

The Marks of the Most High



Every Knee Will Bow

- Is not the life of man upon earth a state of trial? and his existence as that of a hireling by the day? Or as a servant that fears his master, and one who has grasped a shadow? or as a hireling waiting for his pay? (Job 7:1-3 – Sept)
- For it is written, As I live, saith יהוה, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to Elohiym. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to Elohiym. (Romans 14:11-12)
 - Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am Elohiym, and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. (Isaiah 45:22-23)

The Righteous Fell Down as Dead

- And when He had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb... And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong... (Daniel 10:15/19)
- And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake... And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. (Ezekiel 1:28/2:1)
- And when I saw him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:** (Revelation 1:17)

Be Found Worthy to Stand

- Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. (Luke 21:33-36)

The Seal of the Most High

- And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having **the seal of the living Elohiym**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our Elohiym in their foreheads.** And I heard the number of them which were **sealed**: and **there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.** (Revelation 7:2-4)
 - “seal” - sphragis (G4973, σφραγιῖδα), defined as a signet (as fencing in or protecting from misappropriation); by implication, the stamp impressed (as a mark of privacy, or genuineness)
 - “sealed” - sphragizō (G4972, σφραγίζωμεν), defined as to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation
- These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. **These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.** These were **redeemed from among men**, being the firstfruits unto Elohiym and to the Lamb. And **in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of Elohiym.** (Revelation 14:4-5)

The Final Mark from Messiah

- Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My Elohiym, and he shall go no more out: and **I will write upon him** the name of My Elohiym, and the name of the city of My Elohiym, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My Elohiym: and **I will write upon him** My new name.

(Revelation 3:12)

- “I will write” - graphō (G1125, γράψω), defined as to "grave", especially to write

Messiah Was Sealed

- יהושע answered them and said, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath Elohiym the Father sealed.** (John 6:26-27)
 - “sealed” - sphragizō (G4972, ἐσφράγισεν), defined as to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation

Sealed by the Spirit

- Now He which establishes us with you in Messiah and hath anointed us, is Elohiym; Who hath also **sealed** us, and given the **earnest** of the Spirit in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
 - “sealed” - sphragizō (G4972, σφραγισάμενος), defined as to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation
- In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed** with that set apart Spirit of **promise**, Which is the **earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.
(Ephesians 1:13)
- And **grieve not the set apart Spirit** of Elohiym, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)

Mark the Perfect Man

- The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his Elohiym is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him... Wait on יהוה, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree... Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of יהוה: He is their strength in the time of trouble. And יהוה shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him. (Psalm 37:30-32/34-35/37-40)
 - “mark” - shamar (H8104, שמר), defined as to hedge about, guard; generally, to protect, attend to, keep, mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save

The Vision of Slaughter

- And יהוה said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a **mark** upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others He said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark**; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And He said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city... Then said He unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, יהוה hath forsaken the earth, and יהוה seeth not. And as for Me also, Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. (Ezekiel 9:4-7/9-10)

– “mark” - taw (H, תו), defined as a mark (as a sign of exemption from judgment); by implication, a signature

Leaving Egypt

- Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to יהוה... And it shall be for a **sign** unto thee upon thine hand, and for a **memorial** between thine eyes, that יהוה's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath יהוה brought thee out of Egypt. (Exodus 13:6/9)
 - “sign” - oth (H226, אות), defined as a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc, mark, miracle
 - “memorial” - (H2146, זכרון), defined as a memento, record, remembrance



Hear O Israel

- Hear, O Israel: יהוה our Elohiym is one יהוה: And thou shalt love יהוה thy Elohiym with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart... And thou shalt bind them for a **sign** upon **thine hand**, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6/8)
 - “sign” - oth (H226, אות), defined as a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc, mark, miracle
- Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a **sign** (H226) upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. (Deuteronomy 11:18)

Sabbath - A Mark of יהוה

- Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days יהוה made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed. And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of Elohiym. (Exodus 31:16-18)
 - “sign” - oth (H226, אות), defined as a signal, flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, mark, miracle, sign, token
- And it shall be for a sign (H226) unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that יהוה's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath יהוה brought thee out of Egypt. (Exodus 13:9)

