end of the age*” that we should pray that our flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath for there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, nor ever shall be. If Jesus did away with His heavenly Father’s seventh day Sabbath, then why would Jesus still be referencing it in the New Testament under the New Covenant? It is because Jesus never did away with this **fourth** commandment which is also a perpetual **everlasting** COVENANT for ALL generations of believers to obey!

Now let’s refocus our attention on what God said to us in Exodus 31:14-15. Could it be that *Y^ehōvâh*, our *Ĕlôhîym*, is talking about a “*spiritual*” death for those who do **not** keep His SEVENTH day Sabbath which includes us **profaning** it by **working** on it or **buying** or **selling** on it like we do six days a week?

Especially since *Ĕlôhîym*, our Creator, defined and established the **seventh** day Sabbath at the creation of the world and told us that we must keep it holy unto Him. Those who have the *fear of the Lord* are careful not to even buy or sell on the Sabbath day or any other “*holy*” day as illustrated in Nehemiah 10:30-31 below because they did **not** want to **profane** the *Sabbath Day* because they knew that God said it was to be hallowed, and consecrated (set apart) for His people unto Him.

*“We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; if the peoples of the land brought **WARES** or any **GRAIN** to **SELL** on the **SABBATH DAY**, we would not **BUY IT** from them on the **SABBATH**, or on a **HOLY DAY**; and we would **FOREGO** the **seventh year’s** produce and the **EXACTING** of every **DEBT.**” ~ Nehemiah 10:30-31 (NKJV)*

Also, worth mentioning at this time is the fact that the *nation of Israel* went into captivity because they refused to honor the Sabbath Day and allow the land to have its Sabbath Day of rest every **seven** years like they were commanded to do. Concerning “*our*” land—His Word says to us in Leviticus 25:3-5 below, that every **seven** (7) years the land **MUST** have a Sabbath of solemn rest.

*“Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; but in the **SEVENTH year** there shall be a **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [H7676: *shabbâth*: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: *shâbath*: to repose, that is, desist from exertion;] of **SOLEMN REST** ³ [H7677: *shabbâthôn*: a sabbatism or special holiday: - rest, sabbath] for the **LAND**, a **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ to the **LORD** ¹² [H3068: *Y^ehōvâh*: the self Existent or eternal; *Jehovah*]. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a **YEAR** of **REST** ³ for the **LAND.**” ~ Leviticus 25:3-5 (NKJV)*

Could it be possible that God requires that His people allow “*our*” land to have a Sabbath rest every **seven** days since God formed our bodies from the dust of earth based on Genesis 2:7?

Is it possible that just like the *children of Israel* did so long ago that we too have defiled “*our*” land, both our bodies and where we live by not keeping God’s **everlasting** ordinances concerning His Sabbath days [plural]?

Moreover, Deuteronomy 15:1-6 below, talks about the Lord’s release of all debts as well every **seven** years which is to be a blessing to His people unless we are being disobedient. Then we shall reap His judgment for our disobedience.

*“At the end of every **SEVEN years** you shall grant a **RELEASE OF DEBTS**. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is **CALLED THE LORD’S RELEASE**. Of a foreigner you may*

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*require it; but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother, except when there may be no poor among you; for **the LORD will greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance— ONLY IF YOU CAREFULLY OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, TO OBSERVE WITH CARE ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND YOU TODAY.** For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; **YOU shall LEND TO MANY NATIONS, but YOU shall not BORROW; YOU shall REIGN OVER MANY NATIONS, but they shall not REIGN over YOU.**” ~ Deuteronomy 15:1-6 (NKJV)*

Therefore, could our defiance and disobedience of NOT following God’s commandments concerning His Sabbaths [plural] be one of the reasons why:

