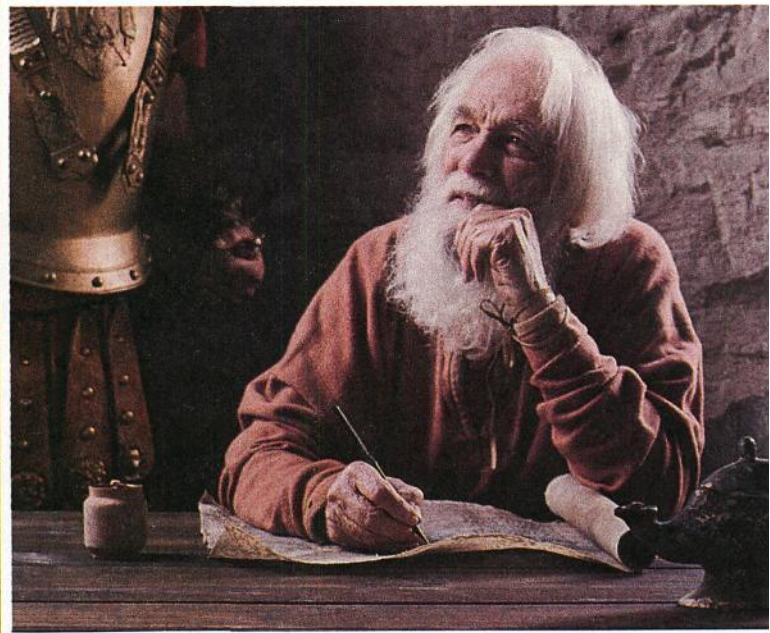


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Portugal is a magnificent country. Along the cliffs of Portugal there's a spectacular view that rivals the best in the world. This breathtaking view is from a monastery atop a very steep cliff. And the only way up to that monastery is to get into a wicker basket tied to a rope, after which a monk at the top of the cliff begins cranking an old wooden pulley. You sit in this basket as it goes up the jagged cliff. The sunsets are magnificent—but it's a little scary, because the basket swings back and forth as the monk pulls it to the top.

Some years ago, a tourist got into the basket, and the monk at the top began cranking and cranking. An elderly tour guide was in the basket with the tourist, trying to give him some reassurance, because, although the views were beautiful, this process of getting to the top of the cliff didn't look too safe. So the tourist looked at the tour guide and said, "I'm a little nervous. I just have one question to ask you. Do you ever lose anyone as the rope pulls this basket up—does the rope ever break, so someone falls from the cliff?"

"Well, occasionally," the guide answered.

That wasn't reassuring. And the tourist asked a second question. "How often do you replace the rope?"

And the tour guide answered, "Every time one breaks."

Many people are going through life with the rope ready to snap. Modern society has pushed us to the very edge of breaking. Tension, anxiety, and stress keep our hearts beating faster, raise our blood pressure, and give us migraine headaches. Many take a pill to get going in the morning and another pill to get to sleep at night. Muscles are as tense as spring steel. The drug of choice for our day is Valium. Sleeping pills and anti-depressants are used more and more.

AN ANCIENT PRESCRIPTION

Heart disease is the number-one killer today, and a leading contributor to heart disease is emotional stress. One in every four men will die before the age of 60 from a heart attack. In the United States alone, every single year, there are half a million deaths from heart attacks. Does God, as Creator of our bodies, have an antidote—an answer to the stress and tension of our day? There's been discovered a 6,000-year-old remedy for tension. In fact, the final crisis in the last days of earth's history—the issue that has to do with the Mark of the Beast in the

final days—is over this issue of God's answer to society's stress and tension.

The Book of Revelation gives God's urgent message for a world in deep trouble. It gives God's final message for a world on the verge of collapse. God's final message has to do with physical, mental, and spiritual restoration. Chapter 14 of Revelation gives that message we've been studying for the last week. That's why it's important not to miss a single night. If you do, certainly get the printed magazines and tapes. What is Revelation's final message? "I saw another angel fly in the middle of heaven. . . ." The angel doesn't float—he flies! Here is a timely, significant, urgent message! A message to go rapidly! It's the everlasting gospel—the good news that by the grace of God, our sins can be forgiven and we don't have to live as we've been living—we can be transformed.

God's final message is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. It's a universal message that leaps geographical boundaries and goes to all races and language groups. Here is such an urgent, compelling message of good news that the angel shouts with a loud voice: "Fear God," that is, obey Him, "and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." We studied this a few nights ago. No longer business and pleasure as usual, for the hour of God's judgment is come! The destinies of all human beings are now being settled. The way we live our lives *now* determines our eternal destiny.

In the judgment hour the essential issue is, "Is this man, this woman, committed to Christ?" The Bible says no man or woman can serve two masters. The Bible teaches that every single human being on the face of Planet Earth is currently—right now, this very moment—making final, irrevocable, eternal decisions *for* or *against* Christ. The Bible says, "The hour of His judgment *IS* come." Now notice that in this judgment hour—in view of the fact that time is running out and Christ is coming soon—Revelation 14:7 continues: "Worship Him that *made* heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Who is the One who made heaven, earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters? What do we call Him? The Creator. So Revelation 14:7 says, "Worship the Creator."

But, Revelation 14:9 warns, "If any man worship the Beast and his image, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." So the issue is clearly about worship-

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ping the Creator or worshiping the Beast. And as we worship the Creator, we discover God's six-thousand-year-old remedy for tension. We discover God's answer to heart disease and nervous breakdowns. We discover God's method of restoring, rejuvenating, and revitalizing these physical bodies of ours.

CHRIST AS CREATOR

What does it *mean* when Revelation, the last book in the Bible, with God's last message to the last generation, says, "Worship the Creator"? This is a call to give our worship—our deepest allegiance and homage—to *whom*? John 1:1-3, 10 and 14 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. *All things were made by Him*; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. . . . He was in the world, and *the world was made by Him*. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of *the only begotten* of the Father)." Now whoever this Word is, the Bible says He was the Creator. Who is it?—it's Jesus! Jesus was the active agent in creation, for "all things were made by Him."

In fact, in Colossians 1:13-16, the Bible speaks of God's "dear Son" and says, "by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, . . . *all things were created by Him*, and for Him." So when Revelation 14:7 says, "Worship the Creator," it's telling us to worship the One who made all things, Jesus Christ. Then Revelation 14:9 cautions, "If any man worships the Beast . . ." So there's a contrast and conflict pictured between the true worship of Christ and the false worship of the Beast. In Revelation, God calls us back to worshipping our Creator.

Now does the Creator, Jesus Christ, have a special sign or emblem of His creative authority? Does Jesus have a special flag? The United States has a flag—"Old Glory"—the red, white, and blue. Some may say it's just a flag. But if I rip that flag down, throw it to the ground, and stamp on it, I'm stamping on more than a piece of cloth. If I burn that flag, I'm burning more than mere cloth—I'm burning everything that flag stands for: freedom, liberty, justice.