The First Sabbath

- Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day Elohiym ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And **Elohiym blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:** because that in it He had **rested** from all His work which Elohiym created and made. (Genesis 2:1-3)
 - The Hebrew word in Genesis 2:2/3 for “rested” is שבת
 - “rest” - shabat (H7673 – שבת) – rest, keep the Sabbath
 - “sanctified” - qādašh (H6942, קדש) - to be pronounced clean, appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, set apart, keep, prepare, proclaim, purify
- The Hebrew word for Sabbath (Shabbat – שבת, H7676)

The Sabbath Covenant

- And יהוה spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **My Sabbaths ye shall keep**: for it is a **sign** between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am יהוה that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for **it is set apart unto you**: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in **the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, set apart to יהוה**: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to **observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant**. It is a **sign** between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days יהוה made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed. And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of Elohiym. (Exodus 31:12-18)

Sabbath - Blessings

- How blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who takes hold of it; **who keeps from profaning the Sabbath**, and keeps his hand from doing any evil. (Isaiah 56:2)
- If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of יהוה honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: **Then shalt thou delight thyself in יהוה**; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of יהוה hath spoken it. (Isaiah 58:13-14)
- Also, I instituted My Sabbath for them as a **sign** between Me and them, so they would know that I am יהוה, who has set them apart. (Ezekiel 20:12, also Exodus 31:13)
 - “sign” - (H226, אֹת), defined as a signal, flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, mark, miracle, sign, token
- Deuteronomy 28:1-13

Sabbath – The 4th Commandment

The Ten Commandments were shouted down from Mount Sinai by מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם on Shavuot as part of the Covenant with the children of Israel.

- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it set apart. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of יהוה thy Elohiym: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days יהוה made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore יהוה **blessed the Sabbath day, and sanctified it**. (Exodus 20:8-11)
- And **Elohiym blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it** (Genesis 2:3)



Sabbath is For Everyone

- This Covenant (and the 10 Commandments) was not just for the children of Israel was also for the Egyptian Gentiles that came with and were grafted into the Israelites
 - And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children. And a **mixed multitude** went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle. (Exodus 12:37-38)
 - And Moses came and told the people all the words of יהוה, and all the judgments: and **all the people** answered with one voice, and said, All the words which יהוה hath said will we do. (Exodus 24:3)
- Paul confirms that Gentiles are grafted into a Hebrew root
 - For by one Spirit are we all baptized into **one body**, whether we be **Jews or Gentiles**, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 - **For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Adon over all...** (Romans 10:12)
 - The Olive Tree of Israel (Romans 11:13-21)

Sabbath - Messiah

- And Messiah returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. 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**, and stood up for to read. (Luke 4:14-16)
 - And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day He entered into the synagogue, and taught. (Mark 1:21)
 - And יהושע went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues... (Matthew 4:23)



Sabbath – In the Bible

- The Sabbath is recorded about 168 times throughout the Scriptures: Old Testament (108 times); New Testament (60 times).
 - Matthew: 10 times (12:1, 12:2, 12:5, 12:8, 12:10, 12:11, 12:12, 24:20, 27:62, 28:1)
 - Mark: 10 times (1:21, 2:23, 2:24, 2:27, 2:28, 3:2, 3:4, 6:2, 15:42, 16:1)
 - Luke: 19 times (4:16, 4:31, 4:40, 6:1, 6:2, 6:5, 6:6, 6:7, 6:9, 13:10, 13:14, 13:15, 13:16, 14:1, 14:3, 14:4, 14:5, 23:54, 23:56, 24:1)
 - John: 9 times (5:9, 5:10, 5:16, 5:18, 7:22, 7:23, 9:14, 9:16, 19:31)
 - Acts: 9 times (1:12, 13:14, 13:27, 13:42, 13:44, 15:21, 16:13, 17:2, 18:4)
 - letters: 3 times (1 Cor 16:2, Col 2:16, Heb 4:9)
- Number of pages in the Old Testament (my KJV) 1305 pages (1-1305) so the Sabbath is referenced in the Old Testament every 12.1 pages.
- Number of pages in the New Testament (my KJV) 403 pages (1309-1712) so the Sabbath referenced is in the New Testament every 6.7 pages.
- **The Sabbath is recorded in the New Testament 1.8 times as often per page as it is in the Old Testament... (almost twice as much!!)**