- The *body of Christ* has **NOT** seen the transfer of wealth from the wicked to the righteous yet?
- The *body of Christ* is in debt and instead of us lending to many nations like His Word says that we would do, we are living paycheck to paycheck like most of the world is doing and we must use gimmicks and fundraisers to gather money for His Kingdom purposes instead of allowing God to confirm His Word with the necessary resources that we need to establish, build, and procure for His Namesake and His Kingdom?
- The *body of Christ* is “*the tail*” and **NOT** “*the head*” and instead of us reigning over many nations and making disciples of all the nations teaching them to OBSERVE everything that God told us to do as we carry out *The Great Commission* that instead the Gentile nations are telling us what to do instead of vice versa?
- For the most part, the *body are Christ* is **NOT** inheriting the COVENANT promises that God gave to Abraham and his descendants which includes God giving us the power to get wealth so that He may establish His COVENANT which He swore to our fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)] as it is to this **very** day based on Deuteronomy 8:18?!

And, based on everything that I have shared with you up to this point if it does not cause us to have the *fear of the Lord* which is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the *Holy One of Israel*, then I do not know what will.

If you still don't believe that the seventh day Sabbath is applicable to New Covenant believers, then how can you explain away the fact that God's **SEVENTH** day Sabbath is also a PERPETUAL covenant which is an **everlasting** COVENANT that God established with **all** the *children of Israel* that He established at the VERY FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD AND IS **WITHOUT** END. In addition, it is also His **fourth** commandment out of *The Ten Commandments* which is at the very heart of the law that was written by the *finger of God!*

As such, the SEVENTH day Sabbath defines "*WHO*" the God we serve is by His proper name which is *Ēlôhîym*, since He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all the hosts that are in them as well. Moreover, His title is the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Why is this important? Because we need to clearly understand WHICH God we serve! Otherwise, the whole of *The Ten Commandments* and the rest of His divine laws and instructions could be from any false god—according to which religion people adhere to!

Therefore, since we know that *Y'hôvâh* our heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the only true Supreme God whose name as Creator is *Ēlôhîym*, who not only created the heavens and the earth, but also us His Created, this is also defining "*WHO*" the *Lord of the Sabbath* is! And, it is *Y'hôvâh*, our *Ēlôhîym* that tells us that we are to keep, hallow, and consecrate the SEVENTH day Sabbath unto Him! He said it and therefore it doesn't matter what our "*opinion*" or our "*preference*" is!

Again, the **fourth** commandment out of *The Ten Commandments* is God's *Mark of Authority* or His *signet* ring which marks His people and authenticates that He is indeed the Creator of the Universe and everything in it, including us His Created! Therefore, God's mark is the seal that authenticates that His people are those who are KEEPING and OBSERVING His Sabbaths [plural] but it is more than just this as well.

Therefore, in this, the midnight hour, the Lord is unveiling His truth to His people who have eyes to see and ears to hear what His Spirit is saying to His church in order to fulfill Ezekiel 44:23-24 below.

*"And they shall **TEACH** My people the **DIFFERENCE** between the **holy** and the **unholy**, and cause them to **DISCERN** between the **unclean** and the **clean**. In **CONTROVERSY** they shall **stand** as **JUDGES** ³⁵ [H8199: *shâphaṭ*: to judge, that is, pronounce sentence (for or against); by implication to vindicate or punish; by extension to govern; passively to litigate; avenge, condemn, contend, defend, execute (judgement); be a judge; rule], and **JUDGE** ³⁵ it according to My **JUDGMENTS** ¹⁷ [H4941: *mishpâṭ*: divine law, individual or collectively,*

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including the act or the place of a ceremony; justice]. They **shall KEEP My LAWS** ¹⁹ [H8451: *tôrâh*: a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch], and My **STATUTES** ¹⁶ [H2708: *chûqqâh*: meaning appointed custom or ordinance] in **all My APPOINTED MEETINGS** ³⁶ [H4150: *mô'êd*: an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose; signal; appointed time or sign; solemn assembly; appointed season at a set (appointed) time)], and they **shall HALLOW My SABBATHS** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [H7676: *shabbâth*: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: *shâbath*: to repose, that is, desist from exertion;].” ~ Ezekiel 44:23-24 (NKJV)

³⁴According to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # H8199 the word “judges” and “judge” is the Hebrew word “*shâphaṭ*” pronounced “*shaw-fat*” which is a primitive root; to judge, that is, pronounce sentence (for or against); by implication to vindicate or punish; by extension to govern; passively to litigate (literally or figuratively): - + avenge, X that condemn, contend, defend, execute (judgment), (be a) judge (-ment), X needs, plead, reason, rule.