I've traveled all over the world. Democracy as a system of government may have its flaws, but it's the best in the world. Live under totalitarian regimes, and you appreciate democracy much more. So destroying that flag is destroying more than cloth—it's destroying a symbol of allegiance. Does Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Creator of the universe, have a sign, a symbol of creative authority that God in Revelation is calling the whole human race back to in these last days? If God does have such a sign, where could we find it? In the heart of God's

Law, as we'll see. So let's look in God's Law—His eternal code of conduct.

The Bible says, "Remember the Sabbath day." God says, "*Remember*"—yet most of the world has forgotten! Those commandments were written by God's own finger—written not on sand to be washed away, not on parchment to be erased, but written by God's own finger on tables of *stone*. "*Remember* the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the *seventh* day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work. . . . For in six days the Lord *made* heaven and earth, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Right there in the heart of God's Ten Commandment Law the Bible uses the *same* language of Revelation 14:7, which says, "Worship Him [worship Christ] that *made* heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Exodus 20:8-11 tells us *how* to worship our Creator. It says we should rest from our labors, both in commemoration of God's rest after His labors and in celebration of His great work of Creation.

DON'T LET PREJUDICE ROB YOU

The seventh-day Sabbath is God's memorial of creation. But some dismiss it by saying, "It's Jewish." The thing that's wrong with that remark—besides being filled with the poison of prejudice—is that it's *absolutely untrue*! Was the Sabbath *really* given only to the Jews? To answer that question, let's go back—back across the decades, the centuries, the millennia—back to that "book of beginnings" called Genesis. God gave the Sabbath as a blessing to Adam and Eve on the seventh day of *creation week*—long *before* there were any Jews, or Egyptians, or Chinese, or any other race or nationality! How many Jews were around at creation? None—the Jewish race did *not exist* for 2,300 years after creation—until the days of Abraham, the first Jew. Your Bible says God created the Sabbath as a perpetual, eternal reminder for the *entire human race* when He gave it to Adam and Eve.

Our Creator gave His holy day to Adam and Eve back in Eden at the same time He gave them the institution of marriage. No one foolishly claims marriage is "just for the Jews"! The twin institutions of God's holy Sabbath and holy matrimony are like two roses plucked from the Garden of Eden—one is no more "Jewish" than the other. Both have been fiendishly attacked by Satan.

Neither the seventh-day Sabbath in particular nor the Ten Commandments in general were ever intended only for the Jews. Was the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not *kill*" given just to the Jews? Was the eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not *steal*" given just to the Jews? Was the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit *adultery*" given just to the Jews? No, my friends. And

neither was the Fourth Commandment regarding the Sabbath. As Timothy Dwight, President of Yale University, observed in 1818: "It was no more necessary for a Jew to rest after the labor of six days was ended, than for any other man. It was no more necessary for a Jew to commemorate the perfections of God, displayed in the works of Creation." Jesus Himself clearly taught in Mark 2:27 that "the Sabbath was made for man," using *man* in the generic sense, meaning all mankind. God's Ten Commandment Law is His eternal code of conduct given to the entire human race, intended *for all people in all ages*.

Today, in this judgment hour, God calls us back to worship the Creator. Who's the Creator? Jesus! And the *sign* of His Creatorship, the *memorial* of creation, is His Sabbath. So when we worship each week, when we come to have our spiritual batteries recharged and rejuvenated by the grace of God every Sabbath, we give our highest allegiance, our worship, to Jesus Christ. The Sabbath, in the heart of God's Ten Commandment Law, is to be a time of rest, recreation, and fellowship. The Sabbath is part of the *prescription* given mankind by the divine *Physician*. It's God's answer, in a pressure-cooker world, to the problems of tension and stress caused by overcrowded schedules, deadlines, and traffic jams.

A DEFENSE AGAINST EVOLUTION

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." It did *not* evolve! In the beginning God created. The Bible's very first verse establishes God's creative authority. But Satan *hates* the fact that God is the Creator! That's why he developed his damnable doctrine of evolution—because if you simply evolved, you *have* no Creator to give your allegiance to. Then the devil can attack the Sabbath, the symbol of creation, saying it makes no difference *which* day you keep holy. If Satan can successfully challenge God's Sabbath, then he can lead us from the worship of the true Creator.

The emblem of the Creator's authority is the Sabbath. But the Beast power says Sabbath observance is not necessary. The Beast power establishes counterfeits and deceptions. Professor E. W. Thomas says: "Man could not keep the original Sabbath and forget God." It's impossible to keep the Sabbath and forget God, because the Sabbath reminds me that I'm a created being and that man did not evolve out of the slime! The Sabbath leads me back to my God and the fact that He created and fashioned me.

God did indeed create the world. He put light where once there was darkness. He created flowers and carpeted the earth with living green, and the forests gave forth their beauty. He hung the sun and moon in the starry sky. God filled the air with birds and the sea with fish. This earth sang with the joy of its Creator! He beautified

even the oceans—go snorkeling, and you'll see magnificent varieties of marine life. Earth came forth resplendent from the hand of a loving Creator. The birds sang His praise, and all the animals lived in peace and joy on this new earth.

Then, as His crowning act of creation, God brought forth Adam and Eve. The Bible says in Genesis 1:26, 27, "Let us make man in *our* image"—the plural pronouns let us know that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all present at Creation—"in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Then—when He finished creating the air, land, and sea; the sun, moon, and stars, the flowers, grass, and trees; the birds, fish, and animals; when He finished creating Adam and Eve—God created *something else*. He created the Sabbath—a place in time!

And the One who made the Sabbath was none other than our Lord Jesus, our Creator. Note this simple chain of logic: (A) Mark 2:27 says, "The Sabbath was made for man." And (B) John 1:3 says, "All things were made by Him [Christ]; and without Him was not any thing made that was made." Therefore, (C) since the Sabbath was "made," and since "all things" were made by Christ, then **Christ made the Sabbath!**

As the sun went down that first Friday night in the Garden of Eden, the seventh day arrived. In Genesis 2:1, 2, the Bible says, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God *ended* His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made."

Note that God rested on the seventh day—not the first or the third or any other. Then Genesis 2:3 adds that He *not only RESTED* on the seventh day but "God *blessed* the seventh day, and *sanctified* it." (To sanctify something means to make it *holy* or to *set it apart* for a holy purpose.) Our Creator, Jesus Christ, performed **three divine acts** in connection with the seventh day of creation week: (1) He *rested* on it, (2) He *blessed* it, and (3) He *sanctified* it. And He didn't perform any of those acts for any other day.

KEEP "ONE DAY IN SEVEN"?

But some people question the validity of God's institution of the Sabbath. "What difference does it make?" they ask. "You can keep the first day, the fourth day, the fifth day. It makes no difference at all, as long as you keep one day in seven."

Look, you were born on a certain day. Will celebrating on the day *before* your birthday make that day your birthday? Will it? Will celebrating on the day *after* your birthday make that day your birthday? Not at all. Celebrating on the day before or after won't change your birthday—and the Sabbath is the birthday of the world. Human be-

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ings may say it makes no difference which day we observe, but God's Ten Commandment Law specifies, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." And God says, "Remember . . ." because *He knew we'd forget*.