Paul Observing Sabbath

- Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where 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 (Acts 17:1-2)



Paul's Sabbaths

- **Acts documents Paul teaching on the Sabbath on 84 different weeks, about 20 years after Messiah's resurrection**
- ...Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth...And he reasoned in the synagogue **every** Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks...And he continued there **a year and six months**, teaching the word of Elohiym among them. (Acts 18:1/4/11)

Acts	Mission	City	Location	# of Sabbaths
13:14-15	1	Antioch	Synagogue	1
13:42-44	1	Antioch	Synagogue	1
14:1	1	Iconium	Synagogue	
16:11-13	2	Philippi	Riverside	1
17:1-4	2	Thessalonica	Synagogue	3
17:10-11	2	Berea	Synagogue	
17:17	2	Athens	Synagogue	
18:1-11	2	Corinth	Synagogue	78

Hebrews 4 – Keep the Sabbath

- Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. **For we which have believed do enter into rest**, as He said, As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest... (Hebrews 4:1-3)
 - For He is our Elohiym; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. To day if ye will hear His voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways: Unto whom **I swear in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest**. (Psalm 95:7-11)
- ...although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And Elohiym did rest the seventh day from all His works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into My rest. (Hebrews 4:3-5)

Hebrews 4 – Keep the Sabbath

- Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, He limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts. (Hebrews 4:6-7)
 - For He is our Elohiym... To day if ye will hear His voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness (Psalm 95:7-8)
 - And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day... And יהוה said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death... (Numbers 15:32/35)
 - Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea... But with many of them Elohiym was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness... Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. (1 Cor 10:1/5/11-12)

Hebrews 4 – Keep the Sabbath

- **For if Messiah had given them rest, then would He not afterward have spoken of another day.** There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of Elohiym. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as Elohiym did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (Hebrews 4:8-11)
- In those days, and in that time, saith יהוה, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek יהוה their Elohiym... saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to יהוה in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. My people hath been lost sheep: [their shepherds have caused them to go astray](#), they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, **they have forgotten their restingplace.** (Jeremiah 50:4-6)
 - [Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!](#) saith יהוה. (Jeremiah 23:1)
 - **...I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** (Matthew 15:24)

His Sabbaths Were Polluted

- Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them My statutes, and shewed them My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am יהוה that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they walked not in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and My Sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them... Yet also I lifted up My hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; Because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes, but polluted My Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. (Ezekiel 20:10-13/15-16)

Don't Do As Your Elders

- But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am יהוה your Elohiym; walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them; And sanctify My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am יהוה your Elohiym. Notwithstanding the children rebelled against Me... they polluted My Sabbaths... (Ezekiel 20:18-21)
- Therefore, son of man, speaking unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Adon יהוה; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed Me, in that they have committed a trespass against Me... Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Adon יהוה; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations? (Ezekiel 20:27/30)

His Reward is for the Obedient

- As I live, saith the Adon יהוה, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you. And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And **I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.** Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Adon יהוה. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And **I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against Me:** I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and **they shall not enter into the land of Israel:** and ye shall know that I am יהוה. (Eze 20:33-38)

We Had Forsaken Him...

- ...For they will forget all My commandments, (even) all that I command them, and they will walk after the Gentiles, and after their uncleanness, and after their shame, and will serve their gods, and these will prove unto them an offence and a tribulation and an affliction and a snare. And many will perish and they will be taken captive, and will fall into the hands of the enemy, because they have forsaken My ordinances and My commandments, and the festivals of My covenant, and My Shabbats, and My kodesh place which I have hallowed for Myself in their midst, and My tabernacle, and My sanctuary, which I have hallowed for Myself in the midst of the land, that I should set MY NAME upon it, and that it should dwell (there).
(Jubilees 1:8-9)

Sabbath to Sunday

- The following are **all** of the places in the Old and New Testaments where יהוה, Messiah, the prophets, and the disciples/ apostles changed the Fourth Commandment from Sabbath to the first day of the week (Sunday):

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Daniel's Prophecy

- Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, **and think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (Daniel 7:23-25)
- The only one of the Ten Commandments that deals with time is the Sabbath Commandment



Antiochus IV (Seleucid Empire)