³⁵According to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # H4150 the phrase “appointed meetings” is the Hebrew word “*mô'êd*” pronounced “*mo-ade*” which is from H3259; properly an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the congregation; by extension, the place of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand): - appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).

This teaching would not be complete until I share with you why the SEVENTH day Sabbath is critically relevant for a time such as this because keeping this one commandment alone distinguishes between those who will receive the SPIRITUAL *Mark of God* versus those who will receive the SPIRITUAL *Mark of the Beast* which I will cover at a later time.

However, at this time, we need to briefly understand who changed God's SEVENTH Day Sabbath to the first day of the week and why! So let's begin to address this critical issue so we can warn others to come out of *Spiritual* or *Mystery* Babylon now lest they share in her sins and receive her plagues based on Revelation 18:4.

The majority of the changes to God's Word and His laws began to happen around 312 A.D. when Constantine decided to pray to the Persian “sun” god *Mithras*. And as a result, he allegedly saw a vision of a flaming cross in the sky next to the sun and heard “*Conquer by this.*” Long story short, Constantine made the announcement that he was now a follower of Christ and as a result Christianity changed overnight from being an “illegal” religion whose followers up until this time endured great persecution and feared for their lives as the early church grew exponentially throughout this region.

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Constantine was so determined to bring about “*unification*” between the pagans and Christians in an effort to grow his empire he did so by bringing more and more pagan elements into the church in order to make the pagans more comfortable in their new found religion.

In addition, due to Constantine’s conversion to Christianity suddenly being a Christian became quite popular because not only did Constantine “*legalize*” Christianity he forged an “*unholy*” alliance between the Roman government and the Church at that time—the *Roman Catholic Church* into a forced partnership which resulted in Constantine making Sunday an “*official*” Roman holiday.

Now you have a very brief historical understanding of “*how*” God’s seventh day Sabbath was changed to “Sun” day by the *Roman Catholic Church*. Yet, there is more to the story which I will now convey. The reason behind changing God’s seventh day Sabbath to the first day of the week happened for the following reasons:

1. It was because Sunday became an “*official*” Roman holiday during the rein of Constantine.
2. It was to allow pagans to continue to worship the Persian “*sun*” god Mithras and other false “*sun*” gods under the guise of worshipping the One true God,
3. It paved the way to instituting all the false teachings and doctrines of the *Roman Catholic Church* concerning Jesus Christ’s death, resurrection and ascension into heaven when the *Roman Catholic Church* fabricated their “*official*” holidays of Lent, Good Friday and Easter Sunday and Christmas in lieu of embracing God’s appointed meetings [*mô’êds*] which are our heavenly Father’s seven holy convocations based on Leviticus 23.
4. Constantine and many of the early church Fathers were *Anti-Semitic* and wanted to distance themselves from the Jewish feasts and the Jewish people. And, it was for this very reason that Constantine and the early church fathers of the *Roman Catholic Church* outlawed *Passover* and replaced it with a “*Christianized*” version of the pagan feast of Easter.
5. The *Roman Catholic Church* desired to have worldwide dominance and influence under the Pope as they plotted and forged their plans for their *One World Harlot Religious System* to come to fruition at the *end of the age* by deceiving the masses with a perverted

version of “*Christianity*” throughout the *synergy of the ages*. They accomplished this by infiltrating all the world structures of every sector of our society, but especially the religious and governmental mountains to cause the death of the early church which was according to the *gospel of the kingdom* that was once delivered to the saints. And, this is a “root” cause of why, for the most part, the *body of Christ* does NOT WALK in the RESURRECTION power of the Holy Spirit which is accompanied by signs, wonders, and miracles!