Men may try to trivialize the Sabbath, try to minimize its importance, but God says He *blessed* the seventh day. Of course, you can get a blessing on any day you worship. Worship on the second day, and get a blessing. Worship the fourth day, and get a blessing. But if you want the Sabbath blessing, you have to worship on the Sabbath day, because that's where God put it. You can worship on Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday, but that's not Sabbath worship, and God commands Sabbath worship. God rested on the seventh day, so when we rest on the seventh day, we're resting on the Sabbath God rested on. God blessed the seventh day, so if we want heaven's special blessing, the rejuvenating blessing that God gives, we must worship on the seventh day.

The Bible also says God *sanctified* the seventh day, *setting it apart* for holy use. Because we love Christ, we want to keep His commandments, remembering the day He sanctified and set apart at creation—not the first or the third, not the fifth or the sixth, but the *seventh* day. In the same way, marriage *sanctifies* a couple when it sets apart one woman for one man. God sanctified Eve when He brought her to Adam.

To illustrate, suppose it's my wedding day. I'm standing there at the altar, and I see my lovely bride come walking down the aisle. They're playing "Here Comes the Bride," and I'm sweating—you know, sweat's running down my face, and my heart's doing a pitter-patter. She looks beautiful—she looks beautiful every day, just as when I married her 27 years ago. She's coming down the aisle, and my heart's pitter-pattering, and I'm all nervous and excited. Here she comes, and I have butterflies in my stomach, and I can hardly remember even to say "I do," because when she holds my hand, it's so wonderful.

Now the wedding service is over. We're getting changed, ready to go on our honeymoon. Let's say my wife has six sisters, and she's the seventh daughter. I get in the car, and her sister, Sandy, gets in next to me, takes my hand, and says, "Let's go!" I say, "What? 'Let's go?' I didn't marry you! I married your sister." But she says, "Oh, Mark, there are seven of us. You're getting one in seven, so what difference does it make?" One in seven? Does it make a difference? You bet it does!

In that *first* week of God's creation, was the Sabbath simply "one day in seven"? Of course not! Your Bible specifically says: "*THE* seventh day," never "a seventh day" or "one day in seven." The idea that man can pick any day of the seven stems from an attitude which puts *man* "in the driver's seat" even when it comes to worshiping his Maker. If we succumb to this attitude, then God is no longer the One who makes the rules, and we

may worship Him *when* we please, *if* we please, *how* we please—IF we have the time!

Did God bless every day? Is that what the Bible says? No! "God," the Bible says, "blessed the *seventh* day." God rested on the seventh day and sanctified it. Revelation sends angels flying in the middle of heaven saying, "Worship the Creator. Worship Jesus Christ." And just as the Ten Commandments are for all humanity, the Sabbath is for all humanity. Just as God set the Sabbath aside for Adam and Eve at creation, He set it aside for us now. It's an eternal, perpetual sign.

Ancient writers understood this. Listen to what the ancient writer Philo said in volume one, section 30, of his writings: "Now when the whole world had been brought to completion in accordance with properties of six, a perfect number, the Father *invested with dignity* the seventh day, which comes next, *extolling* it and pronouncing it *holy*." The seventh-day Sabbath is sanctified and holy to God. He says, "Remember it," and do not work on it. On that day God desires us to come apart from the workaday world, to rest, to worship—and Revelation is calling us back to worship our Creator.

THE SABBATH IS "BLESSED FOREVER"

God blessed the Sabbath when He gave it to Adam and Eve, and 1 Chronicles 17:27 teaches that when God blesses something, "it will be blessed *for ever*." Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the *same* yesterday, and today, and for ever." Malachi 3:6 says, "I am the Lord, *I change not*." God promises in Psalm 89:34, "My covenant will I not break, nor *alter* the thing that is gone out of My lips." And the Ten Commandments did come from God's lips! Not only did He *write* them with His own finger, but Exodus 20:1 says, as a preface to God's Law: "God *spoke* all these words." He won't change His mind or alter His Law—what He blesses is blessed forever.

The Bible says the Sabbath was to be kept down through the ages. And God's people have kept it in all ages. Before the days of Christ and the apostles, before the Ten Commandment Law was given, even before Abraham fathered the Jewish race, our first parents, Adam and Eve, kept the Sabbath. Throughout history, in both Old and New Testament times, the Sabbath has been kept as an eternal sign.

You'll remember that when Moses led God's people out of Egypt, they wandered in the wilderness forty years. God proved He could meet their needs—and He can meet ours, too. To feed them, Exodus 16 tells us God rained "manna" down from heaven. It rained down six days every week: the first day, the second day, the third day, through the sixth—and the people would gather it. But if they gathered *more* than they could eat on a given day—since there was no refrigeration—it would spoil, stink, and breed worms by morning. Yet when it rained

down on the sixth day, God told them, "I'll rain down a *double* portion on the sixth day. Take a double amount, because I don't want you going out on the Sabbath to gather it."

God didn't want His people forced to work on His Sabbath of rest, so He told them, "I'll work a miracle to preserve it." For forty years while they were in the wilderness, God worked this miracle every Sabbath. Exodus 16:26 says, "Six days you'll gather it. But on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none." It didn't come down on Sabbath because that was not a day for work. That was a day to praise and worship God, a day to come heart to heart with the Creator of the universe, a day to lay down burdens and let stress and anxiety go.

But some went out anyway and searched for manna to gather, disobeying God by working on the Sabbath. This was BEFORE the Ten Commandments were given in written form, but God asked them in Exodus 16:28, "How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?" God's Law was written in their minds, as it was written in Adam's and Eve's hearts. Long before God gave the Ten Commandments in written form, His Law was passed down from generation to generation by word of mouth. So the Ten Commandments are a restatement of God's eternal principles for the entire human race. On Mt. Sinai, God restated His Law and wrote it on tables of stone never to be changed.

THE SABBATH WAS NEVER ABOLISHED

What about the New Testament? Did Jesus do away with the Sabbath that Adam and Eve kept, the Sabbath commanded in God's Law? On the contrary, Jesus Himself says in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:17, NIV: "*Do not think* that I have come to abolish the Law, or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these Commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." So never let anyone tell you that Jesus did away with the Sabbath or the Ten Commandments—don't even THINK such a thing, He says!

Jewish leaders had put all kind of legal burdens on the Sabbath which went far beyond what God intended. So Jesus came to show the true spiritual nature of the seventh-day Sabbath. In fact, Jesus Himself set a good example on the Sabbath—He was a Sabbath keeper. Luke 4:16 says, "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and *as His custom was*, He went into the

synagogue on the Sabbath day." If Jesus' custom was to go every Sabbath to praise His heavenly Father, I want to go to church every Sabbath, don't you?