- Not long after this the king sent an old man of Athens to compel the Jews to depart from the laws of their fathers, and not to live after the laws of Elohiym: And **to pollute also the temple in Jerusalem, and to call it the temple of Jupiter Olympius**... The altar also was filled with profane things, which the law forbiddeth. Neither was it lawful for a man to **keep Sabbath days or ancient fasts**, or to profess himself at all to be a Jew. And in the day of the king's birth every month they were brought by bitter constraint to eat of the sacrifices... And others, that had run together into caves near by, to keep the Sabbath day secretly, being discovered by Philip, were all burnt together, because they made a conscience to help themselves for the honour of the most sacred day. (2 Maccabees 6:1-2/6/11)
- Antiochus IV ordered the changing of the Feasts of יהוה to his pagan sun worship festivals, and changed The Sabbath to pagan god days (**175-164 BCE**).
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes was originally named **Mithradates**, but renamed Antiochus either upon his ascension or after the death of his elder brother Antiochus.

Sunday – man made religion

CONSTANTINE DECREES "SUN-DAY" AS DAY OF REST

- The text of Constantine's Sunday Law (March 7, 321):
 - "On the **venerable day of the Sun** let the magistrates and **people residing in cities rest**, and let **all workshops be closed**. In the country however persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits because it often happens that another day is not suitable for grain-sowing or vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost."
- In the year 325, Sylvester, Bishop of Rome (AD 314-337), officially changed the title of the first day, calling it the Lord's day." (Lucium, Historia Ecclesiastica, p. 739)
- "**All things** whatsoever that it was duty to do on the Shabath, these **we** have transferred to the **Lord's day**." (**Hebrew word BAAL means LORD**). (Eusebius, Commentary on the Psalms (~325-340 AD), quoted by Moses Stuart, Commentary on the Apocalypse, vol. II, 9.40.)

Sabbath – The Inquisition

- "The Jewish wickedness" of which Xavier complained was evidently the Sabbath-keeping among those native Christians as we shall see in our next quotation. When one of these Sabbath-keeping Christians was taken by the Inquisition he was accused of having *Judaized*; **which means having conformed to the ceremonies of the Mosaic Law**; such as not eating pork, hare, fish without scales, **of having attended the solemnization of the Sabbath.**" - Account of the Inquisition at Goa, Dellon, p.56. London, 1815
- "Of an hundred persons condemned to be burnt as Jews, there are scarcely four who profess that faith at their death; the rest exclaiming and protesting to their last gasp that they are Christians, and have been so during their whole lives." Ibid p.64



Sunday – man made religion

- "Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is a homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the (Catholic) Church. - Louis Gaston Segur, Plain Talk about the Protestantism of To-Day (London: Thomas Richardson and Son, 1874): 213
- "Sunday...is purely a creation of the Catholic Church." - American Catholic Quarterly Review (January 1883)
- "The Catholic Church, for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday..." - The Catholic Mirror (September 23, 1893)
- "If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath day [which] by God is Saturday. In keeping the Sunday, they are following a law of the Catholic Church." - Chancellor Albert Smith for Cardinal of Baltimore Archdiocese, letter dated February 10, 1920
- "Sunday is our mark of authority...The [catholic] Church is above the Bible, and this transference of the Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." - Catholic Record (September 1, 1923)

...But He Brought Us Back

- ...And they will forget all My Torah and all My commandments and all My judgments, and will go astray as to new months, and Sabbats, and festivals, and jubilees, and ordinances. And after this they will turn to Me from amongst the Gentiles with all their heart and with all their soul and with all their strength, and I will gather them from amongst all the Gentiles, and they will seek Me, so that I shall be found of them, when they seek Me with all their heart and with all their soul. (Jubilees 1:13-15)

Sabbath – At the End times

- For if Messiah had given them rest, then would He not afterward have spoken of another day. **There remaineth therefore a *Sabbath* rest to the people of Elohiym.** For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as Elohiym did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (Hebrews 4:8-11)
- The Last Days:
But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: (Matthew 24:20)