Concerning the *Roman Catholic Church* having a quest for world dominance as the Vatican is spearheading the New World Order/One World Order/Revived Roman Empire/Antichrist Kingdom. In today’s vernacular this quest for world dominance is being forged with a false unity movement among ALL religious through greater cooperation under the guise of love and peace and is called *Ecumenism* and is the *One World Harlot Religious System* that we are seeing emerging before our very eyes. This modern APOSTATE *ecumenical* movement is yoking with Satan in the name of Jesus and tragically many well-known evangelical leaders are deceiving the masses of unsuspecting sheep into becoming yoked again under the Pope of the *Roman Catholic Church* who is a Jesuit and follows the dogma of the *Illuminati* whose god is Lucifer, *the enlightened one*, who is Antichrist and is God’s arch enemy!

As such, beginning with Constantine with the “*buy in*” of the early Church fathers from the *Roman Catholic Church*, Christianity was reinvented from the *gospel of the kingdom* which was once delivered to the saints by the early apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ! In the year 325 A.D. Constantine organized the Church and began to “*legislate*” and “*legalize*” all their false doctrines through the *Council of Nicea* with the “*buy in*” of the early Church fathers from the *Roman Catholic Church*.

Unfortunately, since most denominations of Christianity were birthed from the *Roman Catholic Church*, their plan to bring about a *One World Harlot Religious System* worked and this is why the *Roman Catholic Church*, specifically the Vatican, is the ring leader of “*Mystery Babylon the Great*” and is the “*Mother of Harlots*” and “*of the abominations of the earth*” as proclaimed in Revelation 17:5!

As a matter-of-fact, if you will read the book titled, “*Apostolic Church Arising*” by Chuck Pierce and Robert Heidler, and I highly recommend you do in order to understand what God is shifting us back to in this hour, when the *Roman Catholic Church* was successful at causing all those who opposed them and their doctrines to cease commemorating *Passover* in lieu of Easter and stop celebrating *Shabbat* and instead worship their false god on “*Sun*” day, it was the very thing

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that led to the death of the early church! Robert Heidler confirms this fact in Chapter 18 of this book which is titled *“From the Island of Iona to the 21st Century.”*

So let’s discover what the *Roman Catholic Church* has to say about changing God’s SEVENTH day Sabbath to Sunday the first day of the week in their own words.

“WHO” Changed God’s Sabbaths [plural] including the SEVENTH Day Sabbath from the SEVENTH Day of the week to the FIRST day of the week?

*“SUNDAY is a CATHOLIC INSTITUTION and its claim to observance can be defended **ONLY ON CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES**...from beginning to end of scripture **THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PASSAGE** that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first.”~ **Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, 1900***

“WHY” the Roman Catholic Church changed God’s Sabbaths, including the Sabbath Day from the SEVENTH Day to the first day of the week?

“Sunday” is their Mark of Authority

*“Sunday is our **MARK** of **AUTHORITY**...The **CHURCH** is **ABOVE** the **BIBLE**, and this **TRANSFERENCE** of **SABBATH OBSERVANCE** is **PROOF** of that **FACT**.”~ **The Catholic Record, London, Ontario, September 1, 1923***

Yet, God’s Word says to us in Ezekiel 20:19-20 that His Sabbaths, including His seventh Day Sabbath, will be *“a sign”* (mark) between Him and us so that we may know that He is our God. It is for this reason that I and many others in this hour have been led by the Holy Spirit to observe God’s established SEVENTH Day Sabbath based on His Word, which the Jews from the *House of Judah* have followed religiously and without compromise since Jesus came the first time! God’s seventh day Sabbath commences at sundown on Friday and ends on sundown on Saturday based on our Gregorian calendar.

“WHEN” was the seventh day Sabbath changed to the first day of the week?

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A Catechism

Question: “Which day is the Sabbath?”

Answer: “Saturday is the Sabbath.”

Question: “Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?”

Answer: “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.**” ~ *The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, by Peter Geiermann, 50.