Somebody said Jesus did that simply because He was a Jew in a Jewish culture. Oh, but He was our Example. If He wanted us to keep another day, He would have told us. Our Lord never adopted the philosophy of "When in Rome, do as the Romans [or Jews] do." He never followed the line of least resistance or "followed the crowd" because it was expedient. Far from it! Jesus fearlessly called sin by its right name, correcting many abuses and misconceptions about the Sabbath—but He never even hinted it was the wrong day or implied it would pass away.

If the seventh-day Sabbath was good enough for Adam and Eve, it's good enough for me. How about you? If it's in the Ten Commandments, and God says remember it, I don't want to forget it. Do you? If God says it's a sign between Him and His people, I want that sign to be a part of my life. Don't you?

THE EARLY CHURCH KEPT THE SABBATH

But some may ask, "What about *after* the cross? What did Jesus teach about the Sabbath after His death? Is there any evidence that 10, 20, 30 years after Christ died, His disciples would be still keeping His Sabbath? Yes, there is, friends—good, Bible evidence. In Matthew 24:1, 2 (RSV) we read that Jesus looked down at the magnificent temple in Jerusalem and said, "There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down." In A.D. 33, Jesus predicted that the Roman general Titus and his armies would come and destroy the temple at Jerusalem. That event happened in A.D. 70. So Jesus was predicting an event 37 years in the future, when Roman armies would besiege Jerusalem and destroy the temple, with great slaughter and bloodshed.

After this providential warning, Jesus instructed His disciples in Matthew 24:20, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, *neither on the Sabbath day*." Jesus gathered His disciples, including Peter, James, and John, around Him. He said, when Titus comes to destroy Jerusalem, pray that you won't have to flee in the winter. Why not winter? Well, it would be very difficult to flee in the cold and rainy season of winter. But He also said, pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath. Why not on the Sabbath? Because proper Sabbath observance does not include traveling any great distance, and conscientious believers would hate to have to choose between obeying God and saving their necks.

Some who disagree with this explanation argue that the Jews shut the city gates on Sabbath so even Christians could not flee on the seventh day. But our Lord was thinking not only of those inside the city but also of those in the entire surrounding countryside of "Judea"

(verse 16) who would not be affected by Jerusalem's gates. Jesus knew that His followers, His Christian disciples, would be keeping the seventh-day Sabbath nearly forty years *after* His death and resurrection!

Why would Jesus tell Peter, James, and John, "Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath," if He knew they'd no longer be worshiping on that day? It makes no sense at all. Jesus knew that *thirty-seven years after the Cross* they'd still be worshiping on the Sabbath, so He urged them to pray that they wouldn't have to desecrate His holy day by fleeing in panic from besieging armies.

But were the Ten Commandments still binding after the cross—did the disciples still honor them? Let me ask you: Would the apostle Paul or Peter, James and John teach that you could *kill*? Or *steal*? Would they say, "Because you're saved by God's grace, *forget* about the Law?" Not at all! In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you *love* me, *keep* my Commandments." And the apostle Paul himself wrote in Romans 3:31, "Do we then *make void* the Law through faith? God forbid: yea, we *establish* the Law"! Those without faith may scoff at religion and laugh at God's Law; it's only the faithful believer who establishes the Law in his life.

God's grace IS what saves us—we come to Jesus and are saved by His grace. But if we love Him because we're saved by grace, we have a desire to *obey* Him. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you *love* Me, *keep* my Commandments." Do you love Him? What are we to do if we love Him? Keep His commandments. Is the Sabbath one of His commandments? Do you love Him enough to keep it? Indeed you do. That's why you've been coming to these Bible lectures.

PAUL KEPT THE SABBATH

What does the New Testament further teach about the significance of the Sabbath? Note the practice of Paul—the apostle to the Gentiles—as recorded in Acts 17:1, "They came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews: and Paul, *as his manner was*, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures." Paul's custom, you see, was the same as Christ's custom (Luke 4:16). For three Sabbath days—all the time he spent in Thessalonica—Paul attended the house of worship on the day God sanctified.

But someone says, "Wait a minute, Pastor. I can get around that text. Paul just wanted to preach to the Jews, so he went where they were meeting. They were keeping the Sabbath, but He wasn't. Paul didn't worship on the Sabbath." Before you jump too quickly to a wrong conclusion, read Acts 16:9-16, which says Paul was called in a vision to preach the gospel not to the Jews but to the Gentiles in Macedonia. When he came to Philippi, "a Roman colony" which had *no* house of worship—Jewish or Christian, Paul *still* kept the Sab-

bath by drawing apart to a quiet "river side, where prayer was wont to be made." There he shared the *gospel* with a Gentile lady believer, *baptized* her and her household, and "went to prayer." If Paul didn't intend to observe God's holy day that Sabbath, as a self-supporting missionary he could've well spent the time working on his tents (Acts 18:3).

Furthermore, in Acts 13:13-41 we read that "Paul and his company . . . came to Antioch . . . went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day," and took advantage of the opportunity to preach the gospel. He must have done a great job of preaching, for the next few verses (Acts 13:42-44) are especially revealing: "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the GENTILES besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. . . . And the next Sabbath came almost *the whole city* together to hear the Word of God."

THE SABBATH IS "THE LORD'S DAY"

God gave the Sabbath to Adam and Eve, when there were no Jews. God included the Sabbath when He wrote the Ten Commandment Law for the whole human race. It was a sign between God and His people. Jesus Himself kept it. Jesus said it would still be kept 40 years after the cross, when He said, "Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath." Now we know that Paul kept it. And the apostle John, writing the Book of Revelation on the Island of Patmos, said in Revelation 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day."

But someone may object: "Wait a minute, Mark. He was in the Spirit on *the Lord's day*—that's Sunday, isn't it?"

Before I answer that, I'd like to recall a little story about Abe Lincoln, who tried many cases as a lawyer in Illinois before he was elected President. In one of those cases, Lincoln asked a rather strange question while cross-examining a witness. "If we call a cow's tail a leg," he asked, "how many legs does a cow have?"

"Well," the witness replied, "if we call a cow's tail a leg, then I'd say a cow has five legs."

"Wrong!" snapped Lincoln. "A cow still has only four legs, because *calling* a tail a leg doesn't *make* it a leg."

And *calling* a day holy doesn't make it holy. Only God can make a day or anything else holy. Some theologians, with no backing from the Bible, habitually call Sunday the Lord's day. But is Sunday *really* "the Lord's day"? What does the *Bible* say? God's Word uses the term "Lord's day" only once, in Revelation 1:10, and that solitary reference gives no hint which day is designated by that special title. The text lets us know *the Lord HAS a day* He calls His own—but we must look elsewhere to determine which day that is.