Sabbath – After Messiah's Return

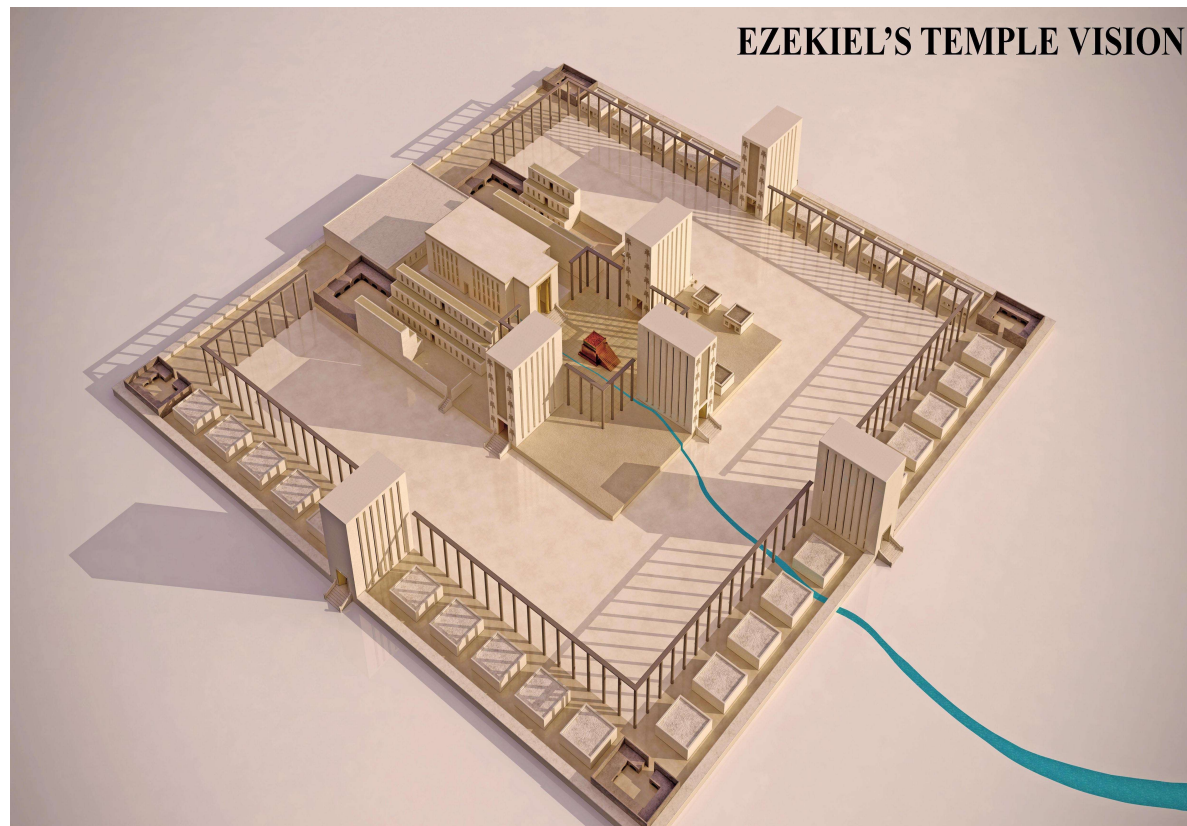
- The New Jerusalem

- And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the set apart city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohiym out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:1-2)
- For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith יהוה, so shall Your seed and Your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new month to another, **and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me**, saith יהוה (Isaiah 66:22-23)



Sabbath – After Messiah's Return

- Thus saith the Adonai יהוה; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; **but on the Sabbath it shall be opened**, and in the day of the new month it shall be opened...Likewise **the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before יהוה in the Sabbaths** and in the new months. (Ezekiel 46:1/3)





THE SABBATH

A SIGN AND AN ETERNAL COVENANT

A Signet Ring



- A signet ring is a ring bearing on its flat top surface the equivalent of a seal. A typical signet ring has a design, often a family or personal crest, created in intaglio so that it will leave a raised (relief) impression of the design when the ring is pressed onto liquid sealing wax. A signet ring is used to attest to the authority of its bearer and has also been seen as a symbol of power.
- Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: **for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.** (Ester 8:8)

Joseph – The Signet Ring

- And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off **his ring from his hand**, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;
(Genesis 41:41-42)