Source: <http://www.sundaylaw.net/opening/enter.htm>

Take the time to watch this excellent video which substantiates this truth with quotes from many of the early church fathers who were from many different denominations that exist in the *body of Christ* so we can understand “**WHO**” changed it, “**WHEN**” they changed it and “**WHY**” they changed God’s SEVENTH Day Sabbath!

Classic End Time Sermon- The Mark of the Beast - Pastor Joe Crews

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5b2Qt3cohFs&feature=youtu.be>

Just like Satan tried to EXALT himself ABOVE God from the beginning of time when the *Roman Catholic Church* says that their AUTHORITY is ABOVE *the Word* whom our heavenly Father *Y^ehōvâh*, our *’Ēlôhîym* sent to the earth as the *Son of Man* in the Person of Jesus Christ to fulfill [consummate, execute, and ratify (confirm)] ALL His **everlasting** COVENANTS with His blood, what does this tell us?!

Moreover, this is totally CONTARY to what the apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:3-7 that we must take EVERY thought captive and bring it to the obedience of Christ!

Therefore, when the *Roman Catholic Church* says that “*their*” authority is ABOVE the *Word of God*, then how is this NOT EXHALTING themselves above God?!!!! Especially since Jesus Christ is *the Word* who became the *Son of Man* in the flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ!!!

In addition, God’s Word tells us in advance that the Antichrist and those with the *Spirit of Antichrist* will intend to change God’s TIMES and God’s LAW based on Daniel 7:25 below, which says that “*the*” Antichrist and those with the *Spirit of the Antichrist* will attempt to change God’s times and law and they already have.

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*“He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change **TIMES** ³⁷ [H2166: ז׳מַן: season, time; H2165: an appointed occasion] and **LAW** ³⁸ [H1882: דַּתְּ: a royal edict or statute: - commandment, commission, decree, law, manner]. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.” ~ Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)*

³⁷According to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # H2166 the word “times” is synonymous with the word “seasons” and is the Hebrew word “ז׳מַן” pronounced “zem-awn” (Chaldee); from H2165; the same as H2165: - season, time. From H2163; an appointed occasion: - season, time.

³⁸According to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # H1882 the word “law” is the Hebrew word “דַּתְּ” pronounced “dath” (Chaldee); corresponding to H1881; decree, law. H1881: a royal edict or statute: - commandment, commission, decree, law, manner]

Yet, Satan will always hijack what God says according to *the Word* and will intend to “do” what only God has the authority to do! As such, based on Daniel 2:20-22 below, we are told that God is the ONLY One who has the AUTHORITY to change His times and seasons!

*Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the **NAME OF GOD** forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And **He CHANGES** the **TIMES** ³⁹ [H5732: יַדְּאֵן: a set time; technically a year: - time] and the **SEASONS** ³⁷ [H2166: ז׳מַן: season, time; H2165: an appointed occasion]; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.” ~ Daniel 2:20-22 (NKJV)*

³⁹According to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon # H5732 the word “times” is the Hebrew word “יַדְּאֵן” pronounced “id-dawn” (Chaldee); from a root corresponding to that of H5708; a set time; technically a year: - time.

Therefore, God's Word says that NO ONE, even the *Roman Catholic Church*, including the Pope, has the right to add to or take away from the *commandments of God* based on the following scriptures!

*“YOU shall not ADD to the **WORD** which I command you, NOR TAKE FROM IT, that you may KEEP the **COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD** which I command you.” ~ Deuteronomy 4:2 (NKJV)*

“Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; YOU shall not ADD TO IT nor TAKE AWAY FROM IT.” ~ Deuteronomy 12:32 (NKJV)

*“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. **DO NOT ADD TO HIS WORDS**, Lest He **rebuke YOU**, and **YOU BE FOUND A LIAR.**” ~ Proverbs 30:5-6 (NKJV)*

Speaking of liars, who is the father of all liars? Satan and those who do his bidding!