Anyone can define the Lord's day as Sunday, but I'd rather let the Bible define it, wouldn't you? Let's let the

Bible be its own interpreter. For instance, in Isaiah 58:13, 14, the Lord Himself calls “the *Sabbath* . . . MY holy DAY . . . the holy of the Lord, honourable, . . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” Exodus 20:10 says, “*The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.*” Or we can ask Jesus, who answers: “The Son of man is Lord even of *the Sabbath day*” Matthew 12:8 and Mark 2:28. The Sabbath is the Lord’s day—the only period of time with which Jesus ever identified Himself. But the holy Scriptures give *no* sacred title to the *first* day of the week. Careful study of God’s Word reveals that Christ never said *anything* about the first day, either as a holy day or otherwise. Calling Sunday “the Lord’s day” doesn’t make it so.

I’d rather take Jesus’ word over that of any theologian, wouldn’t you? I’d rather take the Bible over any other book ever written, wouldn’t you? Do you see the issues? The enemy has deceived us over one of God’s commandments. But God is calling us back because He loves us—calling us back to worship Him as the Creator.

WHAT WAS “NAILED TO THE CROSS”?

Now some, confused by Ephesians 2:15 and Colossians 2:14-17, which say that God’s *ceremonial* “ordinances” were “abolished” or “nailed to the cross,” mistakenly think those verses refer to God’s *moral* Law of Ten Commandments. The “ordinances” dealt with rites and *ceremonies* of sacrificing animals, which pointed forward to the great sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God—so of course they were abolished when Christ died. They also dealt with *annual ceremonial* “sabbath days”—plural—like Passover, Yom Kippur, *etc.*, which may occur on ANY day of the week (like our Fourth of July, Halloween, and Christmas), as opposed to the *weekly seventh-day Sabbath*, which always falls on Saturday. After the cross, Christians no longer observe those annual ceremonial days, like Passover: “For Christ, our *Passover* Lamb, has *been sacrificed*” 1 Corinthians 5:7, NIV.

When Christians say the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross, I wonder if they really mean that! Do they mean it’s OK to *kill* after the cross? OK to *steal* after the cross? It’s very interesting to *ask* them WHICH of God’s Ten Commandments was nailed to the cross. The one that says, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”?

“No, not that one.”

The one that says, “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain”?

“No, not that one.”

The one that says, “Thou shalt not commit adultery”?

“Oh, no, not that one! Mark, we have to keep *nine* of the commandments, but they were nailed to the cross, and we take nine back and don’t have to keep the Sabbath.”

Now that just doesn’t make sense, folks—not for

thinking people. You can’t say the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross, and you have to keep nine but don’t have to keep one. Either they were nailed to the cross, or they weren’t.

At least the closest followers of Christ didn’t think the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross, because Luke 23:56 says, “They returned [home], and prepared spices and ointments; and *rested* the Sabbath day *according to the Commandment.*” These women were from the inner circle of Christ’s disciples—the ones who knew Him best. If Christ had had any instruction, any plan to change the day of rest, He surely would have shared that plan with His faithful few. It’s obvious that our Lord had given no such instruction, for here we read that these women—even *after* Christ’s crucifixion—“rested according to the Commandment”! What commandment? The fourth commandment, of course, regarding Sabbath observance. The Ten Commandments were never nailed to the cross. The *ceremonial* ordinances pointing forward to Christ’s sacrifice WERE abolished when He was “nailed to the cross,” but the great principles of God’s *moral* Law are eternal.

WE NEED NOT BE CONFUSED

But somebody asks, “Can we really tell which day IS the seventh day? Maybe we’ve lost track of time. Maybe the calendar’s been changed. Maybe we no longer know which day the seventh day is.” Listen: God says, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: six days shalt thy labor, and do all thy work, but the *seventh* day is the Sabbath of the Lord.” Would we charge God with giving us a command impossible to keep? You *can* tell with certainty which day the seventh day is—biblically, linguistically, astronomically, and historically.

First, let’s look in the Bible. Luke 23:54 talks about the day Christ was crucified and says, “That day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on.” The Bible calls the day before the Sabbath—**Friday**—“the preparation day,” because every week God’s faithful people would use it to wind up their business and prepare for God’s Sabbath. This text reminds us that Christ was crucified on the day before the Sabbath, which we today call “Good Friday.” Then, verses 55 and 56 say, “The women . . . rested the Sabbath day according to the Commandment.” And Luke 24:1-6 says, “Upon the first day of the week”—the day called **Easter Sunday**—Christ was risen “very early in the morning.”

So the Bible mentions a sequence of three days: First, we know Jesus died on the sixth day of the week, a Friday, which in Bible times was called “the preparation, that is, *the day BEFORE the Sabbath*” Mark 15:37 and 42. Then the next day, the day we call Saturday, the seventh day of the week, the ladies rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment, and Jesus rested in the

tomb. Third, "When the Sabbath was PAST . . . very early in the morning the first day of the week" (Mark 16:1-6), the women learned that Christ was resurrected. Any schoolboy can see all this on his calendar: The seventh day is the day between Friday, the day Christ died, and Sunday, the day He arose.

The seventh-day Sabbath—the day Adam and Eve kept, the day Christ and His disciples kept, the day God commands *us* to keep as a *sign* between Him and His people—is clearly indicated in the Bible as Saturday.

Over the centuries, many have had knowledge of the true Bible Sabbath. But sometimes people ask me, "What about my loved ones? They didn't know these things. Are they going to be lost because they broke a commandment of God?" The Bible says in Acts 17:30, RSV, "The times of *ignorance* God overlooked. . . ." James 4:17, RSV, says, "Whoever *knows* what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." Certainly if our loved ones in the past followed Jesus and served Him, they did the best they could. If they had no opportunity to know, God won't hold that against them. But friends, we're living in the last days, just before the coming of Jesus. And Christ is calling us back to worship Him as Creator. He's calling us back to giving Him our deepest allegiance as Lord indeed of the Bible Sabbath. You can know the true Sabbath from the Bible.

What about *astronomy*? Does it tell us whether days have been lost or changed? Go to the world's leading astronomers. Astronomer Larkin says, "Weekly cycle never changed." Astronomer Leeky says, "Weekly cycle never changed." Here's an interesting letter we wrote to the United States Naval Observatory, in Washington, D.C. One of our scholars wrote to them back in 1932 and asked the question, "Has there ever been a change in the weekly cycle so that the Saturday of today is different than the Sabbath Jesus Christ kept? Because the Bible says that Jesus kept the Sabbath." Here's the answer from the United States Naval Observatory, a leading time center in the world: "We have had occasion to investigate the results of the works of specialists in chronology. And we have never found one of them that has ever had the slightest doubt about the continuity of the weekly cycle since long before the Christian era." Then they go on to say, "There has been *no change in our calendar* in past centuries that has affected *in any way* the cycle of the week." The change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar didn't affect the weekly cycle at all, and astronomers know that. It's clear that the weekly cycle has never been changed, and the seventh day of the week today is indeed the Bible Sabbath.

An old poem I love so much says this:

*What says the Bible, the blessed Bible to me?
The teachings of men so often mislead me,
But what says the Bible, the blessed Bible to me?*

That's what I want to know—what the Bible says. How about you tonight?

Now someone asks, "But shouldn't we today do something different than worship on the Bible Sabbath? I mean, does God really expect that in these last days?"