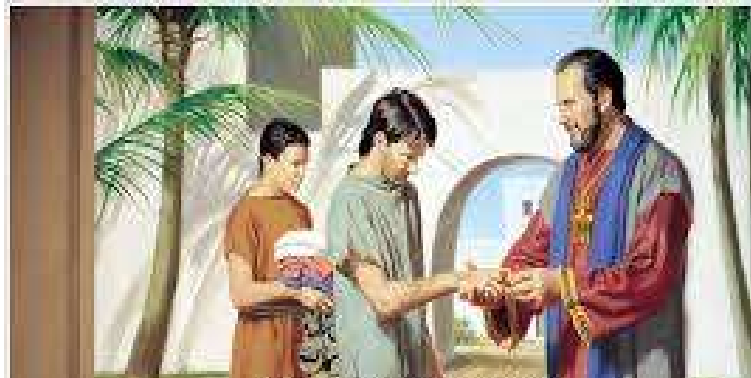


Jeremiah Sealed His Purchase

- And Jeremiah said, The word of יהוה came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it... And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the evidence, and **sealed it**, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. So I took the evidence of the purchase, both **that which was sealed according to the law and custom**, and that which was open: And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. (Jeremiah 32:6-7/9-12)

Prodigal Son – Signet Ring

- I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee... But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. **But the father said** to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and **put a ring on his hand**, and shoes on his feet: (Luke 15:18/20-22)



His Servant as a Signet

- Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of Elohiym which is at Jerusalem (Ezra 5:2)
- Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, **obeyed the voice of יהוה their Elohiym** (Haggai 1:1)
- Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. In that day, saith יהוה of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith יהוה, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith יהוה of hosts. (Haggai 2:21-23)

The Eternal Servant

- And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee (Deuteronomy 15:12) And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: (Exodus 21:5) Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise. (Deuteronomy 15:17)
 - Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ... (Romans 1:1)
 - James, a servant of El and of the Adon יהושע Messiah... (James 1:1)
 - Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of יהושע Messiah... (2 Peter 1:1)
 - Jude, the servant of יהושע Messiah... (Jude 1:1)
 - The Revelation of יהושע Messiah... and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John (Revelation 1:1)
 - ...they sing the song of Moses the servant of Elohiym (Revelation 15:3)
 - And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of El and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him (Revelation 22:3)

The Parable of the Servants: The Obedient Servant

- ...A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come**... And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Adon, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, **Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.** (Luke 19:12-13/15-17)

The Parable of the Servants: The Disobedient Servant

- And another came, saying, Adon, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:.. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:... And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds... For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. (Luke 19:20/22/24/26-27)

The Signet Ring



- The Sabbath commandment is a signet
- **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it set apart.** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of יהוה thy Elohiym: in it thou shalt not do any work... For in six days יהוה made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore יהוה blessed the Sabbath day, and sanctified it. (Exodus 20:8-11)
 - "The Sabbath was placed in the decalogue as the seal of the living El, pointing out the Law-giver, and making known his right to rule." Thus the Sabbath is the sign of a relationship between El and His people, serving as "a test of their loyalty to Him" (Adventists Affirm, P. Gerard Damsteegt, vol. 8, no. 3, Year-end 1994)
 - **Is not the life of man upon earth a state of trial?** (Job 7:1)

The Marks of the Most High

- **Messiah Marked** (Revelation 3:12; Haggai 2:23)
- **Forehead** (the faith of Messiah):
 - Set Apart Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13/ 4:30)
 - Under His Protection (John 6:27; Revelation 7:2-4; Ezekiel 9:4/6)
- **Right Hand** (the commandments of El):
 - Perfect/ Law/ Sabbath (Exodus 13:9; Psalm 37:37; Exodus 31:13/ 17; Ezekiel 20:12)
 - Under His Authority/ Signet (Luke 19:12-27; John 14:12-15)
- Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of El, and the faith of Messiah. (Revelation 14:12)

Under His Authority...

His Signet, His Mark

- Truth! I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep My commandments. (John 14:12-15)
 - And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master... I will not go out free... he shall be thy servant for ever.
 - Mark the perfect man...
 - My Sabbaths... a sign between Me and you throughout your generations

And His Heirs

- Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, **El sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, **El hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father. **Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of El through Messiah.** (Galatians 4:3-7)
 - Who hath also **sealed** us, and given the **earnest** of the Spirit in our hearts

Shine!

- Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is Elohiym which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of Elohiym, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; (Philippians 2:12-14)
- And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:3)
- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

The Marks of the Most High