As I have clearly substantiated based on the **WHOLE** counsel of God’s Word that Jesus **NEVER** spoke of there being another Sabbath day! And, if you haven’t already figured it out by now those who keep God’s **SEVENTH** Day Sabbath and all His **everlasting** ORDINANCES and STATUTES will be marked with God’s mark versus those who will be marked with the *Mark of the Beast*. There is a “*spiritual*” *Mark of God* and *Mark of the Beast* which happens first in the *spiritual* realm long before it will manifest in the earthly realm as a literal *physical Mark of the Beast*, which without, **NO** one will be able to buy or sell anything without having this *Mark of Authentication*.

Therefore, in conclusion concerning the Sabbath Day, keeping the **seventh** day Sabbath is not only the **fourth** commandment of *The Ten Commandments*, it is also a **PERPETUAL** ¹³ **[H5769:’ôlâm: beginning of the world and is without end; eternity]** COVENANT between *Y’hôvâh*, our *’Ēlôhîym*, and **ALL** His people, not just the Jews from the *House of Judah*!

Hence, it is still a requirement for New Covenant believers as well because God said so for all **ETERNITY** and that should be enough for us to obey Him!

Yet, we are also told by the prophet Ezekiel in Ezekiel 46:1, concerning the **manner** of worship that our heavenly Father desires from us that it should compel us to seek His face on His Sabbaths [plural] when Ezekiel says to us, “*Thus says the Lord God: “The gateway of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but **ON THE SABBATH** it shall be **OPENED**, and on the day of the **NEW MOON** it shall be **OPENED.**”*

Therefore, even though it is a fact that now under the New Covenant we can approach our heavenly Father’s throne of grace and mercy in the Name of Jesus anytime we want, God’s **ETERNAL** Word declares to us that we will have an open portal to the inner courts of heaven on His Sabbaths days and on His New Moon days which occurs every month out of the year when we are to assemble together as His *Ekklēsia* like we are commanded by God to do!

Now for some really good news concerning the blessings we will receive from the Lord for keeping His **SEVENTH** Day Sabbath while we are still living on the earth. In Isaiah 58:13-14 below, God promises us that **IF** we will honor His Sabbath and delight ourselves in Him, then He
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promises us that He will cause us to ride on the high hills of the earth and that He will feed us with the heritage of Jacob our father. In other words, we will receive the promises that He gave to Abraham and his descendants!

“IF you turn away your foot from the **SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ **[H7676: shabbâth: intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: (+ every) sabbath; H7673: shâbath: to repose, that is, desist from exertion],** From doing **YOUR PLEASURE on MY HOLY DAY, And CALL THE SABBATH** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ **A DELIGHT, The HOLY DAY OF THE LORD HONORABLE, And SHALL HONOR HIM, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then YOU SHALL DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD; And I WILL CAUSE YOU TO RIDE ON THE HIGH HILLS OF THE EARTH, And FEED YOU WITH THE HERITAGE OF JACOB YOUR FATHER. THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HAS SPOKEN.”** ~ Isaiah 58:13-14 (NKJV)

When the mouth of the Lord has spoken, then we should heed what He says and do it because He is worthy of being worshipped according to the manner or the custom that He has chosen and decreed before the foundation of the world.

In fact, if we choose to worship Him according to what we deem right in our own eyes, then we are exalting ourselves ABOVE His Word just like Lucifer did and we will be worshipping the Lord our God in VAIN! And, if we do NOT repent and make course correction NOW, then we will be cut off from amongst His people and He shall *destroy* or *consume* us at the brightness of His second coming because we have *transgressed* His LAWS, *changed* His **everlasting ORDINANCES**, and *broken* His **everlasting COVENANT**.

Therefore, we have rejected His ETERNAL WORD whom He sent to the earth as the *Son of Man* in the Person of Jesus Christ who shed His precious blood for us in order to *redeem, restore* and *reconcile* us back to WALKING in a COVENANT relationship with **Y^ehōvâh**, our heavenly Father who is the *self Existent* ETERNAL God. Moreover, He is also **’Ēlôhîym**, the Supreme Creator of the heavens and the earth and everything in it, including us His Created.

Last, but certainly not least, He is also our just *righteous* Judge who is the ONLY One that we will have to give an account to come *Judgment Day* concerning why we REJECTED His ETERNAL Word!