Listen, friends: In the last days God will have a group of people who love Jesus and keep the Sabbath! Revelation 14:12 says, "Here is the patience of the *saints*: here are they that *keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*" God is gathering a special group of people He can call "saints," who adopt His final sign of loyalty. They love Christ and have been saved by His grace, with all their sins forgiven. They love Him so much they want to obey Him. They want to worship their Creator even in an era saturated by evolution. They want to keep His Bible Sabbath just as He's commanded. They refuse to worship the Beast and take his Mark. They keep the Sabbath like Adam and Moses, like Jesus and Paul and countless others. This special group of people—with love and loyalty to Christ—hear His message, obey His message, and follow His message. And they're caught up to meet Jesus in the air.

IN HONOR OF THE RESURRECTION?

But some people are confused. They say, "Wait a minute. I always thought we were to keep Sunday in honor of the resurrection." Let me say three things about that:

First, it's the glorious FACT of Christ's resurrection that's all-important, not the incidental TIME of its occurrence. Proof of this is seen when we realize that Christ's sacrificial *death* on the cross is another monumental event that makes possible our salvation—but nowhere does God command us to "keep Friday holy" in honor of the crucifixion or to observe Sunday each week in honor of the resurrection.

God had no need to command observance of *days* to commemorate Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, because He chose instead to use the ceremony of *baptism* to memorialize both those marvelous events. The Bible plainly teaches in Romans 6:3-6 that baptism is a fitting symbol of each Christian's act of: *dying* to his old sinful way of life—just as Christ died on the cross; *burying* his sins in the watery grave of baptism—just as Christ was buried in the tomb; *rising again* out of the water to walk a new life—just as Christ rose again in His triumphant resurrection. *Baptism by immersion*—not the weekly observance of days—is the divinely appointed memorial of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Secondly, the Bible teaches that not only should we keep the Sabbath here, but we'll keep the Sabbath *up in heaven!* Did you know that? Isaiah 66:22, 23 says, "For as *the new heavens and the new earth*, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and

your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, *from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me*, saith the Lord.” So even up in heaven we’ll be keeping the Sabbath. God made the Sabbath in the perfect paradise of Eden, before sin entered. And when sin and sinners are eradicated from the universe, God will restore all things to those He died to redeem—including Sabbath worship. The seventh-day Sabbath, far from being abolished, actually spans the entire history of man from Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained. The disciples kept it after the resurrection, and the redeemed of all ages will keep it in heaven—*long* after the resurrection! So if we’re going to keep the Sabbath in the *hereafter* of God’s wonderful New Earth, I want to begin keeping it *here and now*, don’t you?

SUNDAY IN THE BIBLE

Thirdly, the name “Sunday” doesn’t appear at all in the Bible, which designates days other than the “Sabbath” simply by *number* (the first day, second day, *etc.*). And the entire New Testament mentions “the first day of the week” only eight times. Not one of them says we should worship on that day. This idea that we’re to worship on Sunday in honor of the resurrection not only flies in the face of the fact that New Testament Christians like Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, kept the Sabbath many decades *after* the resurrection—but it also has NO Scriptural support!

Examine for yourself the eight texts mentioning the first day of the week:

1 - Matthew 28:1 simply says, “It began to dawn toward the first day of the week. . . .”

2 - Mark 16:2 says, “Very early in the morning the first day of the week. . . .”

3 - Mark 16:9 says, “Jesus was risen early the first day of the week”—but it doesn’t say to worship on that day.

4 - Luke 24:1 says, “On the first day of the week, very early in the morning. . . .”

5 - John 20:1 says, “The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre. . . .”

Those five texts simply say the women returned to the tomb on Sunday to finish their work of anointing Christ’s body but found He was resurrected. Not one of them says to worship on that day—that’s a teaching of man, not God.

6 - John 20:19 says, “The disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews.” They were afraid, all right. They’d seen what the Jews and Romans had done to their Leader, and when He died, their hope died with Him. The frightened disciples were *hiding out* behind closed doors—the word translated “fear” is the Greek *phobos*, from which we get “-phobia” words for different kinds of fear. John doesn’t even HINT that this was a meeting celebrat-

ing Christ’s resurrection. The fearful disciples thought Christ was still dead and buried, so they couldn’t have been worshipping in honor of His resurrection.

Furthermore, over and over again the Bible tells us the disciples *did not believe* Christ had risen from the dead. It wasn’t just “doubting Thomas” who was incredulous at first. Virtually all the disciples *refused to believe* Christ had arisen *even when told that glorious news by eyewitnesses!* They didn’t believe the women who found the tomb empty—Luke 24:10, 11. They didn’t believe Mary Magdalene, who said she had seen Christ; instead “they mourned and wept”—Mark 16:9-11. They didn’t believe the two believers who walked with their resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) after they rushed back with that momentous news—Mark 16:12, 13. “Afterward,” when Jesus Himself appeared in their midst, He *scolded* them because of “their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they *believed NOT* them which had *seen* Him after He was risen”—Mark 16:14. Clearly, then, John 20:19 gives no evidence for Sunday sacredness.

7 - Acts 20:7 says, “Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread, Paul preached unto them.” Someone says, “Oh, that sounds like a religious meeting on the first day, so I guess we should keep Sunday.” But if preaching makes a day holy, then every day was made holy, for Acts 5:42 says: “*DAILY* in the Temple, and *in every house*, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”

The same goes for the phrase “break bread,” for Acts 2:46 speaks of the disciples “continuing *DAILY* with one accord in the Temple, and *breaking bread* from house to house. . . .” There’s also some question whether the expression “to break bread” refers to the Lord’s Supper or simply to eating a meal. For instance, Acts 2:46, quoted above, continues by saying that the disciples, “breaking bread from house to house, did *EAT* their meat with gladness.” Even in the passage we have under consideration (Acts 20:7), verse 11 says that Paul “had broken bread, and *EATEN*,” which strongly implies eating a meal to satisfy hunger rather than observing the ceremonial Lord’s Supper.

But *even if it were true* that the expression “to break bread” here means to eat the Lord’s Supper, it’s a gigantic, unwarranted leap to jump to the conclusion that celebrating communion makes a day holy or changes one of God’s Ten Commandments. Remember, the Lord Himself instituted the *first* Lord’s Supper with His disciples in the Upper Room on a **Thursday night** (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7:23). But no one suggests that we keep *Thursday* as our day of worship!

Besides all this, the meeting in Acts 20:7 took place during the *dark hours* of “the first day of the week”—verses 7, 8 say that Paul “continued his speech until *mid-*

night. And there were *many lights* in the upper chamber." Since the biblical day begins at sunset, this means the meeting really occurred on what we today call **Saturday night!** This fact is corroborated by several modern version of the Bible that translate "upon the first day of the week" as follows:

"On the **Saturday night**"—New English Bible

"On **Saturday evening**"—Today's English Version

"On **Saturday night**"—The Living Bible, footnote

"On the **Saturday evening**"—The Jerusalem Bible, footnote (Catholic)

So far, we find no divine command to observe Sunday as our day of worship. Now we come to the very last Bible text mentioning the first day of the week.

8 - 1 Corinthians 16:2 says, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you **lay by him in store**, as the Lord hath prospered, that there be *no gatherings when I come*." Some religious teachers use this verse as proof that we should go to church on Sunday. But let's see what the verse really says. The New International Version translates it clearly: "Each one of you should **set aside** a sum of money . . . **saving it up**, so that *when I come* no collections will have to be made." Paul didn't say he'd arrive on a Sunday. There was no way to tell when he'd arrive—Tuesday, Friday, or any day. He simply says, Do your bookkeeping—figure out how much "the Lord hath prospered you" in the preceding week—and set aside what you can for a donation.

Set it aside *where*? The Spanish Bible (*Santa Biblia*) says, "*en su propia casa*," which means "**in his own house**" or "**at home**." The New American Catholic Edition of the Holy Bible says: "**put aside at home**." The text mentions no meeting or assembly of any kind, so preachers who use it to prove Sunday sacredness are guilty of either *ignorance*—if they don't know what it really means—or *deception*—if they know but use it anyway, hoping to fool others.

So this text, like all the rest, offers no evidence of Sunday-keeping. The Bible is clear on this point: There is **NO** command sanctifying Sunday—from Genesis through Revelation.

THE TIME IS SHORT

Every place I go in the world, you know what I find? Men and women sense that we're living in the last days, in the final chapter of earth's history. In this late hour, it's time to get away from tradition—from what mere *men* have taught us. Do you believe that? It's time to get back to the Bible and the commandments of God! Do you believe that? It's time to get back to what Jesus says—even if it means a change in our lives, even if it means changing what we've been doing. I'd rather follow Jesus Christ than follow man any day, because the Book of Revelation is calling us back to Him. It's calling us back

to worship Him as Creator and warning us not to worship the Beast.

Some time ago a faithful Christian woman I'll call Jill was studying her Bible. She said, "God, I don't want to know what *man* thinks. Oh, God, just teach me from Your Word." And as she studied, she weighed this issue of the Bible Sabbath. She found in Scripture these various texts on the Sabbath. She was struggling and wondered, What day, indeed, *is* the Lord's day?

She read in Revelation 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." And she said, "Is that Sunday? I need to find out." She read Matthew 12:8, "The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath." She read Mark 2:28, "The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath." She read Luke 6:5, "The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath." And Jill said, "There's only one conclusion. The Sabbath is the true Lord's day."

So she got on the telephone and tried to find a Sabbath-keeping church. She wanted to follow Jesus. If Jesus said the Sabbath is the Lord's day, Jill said, "I want to follow Him." And she called her pastor. She said, "Pastor, I have a question. I want to find a church that keeps the Bible Sabbath. I want to worship the Creator by keeping the same Sabbath Adam kept, the same Sabbath taught in the Ten Commandments, the same Sabbath Jesus, Paul, and John kept. Pastor, what counsel do you have for me?"

GOOD ADVICE

Now this pastor was a very wise man, and he said, "Jill, I don't know what others will counsel you, but I counsel you to follow Jesus and to follow God's Law rather than man's teachings. I counsel you, Jill, to walk right into the arms of Christ."

Friend, you may have encountered this subject now for the first time, but I counsel you to follow Jesus Christ.

Right now, would like to tell Jesus—even though this may be new to you—would you like tell Jesus, "I want to follow You, Jesus. I want to do whatever You say, Jesus. And if the Sabbath is true, I want the courage and the strength to walk in that way."

Maybe you've already been following Christ. You may or may not be a church member, but would you like to raise your mind and heart and hand to heaven and say, "Whatever Jesus says, I want to do." Would you just raise your hand right now, please? Jesus will see it—all heaven is watching and listening as you say these words: "Lord Jesus, I love You, and I really want to follow You, and if this matter of the Sabbath is true, I'm going to study this issue out, because I want to be right with God. Lord, I really have that desire in my heart. I really want to serve Christ and not man. I don't want to be misled in the last days, but I really want to know for myself. And it's safe, it's always safe, to follow Jesus."

Don't you believe that right now? Say Amen. ▲

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1. The Bible gives **two** vital “earmarks” or points of identification for God’s *saints* in the Last Days, which are that they “ _____ the _____ of God and the _____ of Jesus.” **To check your answer, see Revelation 14:12 (1228 / 1224).**

2. The Bible teaches that God’s holy seventh-day Sabbath was to be a special “**SIGN**” between Him and His people, first, “that they might *know* that I am the Lord that _____ them,” and second, “that ye may *know* that I am the _____ your _____.”
To check your answer, see Ezekiel 20:12 & 20 (839 / 818).

3. **T** Paul teaches that Christians should bring an offering when they come to church on Sunday,
 F “the first day of the week.”
To check your answer, see 1 Corinthians 16:2 (1146 / 1138).

4. When God made the first Sabbath to give to mankind at the end of Creation Week, He did it by performing **three divine acts**: (1) He _____ on the seventh day, (2) then He _____ the seventh day, and (3) He _____ the seventh day.
To check your answer, see Genesis 2:2-3 (2 / 2).

5. Gospel writer John records that “the disciples were assembled” in a room “at evening” of the resurrection day. The **reason** for this meeting was: **To check your answer, see John 20:19 (1076 / 1071).**
 - A. to celebrate Christ’s resurrection.
 - B. to make plans for the new church.
 - C. to hide out for fear of the Jews.
 - D. to meet their risen Lord.
 - E. to chastise “Doubting Thomas” for his unbelief.

6. When Jesus died as the sacrificial Lamb of God, it was the _____
law of *rites* and *ordinances* that was abolished, “nailed to the cross,” NOT the _____
Law of Ten Commandments. **To check your answer, see Ephesians 2:15 (1163 / 1155),
Colossians 2:14-17 (1172 / 1164), Romans 7:12 (1123 / 1115), James 2:10-12 (1201 / 1195).**

Quick Quiz

7. **Yes** Can you **agree** with those who claim, “Jesus kept the seventh-day Sabbath of the Jews, but only because He was a Jew in the flesh who was surrounded by a Jewish culture?”
 No but only because He was a Jew in the flesh who was surrounded by a Jewish culture?”
To *check* your answer, see **Luke 4:16 (1014 / 1010) and John 15:10 (1069 / 1064)**.
8. In His *Sermon on the Mount*, Jesus declared we were not even to _____ that He came to _____ the Law, and that not one _____ or one _____ of the Law would pass away, till _____ be fulfilled.
To *check* your answer, see **Matthew 5:17-19 (950 / 946)**.
9. **T** We can be **sure** which day **IS** the seventh day, because the Bible makes plain that God’s
 F Sabbath is the day that falls *between* **Friday** and **Sunday**.
To *check* your answer, see **Luke 23:46 to 24:1 (1046 / 1041) and Mark 15:37 to 16:2 (1006 / 1002)**.
10. How do we know that **Jesus**, God the Son, is the **Creator**—and that He made the **Sabbath**?
To *check* your answer, see **John 1:1-3, 10, 14 (1048 / 1045); Colossians 1:13-16 (1171 / 1163); Hebrews 1:1-10 (1189 / 1182); Mark 2:27 (986 / 982)**.
- _____
- _____
- _____
11. How does the **wording** of God’s urgent Judgment-hour message in Revelation **compare** with God’s wording of the Fourth Commandment regarding the seventh-day Sabbath?
To *check* your answer, see **Revelation 14:6-7 (1228 / 1224) and Exodus 20:8-11 (81 / 75)**.
- _____
- _____
- _____
12. Comment on what you feel Jesus **meant** when He said: “If ye **LOVE** Me, **KEEP** My Commandments.”
To *check* your answer, see **John 14:15, 21, 23 (1068 / 1063); Proverbs 28:9 (677 / 644); 1 John 2:3-4 & 5:3 (1211 / 1206)**.
- _____
- _____



Words to the Wise:

“As the new heavens and *the new earth*, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that, from one new moon to another, and *from one Sabbath to another*, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord.” —Isaiah 66:23-24 (749 / 727).

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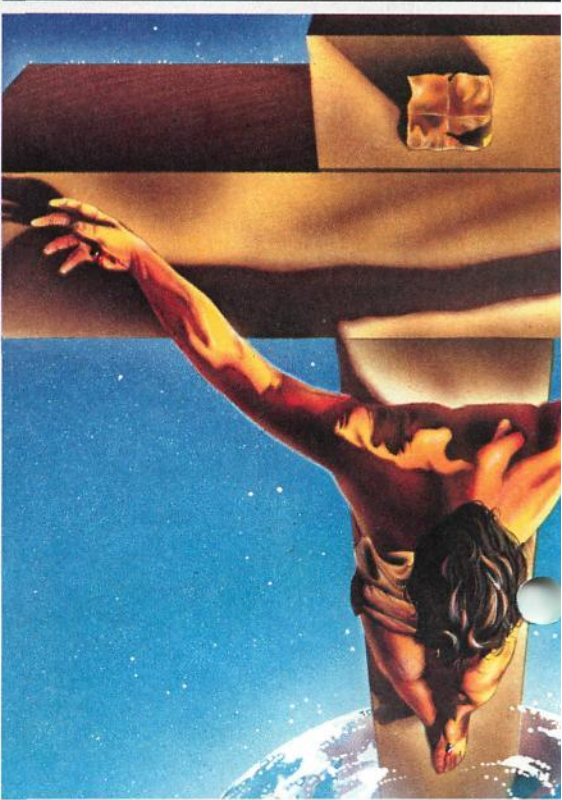
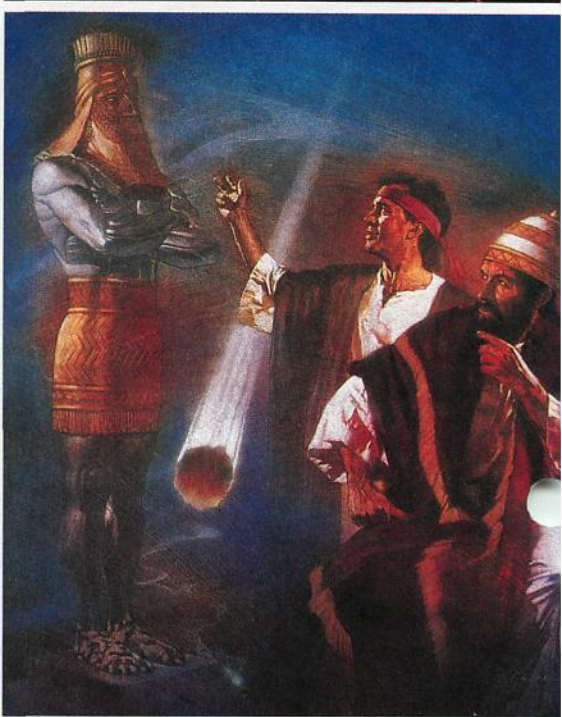
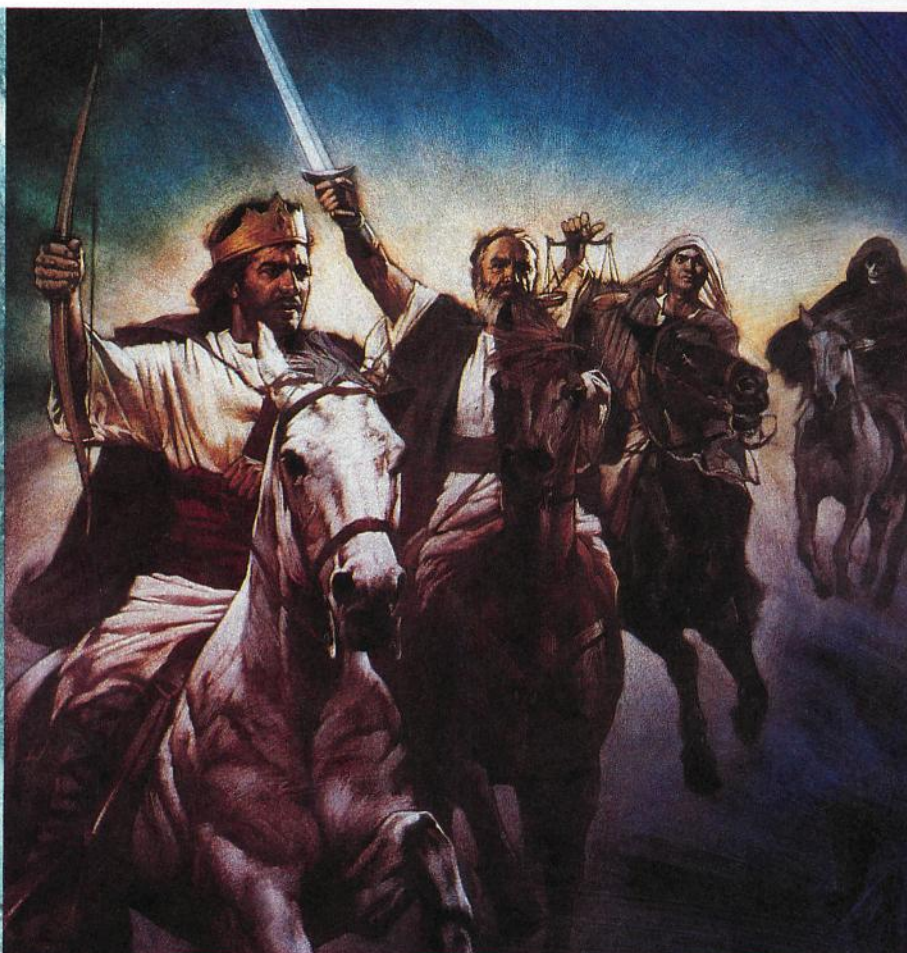
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